

## Church Life & Community

Chamblee First UMC helps people find peace and purpose within a Christian community. For our most current calendar, visit [chambleeumc.org/happenings](http://chambleeumc.org/happenings)

### Celebrating the Forrests

Last Saturday, April 25, Cathy Van Note and Rob Forrest, surrounded by their family, were married in our sanctuary. Today, immediately following worship, they invited you to the Fellowship Hall for a drop-in celebration with light refreshments. Everyone is welcome!

### Calling All Graduates

info due May 6

During worship service on May 17, we will recognize the Class of 2026. Whether graduating from high school, college, tech school, or earning an advanced degree, please submit the names of all graduates to be celebrated. Please complete the online form and upload photo no later than May 6. [chambleeumc.org/2026graduates](http://chambleeumc.org/2026graduates)

### Women's Spiritual Retreat

registration deadline extended

All adult women are invited to the CFUMC Women's Spiritual Retreat at Hinton Rural Life Center in Hayesville, NC, September 18-20, 2026. Whether you are seeking rest, spiritual growth, or deeper fellowship, this weekend is designed to nourish your soul in a peaceful, beautiful setting. Register today at [chambleeumc.org/retreat](http://chambleeumc.org/retreat)

### VBS Volunteers Needed

This summer, we need adults and youth to help our kids find their strength in God! To review various needs and signup, visit [chambleeumc.org/vbs-2026](http://chambleeumc.org/vbs-2026)


### Chamblee First UMC is Hiring

[chambleeumc.org/employment](http://chambleeumc.org/employment)

We are currently seeking two key team members:

- Church Administrator
- Facilities & Campus Activities Manager

If you or someone in your network might be a great fit, we'd love for you to help spread the word! Please direct inquiries to [spr@chambleeumc.org](mailto:spr@chambleeumc.org)



**Rev. Hope Cody Peppers** | [hcppeters@chambleeumc.org](mailto:hcppeters@chambleeumc.org)  
Pastor of Youth & Community Engagement

**Chamblee First Youth** is an inclusive space for all youth, 6th - 12th grades. **LEARNING | PLAYING | GROWING**

**Sunday Mornings:** 9:30-10:30 am  
**Sunday Evenings:** 5:00-7:00 pm [chambleeumc.org/youth](http://chambleeumc.org/youth)

## Chamblee Kids

Jordan Black | Director of Children's Ministries | [jblack@chambleeumc.org](mailto:jblack@chambleeumc.org)

### Elementary Sunday School, 9:30-10:30

Our fun-filled programs and age-appropriate curriculum help children develop their faith in meaningful, understandable ways.

**Room 101** - Children ages 3 through preschool | **Room 223** - Children in grades K-5<sup>th</sup>

### During Worship, 10:45-11:45

- Children ages 3 through preschool are welcome in **Room 101** for the worship hour.
- There will be no Kids' Church during service today. Instead, families are invited to enjoy the music as they worship and celebrate Holy Communion all together.

**Nursery** is available in Room 100 during Sunday School and Worship Service for infants and toddlers. A **calming room** is available in the Narthex at the back of the sanctuary.

### Summer 2026

- CFUMC **Vacation Bible School**, June 15-19, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM. For rising PreK through rising 5th grade. Filling up fast! Register at [chambleeumc.org/vbs-2026](http://chambleeumc.org/vbs-2026)
- CFUMC is thrilled to host **Glisson's Grow Day Camp** again this summer, June 22-26. For rising 1st-6th graders. Learn more and register at [growdaycamps.org](http://growdaycamps.org)

### Next Stop: Youth Ministry!

June 7

Calling all current 5th graders — we're excited to celebrate your promotion to Chamblee Youth this summer! This milestone marks the transition from children's ministry into a brand-new Youth Ministry adventure. **ATTENTION PARENTS!** Please email the name of your rising 6<sup>th</sup> grader to Jordan Black at [jblack@chambleeumc.org](mailto:jblack@chambleeumc.org)



## Classes & Groups

Faith Formation Classes for ALL AGES meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. We encourage you to explore any and all classes to find the small group that is right for you! Learn more at [chambleeumc.org/sunday-school](http://chambleeumc.org/sunday-school)

- Grace Class** • A group whose name reflects its very values: open invitation and radical welcome; relevant for diverse ages, life experiences, and perspectives; open acknowledgement of our perfect imperfection; and a deep desire to grow together in the transformational love of God. May grace abound! **Room 200**
- Faith Class** • Faith Class begins each Sunday with a short devotion followed by a prayer of concerns and praises. One of CFUMC's largest faith formation groups, lessons are led by individual class members using selected study material typically spanning four to fourteen weeks. The class supports missions of the church as well as class specific activities. **Fellowship Hall**
- Fellowship Class** • True to our name, this class provides a friendly, supportive space for sharing and caring. We prioritize mission opportunities, whether through the church or for causes and needs we recognize. Members represent wide range of ages and family types. This nontraditional Sunday School class offers a great way to establish relationships and plug into the life of this church. **Room 207**
- Glow Class** • One of Chamblee First's longest-standing classes, lessons are based on the Adult Bible Studies series. Most members are in their 70s or older and they share prayer requests weekly. **Room 123**
- Journeys Class** • A casual class that uses current short-term studies (6 to 8 weeks) by various authors to grow in our knowledge and understanding of our faith. The lessons are discussion based where open conversation is encouraged and where all can explore and share their faith journey alongside others. **Hospitality Suite**

**Other ways** to connect, try something new, & build relationships with your church family:

- Young at Heart** **First Tuesdays, 12:30 pm**  
A monthly lunch & gathering for our 65+ community. Lunch is \$10 per person, payable in cash at the door. RSVP to [lking@chambleeumc.org](mailto:lking@chambleeumc.org)
- Young Adults** **Every other Tuesday, 7-8:30 pm**  
A vibrant group where young people (approx. ages 20-35) can grow in their faith, connect with others, and serve our community together. For details, contact Cameron Wilson at [cacwilson32@gmail.com](mailto:cacwilson32@gmail.com)
- Christian Yoga** **Wednesdays, 10:45-11:45 am**  
Christian yoga (poses, meditation, breathing) opens the mind and heart to the word of God. [chambleeumc.org/yoga](http://chambleeumc.org/yoga)
- StitchCraft** **Wednesdays, 12:30 pm**  
Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, quilting, needlepoint, sewing, or other handicrafts? It's even more fun in fellowship with other crafters! No RSVP needed -- just bring your supplies and join us!
- ROMEOS** **Second Thursdays, 8 am**  
A breakfast club for CFUMC retired men ... and men who are not yet retired! No RSVP needed. Join us at Goldberg's Deli, 4520 Chamblee Dunwoody Road.
- United Methodist Women** **Monthly**  
UMW is a community of women growing in faith, uplifting one another, and serving God through mission. At CFUMC, four unique Circles offer meaningful ways to connect, grow, and make a difference—new faces are always warmly welcomed! For info & meeting times, email [umw@chambleeumc.org](mailto:umw@chambleeumc.org)
- Global Missions & Local Outreach** **Ongoing**  
CFUMC believes in working with local partners to serve and build a better community – globally, locally, and right here in Chamblee. To learn more or participate in an upcoming project, visit [chambleeumc.org/missions](http://chambleeumc.org/missions)



### UMCOR Missions Hub Workday

May 9, 9:00 AM - tbd

Join us for this family-friendly service opportunity at the UMCOR Missions Hub in Duluth, where we will sort and organize disaster response supplies. Meet at the church to carpool. Optional lunch outing afterwards. Learn more & register at [chambleeumc.org/workday](http://chambleeumc.org/workday)

### CFUMC Bed DELIVERY Event

May 30, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Sleep in Heavenly Peace and CFUMC volunteers are working to ensure, "no kid sleeps on the floor in our town!" Meet at CubeSmart Storage, 4444 N. Shallowford Road in Dunwoody at 8:30 AM, and be sure to wear closed-toed shoes. Scan the QR code for info and to register.



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MAY 3, 2026

TEN FORTY-FIVE O'CLOCK

A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC  
THROUGH THE DECADES


4147 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd, Atlanta, GA 30341  
770-457-2525 | [chambleeumc.org](http://chambleeumc.org)

# We Welcome, Celebrate, and Embrace All

At Chamblee First UMC, we affirm that all people are created in the image of God and as beloved children of God. We believe that all people are worthy of God's unconditional love, grace, and inclusion. We embrace and celebrate the gift of diversity in our church and in our world. We recognize that while we may not all think alike on all issues, we can all Love God, Serve People, and Transform Lives in ministry together.

We proclaim this statement of welcome to all who have known the pain of exclusion or discrimination in the church or in society. And we invite all people to fully participate in the life of this community of faith. Together we support one another in our endeavors, and in doing so strengthen each other and the body of Christ in this world.

Welcome to Chamblee First United Methodist Church!

 Our sanctuary is equipped with devices to assist those who are hearing impaired. To use a hearing device, simply ask an usher or the sound technician upon arrival.

## Let Us Know You're Here



Visitor  
Check-In

Please take a moment to check in! We'd love to connect you and your family with groups and activities that may be of interest to you. To use the QR code, open your smartphone's camera and point it at the code. A notification or link will appear — tap it to access the appropriate attendance registration page. Members may also check in using **Realm Connect**, available on the App Store and Google Play.



Member  
Check-In

## Ways to Give



Scan to Give

An offering is collected to support the work of Chamblee Methodist, sharing God's love with the world. Whether you are a church member, a regular worshiper, or an active participant in one of our ministries, your gifts are valued and appreciated. For those who prefer to contribute electronically, you may text the word **CHAMBLEE** to 73256 using your mobile device OR give securely any time at [chambleeumc.org/give](http://chambleeumc.org/give)

Deeply Rooted. **200** Ever Growing.  
**YEARS**

**TODAY**, as part of our 200th anniversary celebration, our music team will lead a special worship service featuring beloved hymns from across the decades. There will be no Kids' Church during this service. Instead, families are invited to enjoy the music as they worship and celebrate Holy Communion all together.

## Order of Worship

### THE GATHERING

As We Come Together

CFUMC Playlist  
[chambleeumc.org/Spotify-Songs](http://chambleeumc.org/Spotify-Songs)

### THE GREETING

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome &  
Announcements

Rev. Hope Cody Peppers

### MUSIC THROUGH THE DECADES

Congregational  
Hymn \*

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

UMH 57  
v. 1, 2, 4

Hymn

*Amazing Grace*

UMH 139

Hymn Medley

*American Hymn Sampler*  
Chancel Choir  
Mr. Bill Callaway, pianist

arr. Purifoy

- *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* from Sacred Harp
- *On Jordan's Stormy Banks* an American Folk Hymn
- *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* from Walker's Southern Harmony

### THE OFFERING

Invitation to the  
Offering

Rev. Blair Boyd Zant

Offertory

*Simple Gifts*  
CFUMC Bell Choir

Chesney

Doxology \*

UMH 94  
*LASST UNS ERFRUEN*

Prayer of Dedication \*

Rev. Zant

### MUSIC OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY

Hymn

*The Church in the Wildwood*

Cokesbury Hymnal

Congregational  
Hymn \*

*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

UMH 514  
v. 1 & 4

Praise Medley

Chancel Choir and CFUMC Praise Band  
with  
Dave Worley, guitar and Bill Thornton, rhythm guitar

- *He's Got the Whole World*
- *Kum Ba Yah*
- *Give Me Oil in My Lamp*
- *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*
- *God Is So Good*
- *Lord I Lift Your Name on High*
- *Shout to the Lord*
- *Awesome God*
- *Open the Eyes of My Heart*
- *10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)*

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

In The United Methodist Church, we believe in the open table, meaning anyone, regardless of denomination or belief, can partake in communion.

Invitation, Confession & Pardon

UMH 12

Passing of the Peace

Great Thanksgiving &  
The Lord's Prayer

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Crowded Table*  
CFUMC Praise Band  
with Rev. Zant, vocalist

The Highwomen

### SENDING FORTH

Benediction \*

Rev. Zant

Postlude

*The Old Time Religion*  
Mr. Callaway, organist

Young

\* please stand as you are able

## Next Sunday

**Mother's Day | May 10, 10:45 AM**

Join us next Sunday for a celebration of our mothers and mother figures. As is our tradition, we will collect a special offering to support the Wesley Woods Foundation, which provides safe and supportive living for low-income senior adults in Georgia. [onrealm.org/ChambleeUMC/give/MothersDay](http://onrealm.org/ChambleeUMC/give/MothersDay)

During the service, we will enjoy a performance from our Pre-K and Kindergarten "Joyful Noise" singers, an after-school enrichment program launched this spring.

## Prayer Requests

Please keep these individuals in your prayers today and throughout the week. A complete list including **loved ones** and **ongoing needs** can be found at [chambleeumc.org/weekly-prayer-list](http://chambleeumc.org/weekly-prayer-list) or by scanning this QR code. If you have a prayer request or a praise to share, email [prayer@chambleeumc.org](mailto:prayer@chambleeumc.org)



Prayer List

*Our Christian Sympathy to the family of Mrs. Eleanor Wilson, who passed away on May 1<sup>st</sup> at the age of 100. Funeral arrangements will be announced soon.*

### Our Members:

- Becky Bennett, recovering from complications from biopsy
- Pat Farkas, upcoming surgery for cancer on May 15
- Jake Burkhardt, continuing to recover with PT

### Our Members' Families:

- Ben Heyward, brother of Eleanor, recovering from successful surgery to correct a vision problem
- Richard and Dotty Casper, parents of Dave (Donna Shackley's SIL), Richard is battling a rare blood disease and facing hospice care
- Mickey Kitchens, uncle of Sheila Gillispie, recovering knee replacement
- Brian Wright, uncle of Sheila Gillispie, recovering from double bypass surgery
- Trevor McEntyre, nephew of Sam and Gayle, continuing his progress

*The flowers on the altar are placed by Susan Heyward in honor of her mother, Eleanor Heyward, who is celebrating her 100th birthday today. Cards and notes can be sent to Eleanor Heyward, Highlands Senior Living, 680 Holcomb Bridge Rd Apt 210, Norcross Ga 30071-2044*

## Church Financials & Leadership

### Church Business Office Hours

- Mondays - Thursdays, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM | Fridays, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

### Upcoming Meetings

- Staff Parish Relations - May 4 | 6:00 PM  
Questions, comments, or compliments can be addressed to [spr@chambleeumc.org](mailto:spr@chambleeumc.org)
- UMW Board Meeting - May 7 | 7:00 PM
- Board of Trustees - May 11 | 6:00 PM

### Rise Up, Phase 2 campaign results

Rise Up launched earlier this month in an effort to retire the remaining \$85,000 debt from recent building improvements. As of Apr 30, we reached **43%** of our fundraising goal. This campaign is now closed. However, gifts may still be made or recorded as a pledge payable through the end of year. [chambleeumc.org/RiseUP](http://chambleeumc.org/RiseUP)

Please visit [chambleeumc.org/leadership](http://chambleeumc.org/leadership) for our current Lay Leadership roster and Chamblee First UMC year-to-date financial reports as of March 31, 2026.

**CHAMBLEE**  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Blair Boyd Zant, Senior Pastor

Rev. Hope Cody Peppers, Pastor of Youth  
and Community Engagement

Taylor Aycock, Nursery Coordinator

Jordan Black, Director of Children's Ministries

Bill Callaway, Organist

Steve Crocker, Director of Music Ministries

Deanna Hamilton, Executive Director

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Linda King, Hospitality & Member Care

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