



## **Christmas Eve at Chamblee First United Methodist Church**

### **4pm Nativity Service | 6pm Communion Service**

Our 4 p.m. service is a little more family-oriented, with kids and adults acting out the Nativity Story as it is read. Depending on your time and interest, your children can be involved in several ways!

**Angels and Shepherds**—these roles have directed action. These children will need to arrive at the sanctuary by 3:15 p.m. on Christmas Eve. We will dress them in full costumes, and they will rehearse their portions. They will sit together for the first 15 minutes of service. We ask that families [sign up](https://chambleeumc.org/nativity) for these roles in advance at [chambleeumc.org/nativity](https://chambleeumc.org/nativity).

**Barnyard Animals** - these roles require no prior rehearsal and are a perfect fit for very small children, children new to Chamblee First UMC, or children who may find a Christmas Eve crowd a little overwhelming. When you arrive at the sanctuary (we recommend 15-20 minutes early for Christmas Eve), at each entrance, you'll see a basket full of Barnyard Animal Costume Pieces, ie. Headbands with assorted Animal Ears attached. Allow your child to pick whichever animal they'd like to be. During the Nativity Play, we'll *invite all our Barnyard Friends forward to take their place near the manger*. Your child can come down front wearing their costume ears. This will give them the best seat in the house for the performance. Children will return to their seats at the Nativity Story's conclusion. The costume piece is theirs to keep!