



December 21, 2025 | Fourth Sunday of Advent



“A Song of Peace: The Angels’ *Gloria*”
Luke 2:8-20



Check-In



Let us know you are here!

If you have Worshipped with us before and are in the database, scan this QR code with your phone. Put in your 10-digit phone number to Check-In for attendance.

If you are not in our system, simply fill out the Connect Card you received with your bulletin this morning.



Connect Card

Use the Connect Card to let us know you are Worshipping with us, update your information, or submit a prayer request. Please make a note of who is in attendance in your family - each family member does not need to fill out a card. You can place this card in the Offering baskets as they come by during the service or you can place them in the offering boxes location in the Narthex or the Connector. If your prayer request is confidential in nature, feel free to hand the Connect Card directly to the pastor at the end of the service.



Wi-fi Network: “Cannon Family”, Password: CCConnect



Hearing Assistance Available. Upgraded devices are available for those who need them. Please see Mark in the sound booth.



For information on Children’s Ministry, contact Rebecca Rhodes (678.501.6417 or rebeccar@cannonchurch.org)

Join us Sunday Mornings at 9:30 or 11am for our Kids Service



For information on Youth Ministry, contact Jan Dwyer (jand@cannonchurch.org or 678.501.6413).

Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 for Youth Sunday School and 5pm Sunday Evenings for Youth Group.



Make a Joyful Noise - Come join the Music Ministry!

Worship Choir: rehearses Wednesday @ 7pm

Praise Band: rehearses Thursday @7:30pm

Orchestra: rehearses Thursday @ 6:30pm

Handbells: rehearses Wednesday @ 6pm

Email Dr. Will Whittaker (willw@cannonchurch.org) with questions!

Order of Worship

WE GATHER TO
WORSHIP GOD

Welcome Rev. Tim Emmett
Pastor

Announcements Bob Hubbard

Congregational Carol “Angels We Have Orchestra &
Heard on High” #238 Dr. Will Whittaker,
Director of Music Ministry

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath The Morrisette Family

Leader: On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we will hear the angels’
song, which they sang to shepherds when Christ was born:
“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace
among those whom he favors” (Luke 2:14).
[The fourth candle is lit.]
We light this candle as a symbol of peace. May the peace of
God fill our hearts and our lives this Christmas!

ALL (sung): Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Children’s Message

Anthem “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” Worship Choir

Message “A Song of Peace: The Angels’ *Gloria*” Rev. Tim Emmett
Luke 2:8-20 Pastor

WE LISTEN TO
GOD’S WORD

WE RESPOND
TO GOD’S CALL

Congregational Song “The First Noel” #245

of Response

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass
against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Mission Moment Feed My Lambs

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music “Messiah Suite”
by George Frederick Handel & arr. by Keith Christopher

Doxology Mike Gaul

Offertory Prayer

WE GO FORTH
TO SERVE GOD

Closing Hymn “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” #240

Benediction

Song of Response “Angels We Have Heard on High”



The First Christmas Carols

A few possible next steps

Would you like to experience the peace of Christmas? Pause briefly each day to read, reflect, practice, and pray!

READ

As we get ready for Christmas by remembering the *Gloria*, the song angels' sang on Christmas day, we'll spend the week reading key passages about God's gift of peace through life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. He *is* the Prince of Peace!

Monday: Isaiah 11:1-9

Tuesday: Romans 5:1-11

Wednesday: Ephesians 2:11-21

Thursday: Ephesians 4:1-3

Friday: Ephesians 6:10-20

Saturday: Colossians 1:15-20

Sunday: Catch up on your reading!

REFLECT

After reading the passages above, pause briefly to reflect on any or all of the following questions:

- ♦ According to this passage, what has God done through Jesus Christ to bring peace to our relationship with him?
- ♦ What has he done to bring peace to our relationships with others?
- ♦ According to this passage, how do we receive the gift of peace with God? How do we make peace in our relationships with others?

PRACTICE

Before going out in public this week, pause briefly, breathe deeply, and pray, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace."

PRAY

After reading the Scriptures listed above, take a moment to pray this traditional prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



SE Gwinnett Co-op Donations

Most Needed Item for December: Jelly

Each month, each church will be focused on one item for donation to the SEGC. For December, Cannon's item is **Jelly**. While all items are still welcome, Jelly will be the item they most need from us.

Place your donations in the bins at the lower level entrances. Thank you for your generous support of SE Gwinnett Co-op!



Mission of the Month for December is World Service Fund

On Communion Sundays (Dec. 7), a special offering is taken to support a Mission of Cannon Church. The Special Offering and Mission of the Month for December will support The World Service Fund. You can give any time throughout the month.

The World Service Fund is a vital United Methodist fund which helps support missionaries, build churches, train pastors, feed hungry children, and serve at-risk youth around the world.

You can make a financial donation online at cannonchurch.org, give, give online and choose Communion Rail Offering, in the Offering plate, or in the boxes located in the Narthex and the Connector.



Feed My Lambs - Help Feed Hungry Kids!

Thank you so much for your generous donations so far this school year. We are currently providing weekend meals for 29 students that are facing food insecurities at 2 local elementary schools and snacks for counselors at one additional school. We will also provide family bags to those student's families (17) for the longer breaks: Christmas and Spring Break.

As our community needs continue to grow, please consider a monetary donation and/or purchased items listed below that can be dropped off in the designated bin at the Main entrance during church hours, Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm, or on Sundays. Generally, the preference is to have everything single-serve and/or for the cans to be pop-tabs.

Most Needed Items:

- ♦ Individual Cereals
- ♦ Chicken - can/packets
- ♦ Mac 'n Cheese - individual cups
- ♦ Pasta Meals - cans
- ♦ Peanut Butter - jar
- ♦ Ramen Noodles
- ♦ Shelf Stable Milk
- ♦ Tuna - can/packages

Other Needed Items:

- ♦ Applesauce Cups
- ♦ Beanie Weenies
- ♦ Fruit Cups
- ♦ Granola Bars
- ♦ Hearty Soups
- ♦ Oatmeal - individual packets
- ♦ Pudding
- ♦ Vienna Sausage

Our neighbors need us now more than ever!



Advent Information



Christmas at the Co-op

This Advent season, the SE Gwinnett Co-op would welcome donations of Kroger gift cards, any denomination. These will be used as client gifts and used for purchases of food/non-food items to supplement item donations. Cards can be dropped in the offering plate or the wooden boxes now through Christmas. They'll be collected and delivered to the Co-op weekly. On behalf of the Co-op clients, Thank You for your generosity and wishing you a Merry Christmas!



CHRISTMAS AT CANNON

Christmas Eve: Traditional Service with Candlelight & Communion

December 24 - 5pm

Christmas Eve: Contemporary Worship with Candlelight & Communion

December 24 - 11pm



Love Offering for Your Church Staff

Please consider joining together with your church family by making a Love Offering this Christmas season as a way of thanking the individuals on our staff for their service. You may write a check and place it in the Offering basket on Sunday morning, or give online at cannonchurch.org, Give, Give Online and choose Love Offering for Church Staff. Please make your check payable to Cannon Church and note "Staff Love Offering" in the Memo section.



Best of Gwinnett - Vote Everyday!

We are excited to announce that both Cannon Church Preschool AND Cannon UMC has been nominated for Best of Gwinnett! Help us win in both categories!

HERE'S HOW:

- **VOTE EVERYDAY!**
- Go to guidetogwinnett.com/best-of/vote

For Preschool:

Look under *Education & Childcare*, and then *Childcare Centers*, and find Cannon Church Preschool

For Cannon UMC:

Look under Civic Organizations, and then *Churches & Religious Organizations*, and find Cannon United Methodist Church



All Together Now - Christmas Edition

Please join us on Sunday, December 28 at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall for a church-wide Sunday School class that will feel like a party instead of a class. We'll eat Christmas treats, sing Christmas carols, and play Christmas games. We'll also just chill with a warm Christmas beverage and rest in Christmas peace. Get the picture? Don't miss it! Christmas sweaters recommended. Nursery provided.



Sarah Circle Out to Lunch – January 2

Ladies - once the busy-ness of Christmas & New Years are done, why not do something for yourself? The Sarah's are going to lunch at Always Fresh in Lilburn on Friday, January 2 at Noon and we'd love all Cannon ladies to join us for fun, fellowship, and great food! If you can come or have any questions, please Diane Cline (770.317.0751 or bcline1027@comcast.net) or Marilyn Otroszko (770.380.4108 or motroszko@gsu.edu).



A Very Special Guest in the New Year

Please join us for worship on Sunday, January 4 as we welcome the Rev. Dr. Gary Mason to our pulpit! A Methodist pastor from Belfast, Ireland, Rev. Mason was deeply involved in the Northern Irish Peace Process and, drawing on that experience, founded Rethinking Conflict, an organization committed to conflict transformation, peace building, and reconciliation. In addition to serving as a Senior Research Fellow at the Edward Kennedy Institute for Conflict Intervention at Maynooth University in Ireland, Gary is a visiting adjunct Professor at Candler School of Theology. He and his wife, Joyce, are good friends with Jim and Judy Travis, which is why we're so blessed to welcome the Masons to Cannon on Sunday, January 4!



2026 Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2026/27 school year opens as follows:

- Current Preschool Families - January 20
- Cannon Church Families - January 26
- Community - February 2

Please contact us to schedule a tour:

Heather Gallagher - 678.501.6442 | preschool@cannonchurch.org

Mollita Jackson - 678.501.6442 | mollitaj@cannonchurch.org



Scouts BSA Troop 506's Annual Christmas Tree Pick-Up Fundraiser - Saturday, January 3 & 10

Snellville Troop 506 will be recycling Christmas Trees as a Service to the Community and a Troop Fundraiser. To schedule a pick-up for your Christmas tree, kindly complete the Google Form and make a donation at xmas.troop506.com. This is for Snellville, Lawrenceville, and Lilburn addresses only. Thank you for supporting Troop 506!



CONFIRMATION for Youth in 2026!

Attention all youth in 6th grade and up! Starting Sunday, January 4, Pastor Tim and Jan Dwyer will co-lead a Confirmation Class during the Sunday School hour in January and February (and a little bit of March). In case you are not familiar with it, Confirmation helps young people explore the basics of the Christian faith from a United Methodist perspective. At the end of the class, the youth are invited (but not required) to join the church. In other words, it's an opportunity to "make firm" (con-firm) their commitment to Christ and his church. For more information, please contact Pastor Tim at TimE@cannonchurch.org.



THINK & DRINK

Where can you go for honest conversations about the big questions while sipping hot drinks in the middle of winter? Come to Think & Drink a new weekly gathering at Cannon UMC each Wednesday in January. Topics will include "What happens when we die?", "Do we have to forgive?", "Why does God allow suffering?", and "What's wrong (and right) about Christian nationalism?" The drinking (and thinking) begins on Wednesday, January 7, at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare provided (but we need to know they're coming!). We hope to see you then! To register, go to Cannonchurch.org, registrations. For more information, contact Pastor Tim at TimE@cannonchurch.org.



Join the Team! We are looking for Multimedia Volunteers!

Are you interested in entering the media industry or would like to learn how to operate in a studio-like environment? Come check out Cannon's Multimedia Ministry. Responsibilities would be on Sunday morning during Worship (need to be here 20 minutes prior to service) and include operating the camera controller and assisting the Director. Please email Miles at milesh@cannonchurch.org for more information.



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**For information on
Youth Ministry**

Contact Jan Dwyer
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**2026 Youth Calendar
Coming Soon!**

Prayer List

December

Prayer Focus:

Those on the prayer list, sick, surgeries, etc.

December

Mission Prayer Focus:

World Service Fund / Jingle Jam

New Concerns (Listed for 3 weeks)

- Steve Smith – pancreatic cancer
- Uncle Steve – recovery from massive heart attack
- Tom Slusher – death of friend and co-worker, Ryan
- Angela Falco – health problems (Lupus)
- For my neighbor Rose who lost her mother this week – tougher as her mother lived out of the country. Bless the grandchildren
- May the hand of the Lord be upon Maria Sobel, Elvi, and Maria De Nazare
- Rob – may my family be blessed
- Sandy Adams – continuing chemo treatments
- Katherine Rodriguez, single mother with 2 daughters – battling cancer
- Kristen – strength to mentally and physically deal with the recent diagnosis of colon cancer
- Richard White – slight set-back in cancer treatment. Scan shows tumors have not changed in size during chemo. Requires 1 extra month of chemo
- Austin Rainville – To start CAR T Cell Therapy in Dallas, TX sometime this month for his Lymphoma – 29 years old
- Steve – pancreatic cancer
- Greg – addiction recovery
- Pastor Timothy Young – urgent financial miracle
- Julie – battling lung cancer
- Adam – cancer
- Prayer for friend & neighbor Steve Smith
- For my son and Sofia, his new bride of five weeks, will continue to be led by their strong faith in God and be good parents to three teenage young ladies. Pray also that the oldest of the three, Daniela, will have a smooth recovery from gallbladder surgery the day before Thanksgiving
- Mistie Odum – upcoming surgery on 12-17-25 and treatment following

- Cynthia Shaw – guide me toward a better-paying job and financial stability, bring healing, forgiveness, and understanding to my family

Our Sympathy to (Listed for 3 weeks)

- Friends and family in the death of father, Paul Faupel, on November 24, 2025. He was 100 years old
- Jessica Small and family on the death of husband, Ryan Small, on December 10

Praises (Listed for 3 weeks)

- Will – colonoscopy came back as good

Ongoing Concerns (Listed for 3 months)

- Deloris Mims – need prayer for healing
- Eric Schott – health concerns
- Carol – prayers for healing – ongoing treatments

Armed Forces

- Lt. Colonel Lane Daigle (USMC) – Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
- Major Jon Brown (Air Force) – Eglin AFB, FL
- ABFC Parker Travis (Navy) – Pensacola, Florida
- Christian Peterson (Navy)
- Staff Sgt. Jeff Wells (Army) – Syria
- Drew Moseley (Navy) – Whidbey Island Naval Air Station
- Levi Reulecke (Navy) – Chief Master at Arms – stationed in Guam
- Nate Smith LCpL (Marines) – stationed at Camp Hansen, Okinawa Japan
- Capt. Grant Capps, MD (Air Force) – Tinker AFB in Oklahoma
- Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Clay Bagwell – Aviation Task Force Commander

Missionaries

- Our missionaries in Egypt
- Donald and Cristy Stretch and family (Dominical, Costa Rica)

*In an effort to keep the Prayer List up-to-date, please submit updates to any requests currently posted, including the Armed Forces section.

New Concerns will run for three weeks unless an update is submitted. **Ongoing Concerns** will run for three months unless an update is submitted.

How Can I Give?



Your generosity enables our church to continue its mission and ministry.
Thank you for your faithful support!

Ways to Give

Offering Baskets

Place your offering in the baskets as they are passed through the pews during the service. This is a way to give and participate in the worship experience.

Designated Giving Boxes

Offering boxes are located in the Narthex and Connector for your convenience. You can drop your contribution before or after the service.

Online Giving

Give securely online through the website: cannonchurch.org, Give, Give Online

Online giving allows you to set up a pledge, recurring donations, or make one-time gifts.

Mail Your Gift

You are also welcome to mail your gift to the church at:

2424 Webb Gin House Road
Snellville, GA 30078

Please make your checks payable to
Cannon United Methodist Church.

Your gifts support our ministries, outreach, and day-to-day functions of the church. We are grateful to you for your continued generous support.



Scan the QR Code to go to the Giving Page.

How Can I Give?

We believe in the faith-act of giving. Lev. 27:30 says, “A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.” We want to make it as easy as possible to offer your gifts to the Lord through the Church. Here are the many ways we can help you give!



Cash Contributions: Place your cash in an Offering Envelope and legibly print your name and address on the outside. This will ensure we can account it properly for your tax purposes.



Check Contributions: Handwritten checks may be placed in the offering boxes or mailed to the church. If your gift is to be “designated” (given to a specific area or cause), write that designation in the memo line. Please write legibly (in blue or black ink), so that your gift can be scanned, deposited, and put to use! It’s not necessary to use an offering envelope to contribute by check.



Online Banking: Bank issued checks may be generated through your bank’s online payment software. Please make sure to type the designation of the gift in the memo section. The mailing address for Cannon Church is 2424 Webb Gin House Road, Snellville, GA 30078.



Electronic Giving: Visit cannonchurch.org and select Give, Give Online. Using an ACH (checking account withdrawal) or any major credit card, you can give a one time gift, set up recurring payments, track your history of giving, and even print out giving records.



Text Giving: In worship and have no cash? Not even sure what a checkbook is? Fear not! Give your gift anywhere, anytime! Just pull out your smart phone and text \$(amount) to (678) 203-9831. Don’t forget the dollar sign! You’ll be prompted to enroll the first time only. See “Text Giving Handout” for detailed instructions and for ways to designate your gift to a specific mission or event.



Stocks: Cannon accepts gifts of stocks through the North Georgia United Methodist Foundation (GUMF). To gift stock to Cannon Church, please provide your broker with the following information: To transfer stock to the account of Cannon UMC:

Send to:

Fidelity Investments
DTC: 0226
Account: Z72562068

Account Name:
Georgia United Methodist Foundation
Memo Note: For the Benefit of Cannon UMC

Next, email Thea Hernandez (TheaH@cannonchurch.org) with (1) the name of the donor, (2) the name of the stock, and (3) the number of shares transferred. This is required for us to claim shares from GUMF.



Payroll Deduction: Larger corporate employers are now offering charitable giving through payroll deduction. Cannon Church has already been approved by AT&T, Microsoft, and Verizon as a certified 403(c) charity. Documentation of our non-profit status is available to any employer upon request.



QCD (Qualified Charitable Contribution): Good news if you are over 70-1/2 and have an IRA, because you can make a tax-deductible contribution to Cannon Church even if you don’t itemize deductions on your tax return. A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian to a qualified charity. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year and are excluded from taxable income. Your check must be made out to Cannon Church by the IRA custodian, although it can be mailed to you for delivery to the church. If it goes directly to Cannon, please be sure the issuer includes a memo stating the donor’s name so we can send you the conformation letter required by the IRS. More detailed information is available online or you may contact a member of Cannon’s finance team for help.

Publix for Preschool: Follow these simple steps to create an account to start earning money for our school today. Go to Publix.com/partners; Create a club Publix account; Log into your account and click “My Publix Partner”; Search and select “Cannon UMC Preschool” Snellville, Ga.





Sunday, December 21

9:30am *The First Christmas Carols*, BIBLE STUDY EDITION
 9:30am Adult Sunday School
 9:30am Youth Sunday School
 9:30am Cannon Kids
 11am Worship Service: Joining Sunday

Monday, December 22

6:30pm Stephen Ministry Meeting
 7pm Alcoholics Anonymous
 7pm Families Anonymous

Tuesday, December 23

8am Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 24

5pm Christmas Eve Traditional Worship
 11pm Christmas Eve Contemporary Worship

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Day
Church Offices Closed
 7pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, December 26

Church Offices Closed

Saturday, December 27

7:30am Men's Bible Study
 7:45pm Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, December 28

9:30am All Together Now Christmas Edition
 11am Worship Service

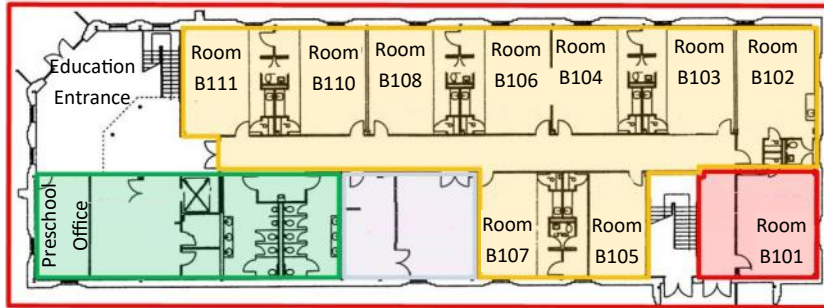
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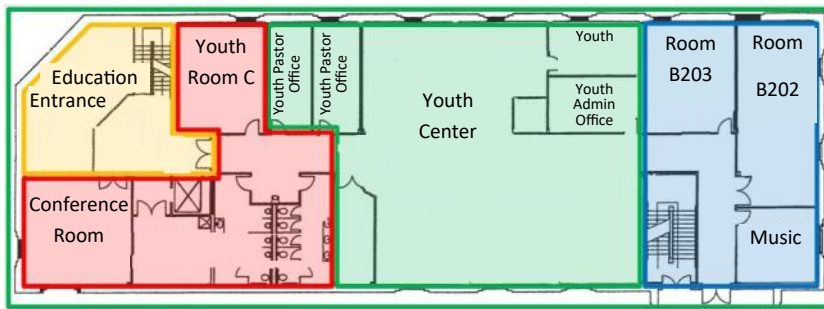
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Maps of the Building

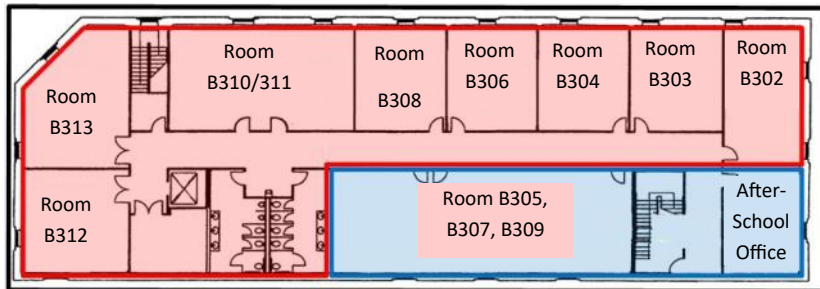
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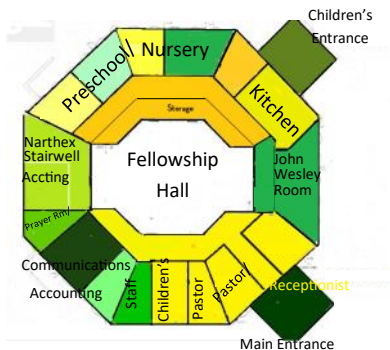
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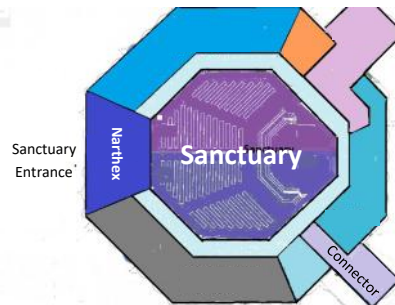
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