



December 28, 2025 | First Sunday after Christmas



“A Song of Hope: Simeon’s *Nunc Dimittis*”  
Luke 2:22-38

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:willw@cannonchurch.org)) with questions!

Order of Worship

WE GATHER TO  
WORSHIP GOD

Welcome		Rev. Tim Emmett Pastor
Announcements		Beth Blakely
Opening Hymn	"There's A Song in the Air" #249	Mike Gaul & Dr. Will Whittaker, Director of Music Ministries
Opening Prayer		
The Apostles' Creed		
Gloria Patri		
Children's Message		
Anthem	"Nunc Dimittis" <i>setting by George Dyson</i>	Worship Choir

WE LISTEN TO  
GOD'S WORD

Message	"A Song of Hope: Simeon's <i>Nunc Dimittis</i> " Luke 2:22-38	Rev. Tim Emmett Pastor
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WE RESPOND  
TO GOD'S CALL

Hymn of Response	"Of the Father's Love Begotten" #184
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.**

Invitation to Give	
Offertory Music	"I Wonder as I Wander" Will Whittaker, piano Charles Mingle, soloist

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

WE GO FORTH  
TO SERVE GOD

Closing Hymn	"Joy to the World" #246
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Benediction

Song of Response	"Angels We Have Heard on High"
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## The First Christmas Carols

### A few possible next steps

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

#### READ

As you may know, the “twelve days of Christmas” begin on Christmas Day and end on Epiphany (January 6), the ancient Christian celebration of the visitation of the magi. Our readings this week will help us celebrate the birth of Christ and also reflect on the meaning of his birth.

Monday: Matthew 1:18-25

Tuesday: John 1:1-18

Wednesday: Psalm 98

Thursday: Luke 2:22-40

Friday: Luke 2:41-52

Saturday: Hebrews 1:1-2:4

Sunday: Catch up on your reading!

#### REFLECT

What is your plan to grow in faith, hope, and love in the new year? Spiritual growth doesn’t happen by accident and it isn’t automatic. Do you have a plan to grow in love in the new year?

#### PRACTICE

Get more sleep. No kidding. For many people, the most spiritual thing they can do is get more sleep. It takes energy to love! Poor sleep does more than deprive our bodies. It starves our minds and our souls.

#### PRAY

After reading the Scriptures listed above, take a moment to pray this traditional prayer for the First Sunday after Christmas:

*Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word:  
Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 January is Family Promise of Gwinnett**

On Communion Sundays (Jan. 4), a special offering is taken to support a Mission of Cannon Church. The Special Offering and Mission of the Month for January will support Family Promise of Gwinnett. You can give any time throughout the month.

Family Promise of Gwinnett helps children and their families regain their housing and their independence while maintaining their dignity.

You can make a financial donation online at [cannonchurch.org](http://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.



### **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!



### **A New Thing for Young Adults**

Cannon Church is beginning a new Young Adult Ministry (official name pending) for adults in their 20s and 30s. This ministry will focus on gathering and community, with opportunities like shared meals, game nights, outings, service, and simply spending time together. Participation is flexible, and there's no expectation to attend everything — just come when something fits. More details will be shared soon. For more information, contact Katie Gray ([katiegray59@gmail.com](mailto:katiegray59@gmail.com)) or Beth Blakely ([bethblakely1105@gmail.com](mailto:bethblakely1105@gmail.com)).



### 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](http://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.

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### 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](http://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

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### 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](mailto:bcline1027@comcast.net)) or Marilyn Otroszko (770.380.4108 or [motroszko@gsu.edu](mailto:motroszko@gsu.edu)).

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### 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](mailto:preschool@cannonchurch.org)

Mollita Jackson - 678.501.6442 | [mollitaj@cannonchurch.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:TimE@cannonchurch.org).



## Advent Un-Decorating Party!

Come help un-Deck the Halls! Elves are needed once again to help un-decorate! On January 4 @ 12:15pm (following Worship), helpers are needed to take down the decorations of Advent. If you would like to help, please RSVP to Roxanne ([frjones5@gmail.com](mailto:frjones5@gmail.com)).



## 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?", and "Why do bad things happen to good people?" 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!). You don't have to sign up, but it helps with our planning, so give us a hand at [Cannonchurch.org](http://Cannonchurch.org), registrations. We hope to see you on the 7th!



Please join us for worship on Sunday, January 11  
as we begin a new sermon series ...

**Bigger, Closer, and Better**  
(The Good News about God According to Jesus)



**For information on  
Children's Ministry**

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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

\*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.

### New Concerns (Listed for 3 weeks)

- Jasmine – taken to Emory for continued neurological issues – single mom with grade school daughter
- Mistie Odum – healing after surgery and treatment plan
- Greg – addiction recovery
- 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 CART Cell Therapy in Dallas, TX sometime this month for his Lymphoma – 29 years old
- Steve – pancreatic cancer
- Pastor Timothy Young – urgent financial miracle

### Our Sympathy to (Listed for 3 weeks)

- 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)

# 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](http://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.

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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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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.

## THIS WEEK <sup>AT</sup> GLANCE



### Sunday, December 28

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

### Monday, December 29

#### Church Offices Closed

7pm Alcoholics Anonymous

### Tuesday, December 30

#### Church Offices Closed

### Wednesday, December 31

#### Church Offices Closed

### Thursday, January 1

#### New Year's Day

#### Church Offices Closed

7pm Alcoholics Anonymous

### Friday, January 2

#### Church Offices Closed

### Saturday, January 3

#### Church Offices Closed

7:45pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Sunday, January 4

9:30am Adult Sunday School  
9:30am Youth Sunday School  
9:30am Cannon Kids  
11am Worship Service  
12:15pm Advent "Un"decorating  
4pm Youth Praise Band  
5pm Youth Group

## Meet Our Staff

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