

Celebrating

THE LIFE OF

chloe Madelize Childress JULY 4, 2025 OCT. 3, 2006

St. Luke's United Methodist Church July 12, 2025 | Houston, Texas



Order of Service

Prelude: Jim Roman

*Entry of the Family

Welcome and Word of Grace: Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Remembrances: Bennett Bowman, Haley George, Libby Liuzzi, Jordan Roberts, Caroline Swanson

Special Music: Firm Foundation Libby Koch, Katie Rushing, Hunter Perrin

When everything around me is shaking I've never been more glad That I put my faith in Jesus 'Cause He's never let me down He's faithful through generations So why would He fail now? He won't, He won't I've still got joy in chaos I've got peace that makes no sense So I won't be going under I'm not held by my own strength 'Cause I build my life on Jesus He's never let me down He's faithful in every season So why would He fail now? He won't, He won't Rain came and wind blew But my house was built on You I'm safe with You, I'm gonna make it through Rain came and wind blew But my house was built on You I'm safe with You, I'm gonna make it through Oh, rain came and wind blew But my house was built on You And I'm safe with You, I'm gonna make it through Remembrances: Molly Dinerstein, Eva Humble, Kate Hyman, Caroline Nelson, Ella Ou

> Beth Anne Childress, Carlisle Childress, William Kunetka, Caroline Kunetka, George Kunetka, Lucie Kunetka, Tessa Seale, Royal Seale

Matthew, Wendie, and Jack Childress

Word of Faith: Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears

*Prayer of Commendation

O God, all that you have given us is yours. As first you gave Chloe to us, so now we give her back to you. Receive Chloe into the arms of your mercy. Raise her up with all of your people. Receive us also, and raise us into a new life. And to you, with your church on earth and in heaven, we offer honor and glory now and forever. Amen.

*Benediction: Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears

*Postlude: Jim Roman

*indicates congregation standing, if able

• When you pass through the waters, J will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ??

ISAIAH 43:2

Chloe Childress, 18, of Houston, Texas, passed away on July 4, 2025, while serving as a counselor and hero at Camp Mystic in Hunt, Texas. She spent her final days doing what she loved most—caring for and mentoring young girls while attending her tenth year at the camp she loved.

Chloe was the cherished daughter of Wendie Seale Childress and Matthew Benton Childress and the beloved sister of John "Jack" Oxford Childress. She lived a beautiful life that saturated her family and those around her with contagious joy, countless friends, unending faith and unimaginable energy.

A recent graduate of The Kinkaid School in Houston, Texas, Chloe distinguished herself as an exceptional student and leader throughout her high school years. She served as Co-President of the Honor Council, reflecting her deep commitment to integrity and academic excellence. As a dedicated varsity cross country runner, cheer member and senior mentor, she consistently demonstrated perseverance, discipline, and teamwork. Perhaps most telling of her compassionate heart, Chloe founded and led the Love Our Senior Citizens Club, a testament to her compassionate spirit and desire to bridge generational gaps through meaningful service.

Chloe's commitment to service and leadership was evident through her extensive involvement in the Student Wellbeing Advisory Board, Model United Nations, Psychology Club, One Love Club, Young Alumni Committee, and Kinkaid Young Life. Her unique artistic talents were recognized through the Visual and Performing Arts Honors Program in Photography and as a recipient of multiple Scholastic Arts and Writing Awards. Chloe was also a member of the National Chinese Honor Society and was involved in the Leadership Honors Program.

Her creative spirit shined brightly through her deep love of music, whether it was admiring the brilliance of singer-songwriters, writing her own poetry and lyrics, or teaching herself to play the guitar. She shared this passion at countless concerts with the ones she loved, letting that joy come out with full force. When she wasn't immersed in music, Chloe found just as much delight in binge-watching TV shows and diving into long, thoughtful conversations about them with her father. Chloe was passionate about traveling the world and spent the first part of the summer with friends, stamping her passport while adventuring throughout Europe.

Her athletic spirit extended beyond cross country, as she also participated in cheerleading, lacrosse, and tennis during her time at Kinkaid. Chloe's dedication to helping others was demonstrated through her volunteer work with organizations including The Brookwood Community, Houston Food Bank, Memorial Park Conservatory, and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. She gained valuable experience through medical internships, shadowing neurosurgeons and other specialists and attended Vanderbilt Summer Academy for academically gifted students. Chloe was so excited to begin her freshman year at The University of Texas at Austin this fall as a proud fourth-generation Longhorn. She eagerly anticipated being pre-med and becoming a doctor, furthering her desire to be a strong, independent woman, but also selflessly helping others. In addition, she was following in her mother's footsteps by moving into Hardin House and going through sorority rush. The opportunity to forge new friendships in Austin filled her with so much joy.

Camp Mystic held a special place in Chloe's heart. As a fourth-generation camper, M Girl, True Tonk Cheerleader and member of both Intermediate and Advanced War Canoe, Chloe attended Mystic from 3rd grade through 12th grade. She was overjoyed to return as a counselor this summer. Her passion for guiding younger generations stemmed from her deep faith and genuine love for others. She led with empathy and laughter. Her honesty gave others the courage to speak up. Her resilience helped others push through. Her joy, so present in all the little things, reminded all who knew her to keep showing up with heart.

She approached life with unwavering grace and used her gifts to uplift and encourage those around her. Her legacy of compassion, leadership, and faithful service will continue to inspire all who were blessed to know her.

Chloe's radiant spirit, infectious joy, and unwavering heart touched countless lives over the course of her 18 years. Though her time on earth was far too brief, her impact will be felt for generations through the lives she touched and the love she shared. Please remember all that Chloe meant to us. May her joy, light and love live on.

Chloe is survived by her parents Wendie and Matthew Childress, brother Jack Childress, grandparents Joan and James Seale, grandparents Cile and Chuck Childress, uncle Deryl Seale and wife Allison Steiner, aunt Blake Kunetka and husband Keith, and uncle Cullen Childress and wife Lesley, along with eight beloved cousins Will Kunetka, Caroline Kunetka, George Kunetka, Lucie Kunetka, Carlisle Childress, Beth Anne Childress, Royal Seale and Tessa Seale, and precious comfort pup Rowan.

Chloe Fun Facts

SHE HAD A LOT OF NICKNAMES:

Chlo-Chlo Chloemax Max SwiftieChlo Sheldon Shelly Chlo Maximus Maximus Decimus Meridius

SHE WAS A

Loredropper Conductor of the gossip train Aesthetic Instagrammer Dorm decorator HERO

SHE WOULD

Always have a banana peel in the back of her car... always!

Randomly break into dance

Aggressively text with a concentrated face

Make random friends everywhere

Add MORE salt to the already salted chips SHE HAD A RANDOM Zendaya hat theory

Obsession with the Tito's bottle sweater

SHE WANTED TO Be a Doctor

SHE LOVED

University of Texas Cheeseboards Tiny's Coffee Cane's Sleepovers TikTok trends McDonald's Sprite Chopped romaine salad Chips & Queso Art Loud Taylor Swift karaoke Popcorn Music Austin Emoting Lime scooters Playing the guitar Going to concerts Sudoku Making jellybean slime All her friends Spending time with the Family Helping others