

2022/2023 *Concert Season*



MUSIC AND ARTS

AT PEACHTREE ROAD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

EXQUISITE MUSIC IN A DIVINE SPACE

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 series of wonderful music-making at Peachtree Road UMC. Music has the ability to profoundly touch our hearts and souls. This series is an excellent way to enrich your life through the energy and beauty expressed through a live performance.

Our success depends largely on our generous donors and many concert attendees, so I invite you to join us in supporting this very important series. We continue to build the patronage of our Friends of Music Program. Through the generosity of our members, we have brought you nationally and internationally renowned artists – including The Tallis Scholars and Chanticleer. This year, we are excited to present Kinnara as our signature concert! An invitation to join our Friends of Music can be found in this brochure.

We have been blessed with a truly magnificent space, and it's only right that equally exquisite music goes in it. We have a long legacy of nurturing the arts and fostering musical excellence within this iconic venue. For our guests, we offer an immersive experience where both artist and listener connect in their shared love of music. We strive to continually widen the circle of music lovers near and far.

So come celebrate with us and invite your friends to share in the gift of music. As ever, we are thrilled to bring the arts to Peachtree Road!



Scott H. Atchison
Director of Music and Organist



ARTISTIC *Excellence*

We host artists from the Atlanta community and around the world. These artists are well known for their world-class talent and artistry. Our nationally recognized Chancel Choir performs large choral works and tours internationally.

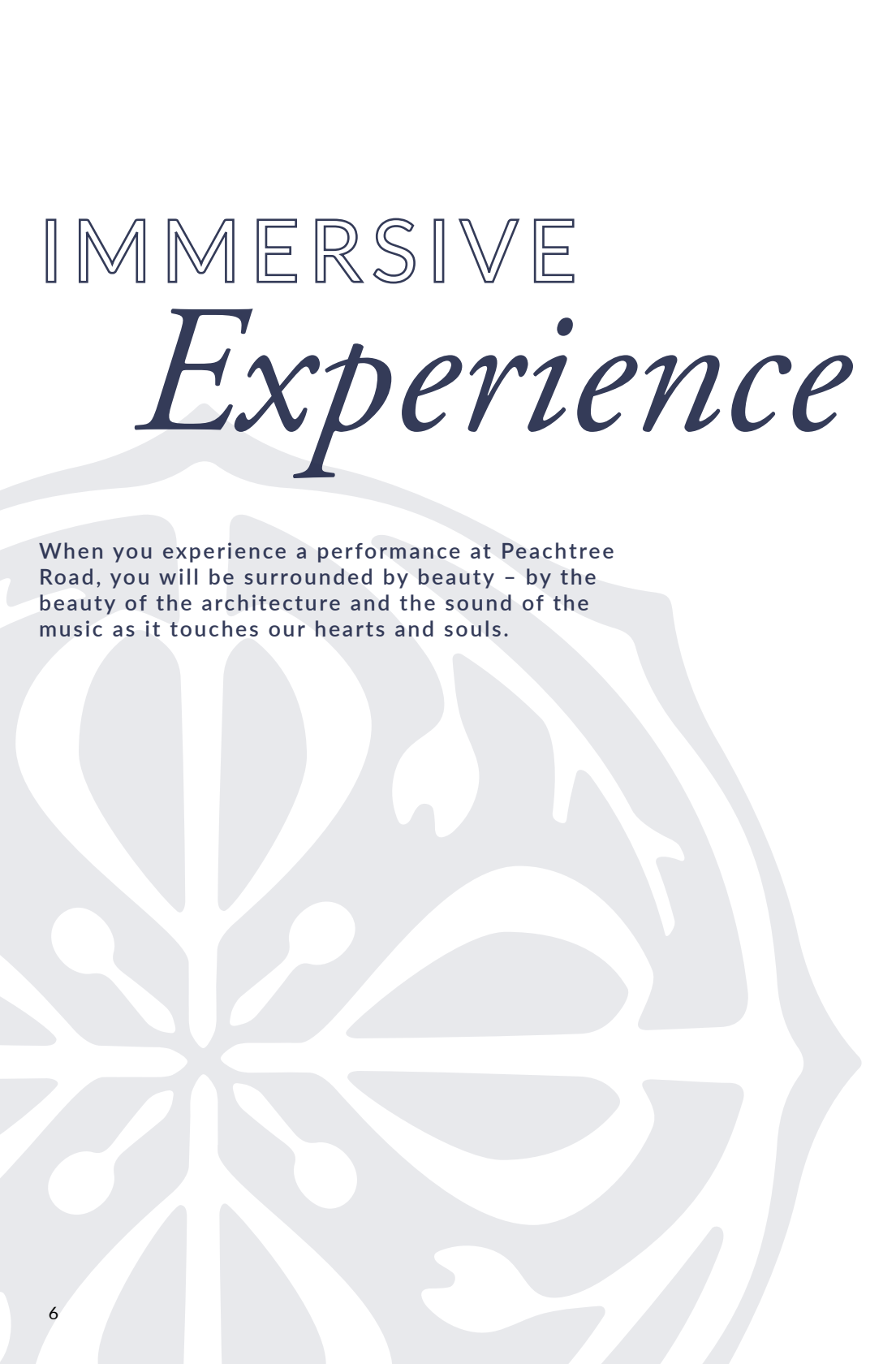


Legacy

We believe in the nurturing of the arts. It has been a tradition, commitment and passion of Peachtree Road to provide decades of outstanding concerts, performances, and services.

ICONIC *Venue*

We are known as one of the top places in the country to hear heavenly music. Our beautiful sanctuary, incredible acoustics, and magnificent instruments make Peachtree Road a destination for both artist and listener.



IMMERSIVE

Experience

When you experience a performance at Peachtree Road, you will be surrounded by beauty – by the beauty of the architecture and the sound of the music as it touches our hearts and souls.



Community

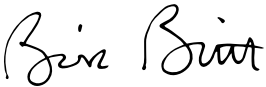
Our shared love of music brings us together, connecting both the artist and listener. We strive to continually widen the circle of music lovers near and far.

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the ministers and members of Peachtree Road United Methodist Church, welcome to this beautiful and sacred space. Worship is at the heart of who we are as a congregation, and music is a vital part of our worship — calling us into God's presence, enabling us to express our deepest hopes and longings, and helping us to find peace in the midst of the struggles of life. Please know that you always are welcome at Peachtree Road UMC.

As we begin a new concert season, I hope you will find yourself returning often to this beautiful sanctuary to experience the music of the Great Organ and the countless artists who perform here as we worship and express our faith. I also pray that the music you hear will inspire you in your spiritual walk and reassure you of our Lord's abiding presence with you.

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Britt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names clearly legible.

Bill Britt
Senior Minister



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JOBY TALBOT'S

PATH OF MIRACLES

SEPTEMBER 18 • 7PM

Signature Concert of the season sponsored by
the PRUMC Friends of Music

KINNARA: THE PATH OF MIRACLES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 7:00 PM, SANCTUARY

6:30 PM PRE-CONCERT LECTURE WITH OLIVER BRETT

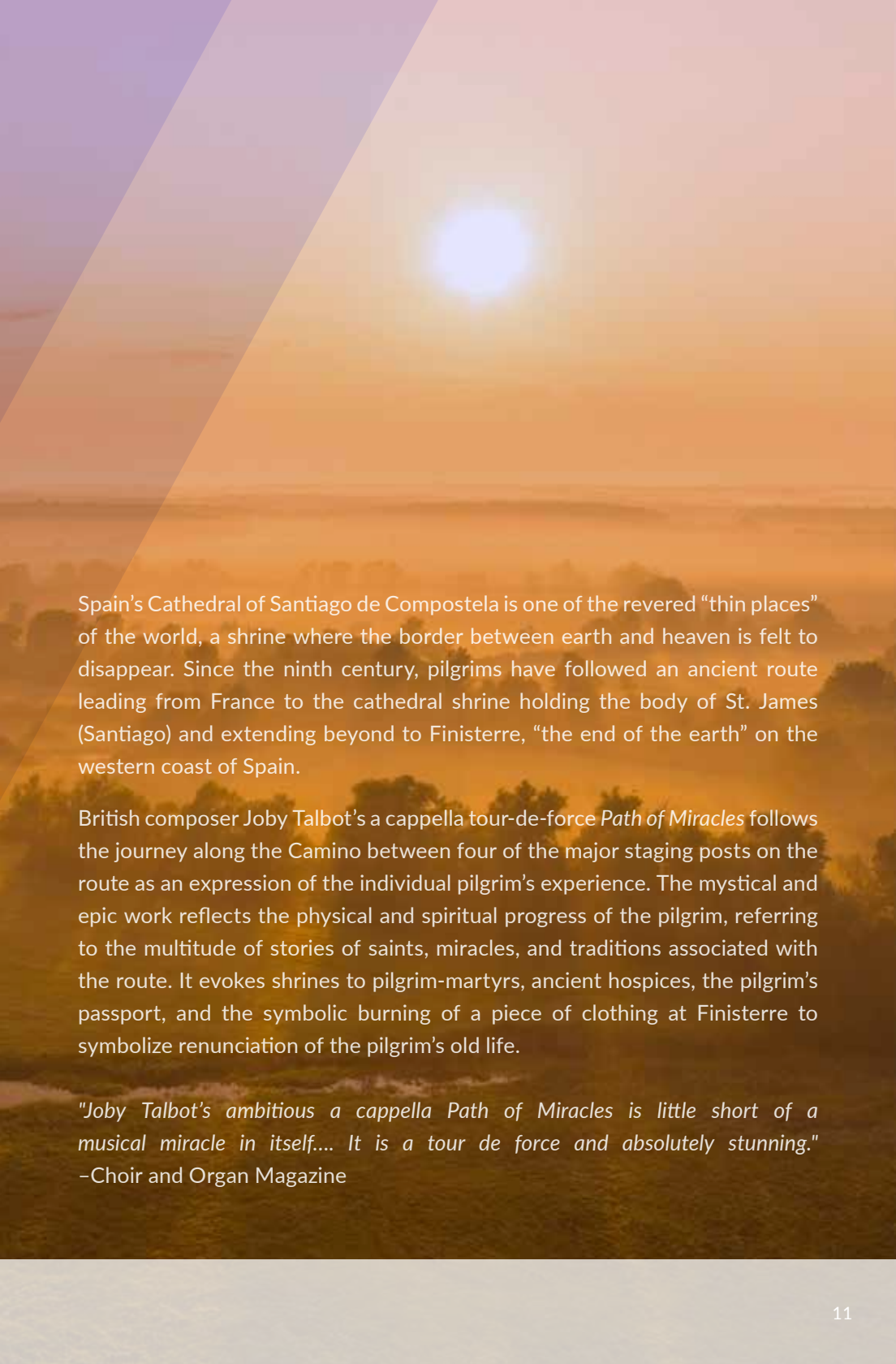
7:00 PM KINNARA CONCERT

General Admission - \$30 in advance | \$35 day of concert

Students - \$18 in advance | \$20 day of concert

Advance tickets available at www.prumc.org/music.

KINNARA



Spain's Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela is one of the revered "thin places" of the world, a shrine where the border between earth and heaven is felt to disappear. Since the ninth century, pilgrims have followed an ancient route leading from France to the cathedral shrine holding the body of St. James (Santiago) and extending beyond to Finisterre, "the end of the earth" on the western coast of Spain.

British composer Joby Talbot's a cappella tour-de-force *Path of Miracles* follows the journey along the Camino between four of the major staging posts on the route as an expression of the individual pilgrim's experience. The mystical and epic work reflects the physical and spiritual progress of the pilgrim, referring to the multitude of stories of saints, miracles, and traditions associated with the route. It evokes shrines to pilgrim-martyrs, ancient hospices, the pilgrim's passport, and the symbolic burning of a piece of clothing at Finisterre to symbolize renunciation of the pilgrim's old life.

"Joby Talbot's ambitious a cappella Path of Miracles is little short of a musical miracle in itself.... It is a tour de force and absolutely stunning."

–Choir and Organ Magazine



FALL CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES



ATLANTA CHAMBER PLAYERS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 3:00 PM, SANCTUARY

Founded in 1976, the Atlanta Chamber Players has earned a national reputation as a pioneer among chamber groups and is widely respected among arts organizations in the Southeast. They open their 47th season with stunning classical works by Mozart, Ravel and Robert Schumann, including a regional premiere by the Cross-Country Chamber Consortium 2022 winner, Benjamin Horne.

GEORGIAN CHAMBER PLAYERS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 3:00 PM, SANCTUARY

The Georgian Chamber Players was formed by principal players of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra in 1984 in order to perform masterpieces of the chamber repertoire with their Atlanta Symphony Orchestra colleagues and world-renowned guest instrumentalists. Featured works by Mendelssohn and Brahms, including Mendelssohn's concerto for piano, violin and strings in D minor.

SINGLE CONCERT TICKETS:

General Admission: \$20 in Advance/ \$25 Day of Concert
Seniors: \$10 in Advance/ \$15 Day of Concert
Students and Educators: FREE

TWO CONCERT DISCOUNT: (IN ADVANCE ONLY)

General Admission: \$30
Seniors: \$15

Advance tickets available at www.prumc.org/music



THE MANY MOODS OF CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 7:00 PM

SANCTUARY

PRUMC Chancel Choir, soloists, and orchestra

Scott Atchison, *conductor*

The PRUMC Chancel Choir, soloists and orchestra present their Christmas classic featuring Handel's Messiah, traditional Christmas hymns and moving new settings of familiar carols. This concert will open your hearts and souls to the miraculous story of Jesus' birth.

Tickets are complimentary but necessary for seating. Reserve tickets online at www.prumc.org/music or pick up tickets beginning Sunday, November 20, 2022. Childcare available for ages 4 and younger by reservation only. Reception sponsored by the PRUMC Friends of Music in Grace Hall following the concert.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE GEORGIA BOY CHOIR

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 & 17, 7:00 PM

SANCTUARY

David R. White, *conductor*

Ring in the holiday season with the internationally acclaimed Georgia Boy Choir! Come hear all five levels of the Georgia Boy Choir in this Atlanta tradition and PRUMC favorite. Choristers will perform sacred classics, Christmas carols, and well-loved holiday tunes. Don't forget Atlanta's largest performance of "The Twelve Days of Christmas", with all the audience participating!

Accompanied by a full orchestra and The Great Organ of Prumc, this Christmas tradition is sure to fill you and your family with cheer!

Tickets available at www.georgiaboychoir.org.





ORGAN RECITAL
QUENTIN DU VERDIER
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29
7:00 PM

First Prize winner at the inaugural Elizabeth B. Stephens International Organ Competition.

Quentin returns to Peachtree Road to showcase the incredible talent that awarded him first prize in this competition.

\$15 suggested concert donation

\$5 for students.



ELIZABETH B. STEPHENS
**INTERNATIONAL
ORGAN
COMPETITION**

THREE CHOIRS FESTIVAL
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 7:00 PM
SANCTUARY

Georgia State University Singers, Deanna Joseph, *conductor*

Emory University Concert Choir, Eric Nelson, *conductor*

Morehouse College Glee Club, David Morrow, *conductor*

Enjoy a collaborative, diverse and inspiring musical exchange from the premier ensembles of these prestigious university programs.

\$15 suggested concert donation,

\$5 for students.



GEORGIA BOY CHOIR FESTIVAL FINALE CONCERT
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 7:00 PM
SANCTUARY

David R. White, *conductor*

The Georgia Boy Choir Festival brings all five levels of the Georgia Boy Choir, various visiting choirs, and dozens of local singers to Peachtree Road for a weekend of beautiful music-making. The Festival concludes with The Georgia Boy Choir Festival Grand Finale Concert featuring the Georgia Boy Choir, plus performances by the various choirs attending and all the participants singing as one tremendous Festival Choir. Don't miss hearing these hundreds of young choristers from around the country as they celebrate their shared love of singing!

Tickets at www.georgiaboychoir.org





ATLANTA BAROQUE ORCHESTRA & KINNARA
FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 7:30 PM
THE MOORE CHAPEL

Julie Andreijeski, *Artistic Director & Concertmaster, ABO*

J.D. Burnett, *Artistic Director, Kinnara*

Two of Atlanta's finest professional chamber ensembles join forces to explore music from the Baroque for orchestra and chorus featuring works from Buxtehude, Bach and Zelenka.

For ticket availability and more information about these ensembles, visit kinnara.org and atlantabaroque.org.

CORO VOCATI
SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 3:00 PM
THE MOORE CHAPEL

Coro Vocati is an ensemble of professional singers with a mission to create music at the highest level of choral artistry. Under the leadership of choral conductor Dr. John Dickson, and in collaboration with pianist and organist Dr. Jonathan Crutchfield, the choir has established itself as one of the premier professional choral ensembles in the southeast.

With a repertoire spanning the breadth of choral literature, from early music and time-honored classics to new works, Coro Vocati's performances represent a diversity of musical styles and cultural backgrounds.

General Admission: \$15 in advance and day of concert, www.prumc.org/music

**PASSION OF THE CHRIST:
THE MUSICAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS
SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 7:00 PM
SANCTUARY**

Scott H. Atchison, *gallery organ*

Patrick Scott, *chancel organ*

John Lemley, *narration*

Schola, *antiphons*

Over the past decade, Peachtree Road has created a beautiful Lenten tradition through inspired improvisations and organ works played by two organists on the Church's two consoles of the Great Organ, reflective settings sung by PRUMC's Schola, and live readings of connective scripture. The Sanctuary is illuminated by the glow of hundreds of candles representing Christ's light in the world's darkness and inspire moments of reflection and contemplation for the listener.

\$15 suggested concert donation.

**CELEBRATING THE GREAT ORGAN
MIDDAY MUSIC IN MAY
EVERY WEDNESDAY BEGINNING AT 1:00 PM
SANCTUARY**

May 3: Matthew Brown, St. Luke's Episcopal Church

May 10: Käthe Wright Kaufman, Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church

May 17: Trey Clegg

May 24: Scott Atchison, Oliver Brett, Peachtree Road United Methodist Church

Enjoy anniversary-themed, 30-minute lunchtime organ recitals featuring the best of Atlanta's organists who will share in the celebration of The Great Organ of Peachtree Road.

Admission is free.

MIDDAY MUSIC IN MAY

ATLANTA SUMMER ORGAN FESTIVAL
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 7:30 PM
SANCTUARY

JEAN-BAPTISTE ROBIN

Jean-Baptiste Robin is regarded as one of the most prominent French concert organists and composers of today. With his appointment in 2010 as Organist of the Royal Chapel at the Palace of Versailles, he was secured a place in a long line of famous French organists, such as François Couperin, Louis Marchand, Louis-Claude Daquin, and Claude Balbastre. He also serves as Professor of Organ and Composition at the Conservatoire à Rayonnement Régional in Versailles.

The Atlanta Summer Organ Festival was established in 1995 to help increase classical music performances in the summer, and PRUMC joined as a host in 2002. To this day, the festival continues the tradition of offering a series of wonderful venues for both established and talented rising young organists.

\$15 suggested donation

Dessert reception follows.



ELIZABETH B. STEPHENS
INTERNATIONAL ORGAN COMPETITION
JUNE 17-19, 2024

The Music and Arts Program will host the second bi-annual Elizabeth B. Stephens International Organ Competition on June 17 – 19, 2024. It is designed to attract the very best young organists from around the world and will be centered on The Great Organ of the church. Six organists will be invited to Atlanta to compete for prize money totaling \$21,000. The competition will be judged by a jury of five of the world's finest performers. This competition was founded by the family of the late Elizabeth B. Stephens, who was a great supporter of the arts at PRUMC and throughout the city of Atlanta. For more information about the competition and Betty's legacy, visit www.prumc.org/organ-competition



ELIZABETH B. STEPHENS
INTERNATIONAL
ORGAN
COMPETITION

Dear Friends,

In 2014, Peachtree Road UMC launched a vital patron program called Friends of Music ("Friends") to support and nurture the excellent Music and Arts ministry for which the church is well known. Music plays a core role in the life of the Peachtree Road community, and Friend's Mission Statement reflects the goals we strive to achieve on a consistent basis. With the support of Friends of Music, Peachtree Road is able to continue our tradition of providing outstanding concerts and performances. We host world-renowned musical ensembles such as The Tallis Scholars, Chanticleer, and Kinnara in our concert series. Friends funds have also supported acquisitions and renovations of our magnificent instruments. Finally, we support our choirs in all they do—from leading worship to their musical pilgrimages around the world. Through our collective support, Music and Arts will continue to thrive at Peachtree Road for many more seasons to come.

J. Tyler ("Ty") Tippet

Chairman, Friends of Music

BECOME A FRIEND OF MUSIC

MISSION STATEMENT:

- offering the finest possible musical occasions in our annual concert series, including sponsoring concerts by nationally- and internationally-renowned ensembles
- expanding the understanding and value of music
- supporting the music ministry in all they do to help lead worship services in our great church
- financially supporting and facilitating these initiatives

Individual membership to FOM is open to all by donations. Every gift at every level is appreciated.

Membership levels are:

Angels – \$50-\$99
Archangels – 100-\$499
Principalities – \$500-\$999
Virtues – \$1,000-\$4,999
Dominions – \$5,000-\$9,999
Cherubim – \$10,000-\$24,999
Seraphim – \$25,000 +

For more information and to join Friends of Music, go to
www.prumc.org/music/friends-music
or email Ruth Sommerville at ruths@prumc.org.

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

SANCTUARY

4:30 pm Organ Recital

Brendan Connor

All Saints Episcopal Church

5:00 pm Choral Evensong

PRUMC Chancel Choir, Georgia Boy Choir

Music by by Harwood and Dyson

End the Lord's day with beautifully sung prayer by the Chancel Choir and Georgia Boy Choir. The marriage of music and text reminds us "to remember thy servants, Lord." Holy Communion will be celebrated during the service.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 5:30 PM

THE MOORE CHAPEL

PRUMC Choirs, Peachtree Carillon

Oliver Brett, *conductor*

The Chamber Singers, Doxology Youth Chorale, and Peachtree Carillon offer a service of Lessons and Carols, culminating in a candlelit procession to the sanctuary to sing beloved carols. Childcare available for ages 4 and younger by reservation only.

EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

SANCTUARY

12:00 pm - First Communion of Christmas

4:00 and 6:00 pm Family Candlelight Service and Pageant

8:00 pm* Festival of Lessons and Carols

10:30 pm* Festival Choral Eucharist

*The PRUMC Chancel Choirs with Brass

Music by Dirksen, Handel, and Todd





**ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 22, 7:00 PM
SANCTUARY**

The Imposition of Ashes
& Litany of Penitence
The PRUMC Chancel Choir &
Chamber Singers
Music by Wesley
Scott H. Atchison, *conductor*

**HOLY THURSDAY
APRIL 6, 7:00 PM
SANCTUARY**

Choral Eucharist
The PRUMC Chancel Choir
Music by Ola Gjeilo
Scott H. Atchison, *conductor*

**EASTER DAY
APRIL 9
SANCTUARY**

8:15, 9:45 & 11:15 am Easter
Worship
The Resurrection of the Lord
Music by Bairstow and Near
The PRUMC Chancel Choir
The Atlanta Brassworks
The Peachtree Carillon

MMXXIII
LITURGICAL HIGHLIGHTS



CHILDREN'S & Youth Choir Highlights

**GREAT TREE LIGHTING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022, 5:30 PM
SANCTUARY**

All members of the PRUMC youth and children's choirs present a glorious program of music for the lighting of the great Chrismon tree!



DOXOLOGY: *DISNEY REVUE*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023, 6PM

HARP STUDENT CENTER AUDITORIUM

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL: *ARE WE THERE YET?*

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023, 6:00 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023, 10:15 AM

HARP STUDENT CENTER AUDITORIUM

DOXOLOGY ALUMNI TOUR

NORTH GEORGIA MOUNTAINS

MAY 26 - 28, 2023

DOXOLOGY YOUTH CHOIR TOUR

SARASOTA, DISNEY WORLD

JUNE 2-9, 2023





Staff & Chairs

Bill Britt, senior minister

Scott H. Atchison, director of music & organist

Dr. Oliver G. Brett, associate organist & choirmaster

Ruth Sommerville, music administrator

Kathy Fletcher, director of children's & youth music

Tamara Witt, project manager, children's & youth music

J. Tyler ("Ty") Tippet, friends of music chair

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