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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

EXQUISITE MUSIC IN A DIVINE SPACE

2023 | 2024

CONCERT
SEASON



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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 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, Chanticleer and Kinnara. This year, we are excited to present the St. Thomas Choir of Men and Boys as our signature concert! An invitation to join our Friends of Music can be found in the back of 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.

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.

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.







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,

Bill Britt
Senior Minister

2023 | 2024 SEASON OVERVIEW

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THE MANY MOODS OF CHRISTMAS

SCOTT ATCHISON, CONDUCTOR

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THE AGO ATLANTA CHAPTER PRESENTS:

JASON ROBERTS

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EVERY WEDNESDAY BEGINNING AT 1:00 PM

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JUNE 17, 18, 19, 2024

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ORGAN COMPETITION

FOR ADMISSION AND TICKETING INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE
INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE DETAILS.

ALL CONCERTS ARE LIVE-STREAMED ON [PRUMC.ORG](https://prumc.org).



SIGNATURE CONCERT OF THE SEASON SPONSORED BY
THE PRUMC FRIENDS OF MUSIC

ST. THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 7:00 PM

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



Join us for an evening of beautiful music by Elgar, Byrd and Hancock, among many of the great composers whose music will be presented on this concert. The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys is considered by many to be the leading ensemble in the Anglican choral tradition in the United States. The choir performs regularly with the period instrument ensemble, Concert Royal, or with the Orchestra of St. Luke's as part of its own concert series. Its primary *raison d'être*, however, is to provide music for five choral services each week. Supplementing its choral services and concert series over the past three decades, the choir has toured throughout the U.S. and Europe. Their annual performance of Handel's *Messiah* is a beloved tradition.



Photo by Scott Heins



CHRISTMAS WITH THE GEORGIA BOY CHOIR

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 9, 7:00 PM

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

To learn about additional concerts and events, including
The Georgia Boy Choir International Festival Concert at Symphony Hall,
visit www.georgiaboychoir.org.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

A COMMUNITY CAROL SING!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 5:30 PM

OLIVER BRETT, CONDUCTOR

Join us for this community carol sing. We will join together with friends, neighbors and communities from across the city to sing together our favorite Christmas carols for all the family. We will finish by singing Silent Night with the sanctuary bathed in candlelight and the lights of our giant Chrismon tree. Join us for a reception following the concert where we can share our Christmas cheer! Admission is free.

Childcare available for ages 4 and younger by reservation only.

THE MANY MOODS OF CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 7:30 PM

PRUMC CHANCEL CHOIR, GEORGIA BOY CHOIR, SOLOISTS,
ORCHESTRA

SCOTT ATCHISON, CONDUCTOR

The PRUMC Chancel Choir, Georgia Boy Choir, soloists and orchestra present their Christmas classic. This year's program includes traditional Christmas hymns, new settings of familiar carols and the world premiere of the full orchestration of Randall Stroope's *Hodie*. Tickets are complimentary but necessary for seating. Reserve tickets online at www.prumc.org or pick up tickets beginning Sunday, November 19, 2023.

Reception sponsored by the PRUMC Friends of Music in Grace Hall following the concert.



THE AGO ATLANTA CHAPTER PRESENTS:

JASON ROBERTS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 7:30 PM

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

Improvisation Masterclass for AGO Members:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Open to the public

Join the Atlanta Chapter of the AGO for an evening of repertoire and improvisation by acclaimed organist Jason Roberts. The following morning, Mr. Roberts will share improvisation skills and tips with AGO chapter members in a masterclass. Both events are free and open to the public, with a freewill offering accepted at the concert.

Jason Roberts is Director of Music at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in New York City. He has also served at St. Bartholomew's Church in New York and at St. James's Episcopal Church in West Hartford, Connecticut. He is a winner of the American Guild of Organists National Competition in Organ Improvisation, and has been a finalist at competitions in St Albans and Haarlem. He has served on the faculty at Westminster Choir College, and his compositions have been performed at such various venues as Princeton University Chapel in New Jersey, Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, and Westminster Abbey in London.

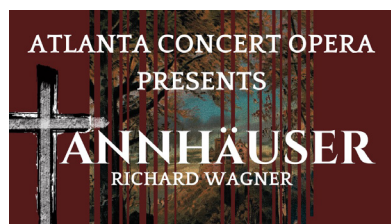


THE ATLANTA CONCERT OPERA

PRESENTS WAGNER'S *TANNHAUSER*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 7:00 PM



We are thrilled to host the Atlanta Concert Opera for the first time in our concert series! Telling the tale of the knight-poet Tannhäuser, the opera centers on the struggle between sacred and profane love, penitence, the struggle of a misunderstood artist, and redemption through love, a theme running through most of Richard Wagner's work.

Atlanta Concert Opera was founded in 2019 as an artist-focused, artist-led company hoping to serve singers, instrumentalists, and conductors in the Atlanta area. As an artist-centered institution, Atlanta Concert Opera hopes to enrich the local arts community by producing one mainstage concert opera with orchestra, ensuring the casting amplifies the experience of the singers and allows them to study common repertoire roles in a safe and nurturing environment.

Admission is free. Donations gladly accepted.

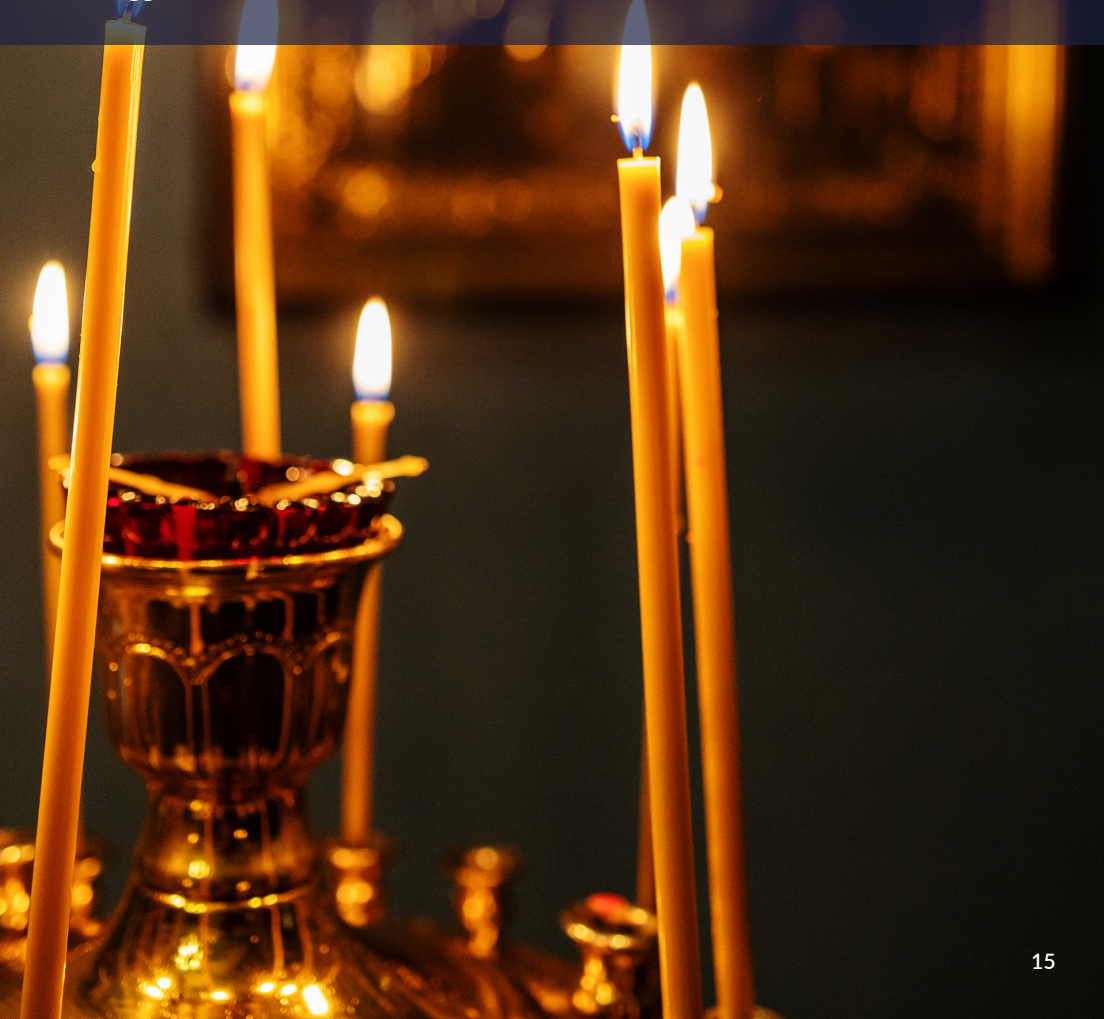
GABRIEL FAURÉ'S REQUIEM

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 7:00 PM

SCOTT ATCHISON, CONDUCTOR

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of Fauré's death, the renowned PRUMC Chancel Choir will offer his Requiem. He was one of the most influential of French composers, linking the end of Romanticism with the beginnings of the modern era. His Requiem and Pavane remain among the best-loved classical pieces. Fauré began composing his Requiem in 1887, revised and expanded it over the years, until its final version dating from 1901.

\$15 suggested concert donation.



PASSION OF THE CHRIST:

THE MUSICAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 7:00 PM

SCOTT H. ATCHISON, GALLERY ORGAN

PATRICK SCOTT, CHANCEL ORGAN

JOHN LEMLEY, NARRATION

SCHOLA, ANTIPHONS

PEACHTREE CARILLON

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.

THREE CHOIRS FESTIVAL

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 7:00 PM

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY SINGERS, DEANNA JOSEPH,
CONDUCTOR

EMORY UNIVERSITY CONCERT CHOIR, ERIC NELSON, CONDUCTOR

UGA HODGSON SINGERS, DANIEL BARA, CONDUCTOR

Now an annual concert series favorite, we present the premier ensembles of these prestigious University Programs. Enjoy a collaborative, diverse and inspiring musical exchange with these talented singers.

\$15 suggested concert donation/\$5 for students.



THREE
CHOIRS
FESTIVAL

CELEBRATING THE GREAT ORGAN

MIDDAY MUSIC IN MAY

EVERY WEDNESDAY BEGINNING AT 1:00 PM

May 1: Scott Atchison, Oliver Brett, Peachtree Road United Methodist Church

May 8: Ted Babbitt, Christ Church Episcopal, Macon, GA

May 15: Justin Maxey, All Saints' Episcopal Church, Atlanta, GA

May 22: Sean Vogt, Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, Atlanta, GA

Enjoy 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



KINNARA

PRESENTS *IMMORTAL BACH*

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 7:00 PM

J.D. BURNETT, CONDUCTOR

Celebrate Kinnara's Fifteenth Anniversary at Peachtree Road! As they embark on this momentous occasion, they take pride in honoring their rich history through captivating performances that have shaped them as an ensemble.

This special program pays tribute to the timeless works of J.S. Bach, and the lasting impact of his musical inheritance and legacy. Originally planned for March 2020, Kinnara is excited to finally bring this spectacular program to life. Experience the brilliance of Bach's fabulous cantata, "Jesu, Meine Freude," along side mesmerizing compositions by Monteverdi, Brahms, Distler, and Caroline Shaw. These masterpieces promise an unforgettable musical journey that transcends time and connects the past with the present.

Tickets at kinnara.org



KINNARA

ATLANTA SUMMER ORGAN FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 7:30 PM

JAMES O'DONNELL

Internationally recognized as a conductor, organist and teacher, James O'Donnell has performed all over the world. Following a distinguished 23-year tenure as Organist and Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey, Mr. O'Donnell now holds the post of Professor in the Practice of Organ at Yale School of Music and the Yale Institute of Sacred Music in New Haven CT, where he succeeds Thomas Murray as professor to graduate organ majors and other students in sacred music.



In his tenure at Westminster Abbey Mr. O'Donnell was responsible for all musical aspects of the Abbey's work, training and conducting the Abbey Choir in its daily choral services, recordings, concerts, and broadcasts and at the great national occasions for which the Abbey is known, including directing the music for the September 2022 State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

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 following





PEACHTREE ROAD
MUSIC
ACADEMY

Peachtree Road Music Academy is a place where you can pursue your musical aspirations at any age and level. Whether you strive to discover a new passion, or rekindle a former one, we offer a wonderful space of exploration for musical growth.

At Peachtree Road Music Academy, we offer:

- Expert instruction
- Affordable rates
- Attainable goals
- Encouraging environment

If you would like to further develop your musical skill, at any level, we warmly welcome you!

The Peachtree Road Music Academy offers music lessons to anyone of any age, both adults and children, on any instrument, including the voice. The academy will host an end of season recital on Sunday, April 28, 2024 at 4:00 pm to showcase the talents of all our students!

To find out more and to register, please visit our website at www.prmusicacademy.org



**"THE BEST TEACHERS TEACH FROM THE HEART,
NOT FROM THE BOOK." – ANONYMOUS**



ELIZABETH B. STEPHENS INTERNATIONAL ORGAN COMPETITION

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JUNE 17, 18, 19, 2024

The Music and Arts Program is excited to announce the second Elizabeth B. Stephens International Organ Competition taking place June 17-19, 2024. The competition is a biennial event designed to attract the very best young organists from around the world. The first competition in 2022 received over seventy applicants, twice as many as most other organ competitions here in the U.S. and abroad. Six finalists will once again 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: David Briggs (chair), David Coucheron, Isabelle Demers, Lynne Davis, and James O'Donnell.

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, the competition has garnered global acclaim. **The competition final round will take place on June 19, 2024. These performances are free and open to the public.**

For more information about the competition and Betty's legacy, visit www.prumc.org/organ-competition.

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

4:30 pm Sarah Hawbecker, Lutheran
Church of the Redeemer

5:00 pm Choral Evensong

PRUMC Chancel Choir, Georgia Boy Choir

Music by Sumsion and Stopford

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."

EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

11:15 am - Candlelight and
Communion Service

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 Choir with Brass
Music by Stroope and Rudolph



ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 14, 7:00 PM

The Imposition of Ashes & Litany of Penitence

The PRUMC Chancel Choir & Chamber Singers

Music by Wesley and Lassus
Scott H. Atchison, *conductor*

HOLY THURSDAY

MARCH 28, 7:00 PM

Choral Eucharist

The PRUMC Chamber Singers

Music by Fauré and Lotti
Scott H. Atchison, *conductor*

EASTER DAY

MARCH 31

8:15, 9:45 & 11:15 am

Easter Festival Worship

The Resurrection of the Lord

Music by Ešenvalds and Near

The PRUMC Chancel Choir

The Atlanta Brassworks

The Peachtree Carillon

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH CHOIR HIGHLIGHTS

THE GREAT TREE LIGHTING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023, 5:30 PM

KATHY FLETCHER, CONDUCTOR

On the first Sunday in Advent, PRUMC's children and youth choirs will present "Carriers of the Light", highlighting special music of the season and culminating in the lighting of the Chrismon tree. For all ages, this service is a wonderful opportunity to prepare for Jesus' birth together as a family. Hot cocoa and treats in Grace Hall following the program.





CHILDREN’S MUSICAL
SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024, 11 AM
HARP STUDENT CENTER AUDITORIUM
PROMISE UNIVERSITY

Celebrating precious promises from famous followers of the past 2000 years.

DOXOLOGY MOTHER’S DAY TOUR CONCERT
SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024, 10 AM
GRACE HALL

All are invited to enjoy the repertoire to be presented on Doxology’s annual choir tour.

DOXOLOGY YOUTH CHOIR TOUR
DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE
SAVANNAH AND HILTON HEAD
MAY 25-31, 2024



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 can continue our tradition of providing outstanding concerts and performances through several initiatives. We host world renowned musical ensembles such as The Tallis Scholars, Chanticleer, and Kinnara in our concert series.**

Your gift makes a difference! "Friends" funds have supported acquisitions and renovations of our magnificent instruments that ensure a high level of quality year after year. We also support our choirs in all they do—from leading worship to their musical pilgrimages around the world. Our initiatives have helped establish Peachtree Road as a destination venue for musical excellence in the Atlanta community. 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

PLEASE JOIN THE FRIENDS!

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 J. Tyler "Ty" Tippet at jtyler.tippet@gmail.com.

Staff & Chairs

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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

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