



EASTER DAY

THE RESURRECTION OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF MARCH
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR

March 31, 2024

Dear Peachtree Road Friends,

Our theme for the season of Lent has been “Rekindling the Fires of our Faith.” During these 40 days, we have considered those practices that contribute to spiritual growth and a deeper faith in Christ.

One of the characteristics of a deep faith is acknowledgement of the blessings of God in our lives and joyfully passing those blessings along to others. We do that by praying for one another, engaging in acts of kindness toward others in need, and giving of our financial resources to help others who are struggling. This year’s special Lenten Offering is designated to provide support for some of our ministry partners here in the Greater Atlanta community. This Easter Sunday, I want to encourage you to join in the effort to support these our partners as they work to transform the lives of others:

Agape Youth and Family Center

Atlanta Habitat for Humanity

Atlanta Mission

Atlanta Police Athletic League

BeLoved Atlanta

Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta

Breakthru House

City of Refuge

Covenant House Georgia

HopeWorks

Mountain Top Boys Home

PRUMC Restoration Prison Ministry

Trinity Community Ministries

Imagine, as a result of your gift, a child will have food to eat; a veteran struggling with addiction will find hope and help; a single parent trying to raise a family will have a place to call home; returning citizens will receive a job and life skills that will restore their self-esteem; and so much more.

Please join Wendie and me and give generously toward the Lenten Offering this Easter. If each of us gives a gift of at least \$100, our offering would exceed our goal of \$200,000! I hope you will step up and join us in supporting our vision of a better Atlanta. Please make your check payable to Peachtree Road UMC, mark it for “Lenten Offering,” and drop it in the offering plate, mail it to the church office, or give online through the church app or the website: www.prumc.org/give. Thank you for your generous support. Together, we are following Jesus as we offer healing and hope to others.

Grace and peace,



Bill Britt

Senior Minister

EASTER DAY

SERVICE OF FESTIVAL WORSHIP

EIGHT FIFTEEN, NINE FORTY-FIVE & ELEVEN FIFTEEN O' CLOCK



MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

THE CARILLON PRELUDE

Let the merry bells ring round

George F. Handel

(1685-1759)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Malcolm Archer

(b. 1952)

Sally Westmoreland, *carillonneur*

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

Toccata, Suite for Organ, Brass Quintet and Percussion

Craig Phillips

(b. 1961)

Oliver Brett, *organ*
The Atlanta Brassworks

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The People stand at the first note of the introduction and join the Choir in the following hymn.

AT THE GREAT PROCESSION, Hymn

Easter Hymn

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Al - le - lu - ia!
5. King of glo - ry, soul of bliss, Al - le - lu - ia!
6. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

5
Earth and heaven in cho - rus say, Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise to thee by both be given, Al - le - lu - ia!
Ev - er - last - ing life is this, Al - le - lu - ia!
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

9
Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
Thee we greet tri - um - phant now, Al - le - lu - ia!
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Al - le - lu - ia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

13
Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where's thy vic - tory, boast - ing grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
Hail the Res - ur - rec - tion, thou, Al - le - lu - ia!
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

Charles Wesley, 1739

The People standing, a Minister says

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

The Minister continues

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.

People ***Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."***

The people remain standing and join the choir in

THE GLORIA PATRI

Meineke

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

The People sit.

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CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Minister The Lord be with you,

People ***and also with you.***

Minister Let us pray.

Minister

The Pastoral Prayer

Minister and People

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.**

Then the Choir sings

The Gradual

Gerald Near
(b. 1942)

This is the day the Lord hath made: Let us rejoice and be glad therein. O give thanks to the
Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth forever.

Psalms 118:24

THE WORD OF GOD

The People stand at the first note of the introduction and join the Choir in the following hymn.

AT THE GOSPEL PROCESSION, Hymn

Unser Herrscher

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,
Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

All remain standing as the Cantor intones the Gospel Citation.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

ALLELUIA (*The people sing Alleluia with the Choir*)

Tone VI

Cantor Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.



A Minister reads the Gospel.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

John 20:1-18

After the Gospel, the Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Then the Alleluia is repeated.

The People sit for

THE SERMON

Christ is Risen

Rev. Bill Britt

Then, all standing, the People say

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

The People sit.

THE INVITATION TO GIVE

AT THE OFFERTORY

After the Minister begins the Offertory with a prayer, the Choir sings the anthem.

THE ANTHEM

Trinity Te Deum

Ēriks Ešenvalds
(b. 1977)

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting. To thee all angels cry aloud: the Heav'n's, and all the powers therein. To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry, Holy Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory. The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee. The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee. The noble army of martyrs praise thee. The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee; The Father of an infinite majesty; thine honourable, true and only Son; also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter. Thou art the King of Glory, thou art the King of Glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father. When thou took'st upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the Kingdom of Heav'n to all be believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge. We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy Saints in glory everlasting.

*Saint Ambrose (c. 337-397),
Saint Augustine (354-430)*

The Chancel Choir
The Atlanta Brassworks

The People stand and sing the following hymn while the offerings are presented.

Doxology with Alleluias

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thomas Ken, 1674, with Alleluias

The following hymn is sung

AT THE INVITATION, Hymn

Darwall's 148th

1. Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore; mor -
3. His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the
4. Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! Je - sus the Judge shall come, and

tals, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more. Lift up your
keys of earth and hell are to our Je - sus given. Lift up your
take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home. We soon shall

heart, lift up your voice; re - joi - ce; a - gain I say, re - joi - ce.
heart, lift up your voice; re - joi - ce; a - gain I say, re - joi - ce.
hear th'arch - an - gel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, re - joi - ce!

Charles Wesley (I Corinthians 15:51-52)

Then the Minister offers

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Then the Choir offers a response to the Charge

Hallelujah, Messiah

George F. Handel
(1685-1759)

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord
and of his Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever.
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, Hallelujah!

Revelation 19:6, 11:15, 19:16

The Chancel Choir
The Atlanta Brassworks

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata, Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor
(1844-1937)

Scott H. Atchison, *organ*
The Atlanta Brassworks

** Interval for seating.

† Respectfully turn off all pagers, cellular phones, and similar devices while in the Sanctuary.

WORSHIP LEADERS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

MORNING WORSHIP - 8:15 a.m., 9:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., SANCTUARY

PREACHING

Rev. Bill Britt, *Senior Minister*

LITURGISTS

Rev. Elizabeth Byrd, *Associate Minister*
Rev. Leslie Lyons Watkins, *Associate Minister*
Rev. Josh Miles, *Associate Minister*
Rev. Geoff Beakley, *Associate Minister*
Rev. Darren Hensley, *Deacon*

VERGERS

Rev. Julie Wright, *Associate Minister*
Beth Ahrenhold
Rev. Leslie Lyons Watkins, *Associate Minister*

MUSIC

Scott H. Atchison, *Director of Music and Organist*
Dr. Oliver G. Brett, *Associate Organist and Choirmaster*
The Chancel Choir
The Atlanta Brassworks
The Peachtree Carillon

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today! We are grateful for your presence during our Easter celebration. As we look forward to a new season at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church, we invite you to participate in our worship, program and service life here at the church. Our hope is to make a warm, caring community that you can call home.

Our **Sunday worship services** take place at 8:45, 10:00 and 11:15 am.
We also offer a Midweek service each Wednesday at noon.

Childcare is available in our Nursery for children ages 6 weeks to 2 years each Sunday.
We have **Sunday School** programs designed especially for children & youth.

Education for adults is held at 10:00 am each Sunday. Ambassadors are available to help you find a class or you may contact Rev. Elizabeth Byrd at elizabethb@prumc.org.

LET US KNOW YOU ARE WITH US

We are glad you are with us today! Please check in to help us keep in touch with our faith community. Sign in using the red pads in your pew, scan the QR codes here, or check in with one click on the PRUMC App. Thank you! We hope you will join us again in the coming weeks.

Guest Check-in



Member Check-in



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT

Joining the church - please contact Brittany Charron at brittanyc@prumc.org.

Outreach opportunities - please contact Beth Spencer at beths@prumc.org.

Joining a choir - please contact Scott Atchison at scotta@prumc.org.

Prayer ministry - please contact Rev. Josh Miles at joshm@prumc.org.

For more information on all of our ministries, visit prumc.org.

Learn about our **Preschool** at thepreschool.org, and our **Sports and Recreation** programs at prumcsports.org.

IF YOU ARE NEW

Tea with the Clergy

Sunday, **May 19**, 12:30 - 2:00 pm, Hospitality Suite
Get to know our church and ministers better at this casual afternoon gathering. Our clergy will answer questions, share their vision, and help you connect to areas of interest within the church. After conversation wraps up, those who wish to take the next step in membership may join in a brief chapel service. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Brittany Charron at brittanyc@prumc.org.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Baby Day is Sunday, April 7

On this special day, all babies born to church members between March 1, 2023 and February 28, 2024 will be honored at the 11:15 am worship service. If you have welcomed a new baby during these dates, please contact Natalie Bennett at natalieb@prumc.org.

Summer Camp Registration Now Open!

Sign up for summer camps now at prumc.org/events.

Family Mission Camp | June 10 - 12

For ages completed K through 5th grade & a parent

Vacation Bible School | June 17 - 20

For ages 4 (as of 9/1/24) - 5th grade

Drop-In Childcare

Weekdays, 9:15 am to 1:15 pm, Children's Building
Drop-In Childcare provides flexible art and faith-based care for children from four months through six years of age in a safe, loving environment while parents take a break. For more information, contact the Drop-In office at 404.240.8269 or drop-in@prumc.org.

Father-Child Camping Trip

April 27 & 28 with optional April 26 add-on, Camp Glisson
All fathers, kids, grandfathers and grandkids are invited to enjoy great fellowship with PRUMC and Cascade UMC in the North Georgia mountains. Equipment available. Sign up at prumc.org/events. For more information, contact Rev. Geoff Beakley at geoffb@prumc.org.

Youth & Families Mental Wellness Forum

Sunday, **April 28**, 10:00 am, Harp Center
We welcome guest speaker Dr. Nina Bass, Professor of Behavioral Science at Emory University School of Medicine. This event is open to all ages.

Family Mission Trip to Guatemala

December 27, 2024 to January 2, 2025

Join other PRUMC families to help locals build their own home from start to finish. There will also be opportunities to spend time with the children of Mimi's House orphanage. No experience required. Learn more at prumc.org/guatemala.

PRAYER

Prayer Ministry Volunteer Invitation

We are dedicated to supporting others in their time of need and bringing them God's grace and peace through the power of prayer. Prayer ministry volunteers share their time each week praying for those who have experienced loss, brokenness, and personal crisis. For more information, and to volunteer, please contact Rev. Josh Miles at 404.240.8270 or joshm@prumc.org.

EQUAL JUSTICE

Equal Justice Initiative Group Experience

April 26-27, Montgomery, AL

Come learn, discern, fellowship, and grow through this powerful shared experience with PRUMC and Cascade UMC. This immersive trip will include three important sites - The Legacy Museum, The National Memorial for Peace and Justice, and The Rosa Parks Museum. Details and registration at prumc.org/events. For more information, contact Rev. Josh Miles at joshm@prumc.org.

CENTENNIAL

Ascend! The Doves of Peachtree Road

In November of this year, Peachtree Road will present a once-in-a-lifetime experience to commemorate our centennial. Thousands of white, origami doves will ascend through the sacred space of our sanctuary. The doves will fly from November 2024 through June 2025 and there will be an opportunity to purchase them in honor or memory of someone beginning this April. We look forward to sharing this work of art with our congregation and community!

MUSIC & ARTS

Three Choirs Festival

Thursday, **April 4**, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Enjoy a collaborative, diverse and inspiring musical exchange with the talented singers of the Georgia State University Singers, Emory University Concert Choir, and UGA Hodgson Singers. \$15 suggested concert donation / \$5 for students.

Children's Choirs: Celebrating Promises Kept!

Saturday, **April 20**, 11:00 am, Harp Center Auditorium

Our children's choirs are excited to present their annual spring musical - Promise University! You will meet famous followers of Christianity and hear their stories. Please plan to join us. Admission is complimentary.

Elizabeth B. Stephens International Organ Competition

Save the Date: June 17 - 19, 2024

Organists from around the globe will compete and be judged by some of the world's finest performers.



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