



PEACHTREE ROAD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER
THE TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY *of* APRIL, 2024

EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN FIFTEEN O'CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

APRIL 28, 2024 . 8:45 AM & 11:15 AM

THE GATHERING

CARILLON PRELUDE

Sally Westmoreland

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on Easter Hymn

Healey Willan
(1880-1968)

THE GREETING

We welcome each of you to this service!
We pray that this time together will be a blessing in your life.

*† At the sound of the bells, please prepare
your hearts and minds for worship.*

THE CHORAL INTROIT

arr. Richard Proulx
(1937-2010)

Rise up in early morning; Sing of the risen Savior. Sing tidings of salvation with
alleluias ringing: *In cymbalis bene sonantibus.*

St. John Damascene
(676-749)

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

AT THE PROCESSION, *

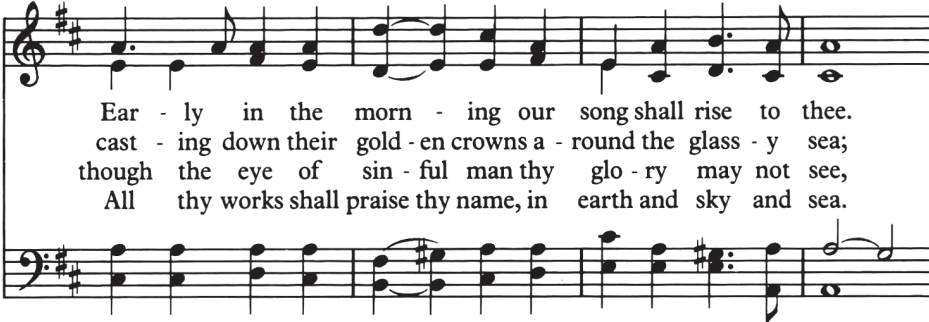
HYMN 64

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Nicaea



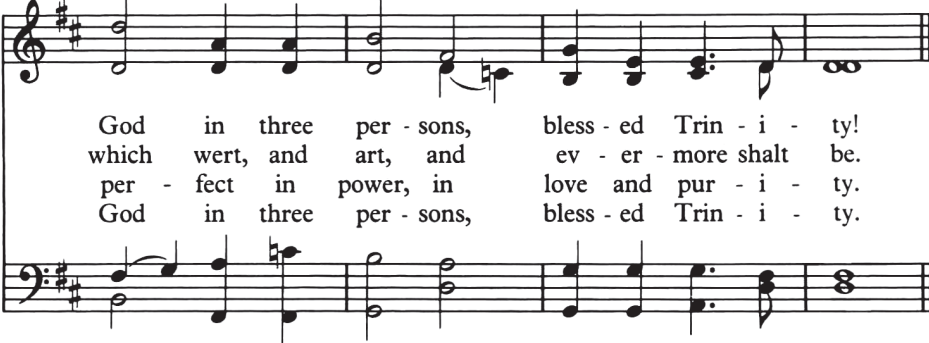
1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Reginald Heber, 1826

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *

Minister: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Minister and People: Gracious Lord, you have paved a path for us to follow - yet we often find ourselves lost. We confess that we have traveled roads outside of you. We are constantly tempted and tried by worldly matters that cause us to stray. Forgive us, Lord, and guide us back to you. Refresh us with your love that knows no bounds or conditions. Be our compass, and show us the way, the truth, and the life.

Minister: Hear the good news: Grace is the free gift of God that allows us to be renewed day by day. Believe in the Gospel. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI *

Charles 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.

**

† *The people are seated.*

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

AT THE OFFERTORY,

† An offering is collected to support the work of Peachtree Road United Methodist Church sharing God's love with the world. Please register your attendance on the Ritual of Christian Fellowship. Let us know if you are new, would like to become a member or are interested in more information about Peachtree Road.

PRAYER

ANTHEM

I sought the Lord

David Ashley White
(b. 1944)

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew he moved my soul to seek him, seeking me; it was not I that found, O Savior true, no, I was found of thee. O thy hand and mine enfold; I walked and sank not on the storm vexed sea; 'twas not so much that I on thee took hold, as thou, dear Lord, on me. I find, I walk, I love but oh, the whole of love is but my answer, Lord to thee; for wert long beforehand with my soul, always thou lovedst me.

Anonymous, 1878

The Chancel Choir

AT THE PRESENTATION *

HYMN 95

Tune: *Old Hundredth*

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

THE LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

† following the reading

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Nothing Can Prevent God's Grace

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *

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.

SENDING FORTH

HYMN 557*

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

(8:45 am)

Dennis

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our
3. We share each oth - er's woes, our mu - tual
4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us

Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of
ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our
bur - dens bear; and of - ten for each
in - ward pain; but we shall still be

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

Richard K. Avery, Donald S. March, 1972

GRADUATE RECOGNITION (11:15 AM)

BENEDICTION *

PEACE *

Minister: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

RESPONSE *

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever. Grant you peace; perfect peace, courage in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see His face and His grace forever. May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Choir and Congregation

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Allegro moderato, Concerto in A minor, BWV 593

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)
(after Vivaldi)

* Stand as you are able. ** Ushers will seat all those who are waiting.
Please turn off all mobile and electronic devices while in the Sanctuary.

The Flowers on the Altar are Given to the Glory of God

In Loving Memory of: C. L. Nikki Fain by the Benner Family.

In Celebration of the Wedding of: Samantha Heckman and Joseph Bowie.

Altar Flowers: *If you would like to make a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Linda Schutte at 770.329.2075.*

Preaching: Rev. Bill Britt, *Senior Minister*
Acts 8:26-40

Liturgists: Rev. Leslie Lyons Watkins, *Associate Minister*
Wesley Spargo, *Candler Intern*

Verger: Rev. Julie Wright, *Associate Minister*

Music: Scott Atchison, *Director of Music and Organist*
Dr. Oliver Brett, *Associate Organist and Choirmaster*
The Chancel Choir

For information on upcoming worship services please visit www.prumc.org.

WELCOME TO PEACHTREE ROAD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We are grateful for your presence in worship and we invite you to participate in our program and service life. Our hope is to make a warm, caring community that you can call home. For more information on our ministries, please visit prumc.org.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

TODAY

Graduate Recognition

Today, 11:15 service

Our high school seniors will announce their post-graduation plans in worship and enjoy refreshments afterward. Please see the back of today's bulletin for a list of our 2024 graduates!

Youth & Families Mental Wellness Forum

Today, 10:00 am, Harp Center

Dr. Nina Bass, Professor of Behavioral Science at Emory University School of Medicine will be our special guest speaker at this important event open to all ages.

UMKF Spring Grand Finale!

Today, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, meet in The Loft

3rd, 4th and 5th graders - join us to celebrate our final UMKF until next Fall! Enjoy a pizza dinner, a giant inflatable obstacle course, and fun games on the soccer field (weather permitting.) RSVP at prumc.org/events.

LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSIONS

Family Mission Trip to Guatemala

Join other PRUMC families to help locals build their own home December 27, 2024 to January 2, 2025. There will also be opportunities to spend time with the children of Mimi's House orphanage. Learn more and sign up by **today** at prumc.org/guatemala. For those joining us, we will have our **Family Mission Team Kick-off Meeting today** at 11:00 am. Contact Dawn Hawkins at dawnh@prumc.org.

Women's Mission Trip to Guatemala

January 29 - February 2, 2025

Registration opens **May 1** for women of all ages and stages. We will serve the children and families of Jesus de Santa Maria through light construction, feeding programs and children's crafts and games with the local orphanage and community. Learn more at prumc.org/guatemala.

Dogwood Shop Introduces The Sanctuary Candle

Sunday, **May 5**, Narthex

Our remaining Christmas Eve candles have been repurposed into beautiful poured candles whose sale will benefit **Local Outreach**. It's a wonderful way to bring the Light of Christ into the world again, and again.

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Music Sunday Fellowship Luncheon

Next Sunday, **May 5**, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Grace Hall

Join us for a delicious meal and warm fellowship with your church family. We will enjoy Chicken piccata, herbed rice pilaf, Italian green beans, and tiramisu. This meal is complimentary and we hope to see you there!

MUSIC & ARTS

Midday Music in May

Wednesdays, **May 1 - 22**, 1:00 pm, Sanctuary

Enjoy complimentary 30-minute lunchtime organ recitals featuring the best of Atlanta's organists! Our own **Scott Atchison** and **Oliver Brett** will kick off this annual series. Admission is free. Learn more at prumc.org/music.

Kinnara Presents: Immortal Bach

Friday, **May 3**, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

This special program pays tribute to the timeless works of J.S. Bach, and the lasting impact of his musical inheritance and legacy. Experience the brilliance of Bach and other master composers on this special evening. Tickets at kinnara.org.

Music Sunday Festival Worship

Sunday, **May 5**, 8:45 & 11:15 am, Sanctuary

We will honor our dedicated musicians and celebrate the contribution of music to our worship experience with all PRUMC choirs and festival brass.

Music Academy Spring Recital

Sunday, **May 5**, 4:00 pm, Moore Chapel

Everyone is welcome to attend the first annual Music Academy Spring Recital. Come hear our students of all ages showcase their talents and what they have learned at The Academy this year! Reception to follow.

Doxology Youth Choir Annual Mother's Day Concert

Sunday, **May 12**, 10:00 am, Grace Hall

Our youth singers have been refining their choir tour repertoire and are excited to present their program in a special preview concert. Please join us in support of our talented young musicians!

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. 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 & FAMILIES

Confirmation Preview

Sunday, **May 5**, 10:00 am, meet in The Loft
All 5th graders will meet PRUMC youth, confirmation leaders, and staff to hear about the exciting year ahead! We will enjoy a tour of the Harp Student Center and treats in the game room. Parents pick up at the Harp Center at 11:00 am.

Popsicles by the Playground

Sunday, **May 19**, 12:15 pm, PRUMC Playground Area
We invite your family to join us for a cool treat and fellowship as we celebrate summer!

Mission Camp

June 10-12, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm
Completed K through 5th grade and a parent will enjoy a special time serving others. We will have a game day at PAL with officers and campers, host HopeWorks for BINGO and brunch, and take food baskets to the Agape Ragtime residents. \$50 per family includes lunches and supplies for the agencies we serve. Register at prumc.org/events.

VBS - Camp Firelight!

June 17-20, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Ages 4 (as of 9/1/24) through 5th grade will explore timeless Bible stories showing how Old and New Testament "campers" accomplished great things by trusting God. We will learn ways to find God when we are called to do good work in the world! Register at prumc.org/events.

YOUTH & FAMILIES

Middle School Mission Trip to Frakes, KY

July 7-12, Grades 6-8 | Register by May 22
PRUMC youth mission trips are fun, meaningful and memorable. And your friends are always welcome to join us! Complete information and registration at prumc.org/events.

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Sundays, 5:00 - 7:30 pm, Harp Center
Join us for worship, a topic-based lesson, small groups, dinner, and fellowship. Friends are always welcome!

ADULTS

Seasoned Saints Wednesday Programs

Wednesdays, 1:00 pm, C106
Join us for fun, fellowship, and enriching midweek programs. On Bingo days, please bring a \$5 themed prize. RSVP to heatherch@prumc.org or 404.240.8302.

May 1 Bingo!

May 15 Officer Joel Middlebrooks, "Elder Abuse & Scams"

Day Trip to Calhoun Rock Garden

Tuesday, **May 21**, 9:30 am departure from Rollins Center
Connect to God in nature at this unique attraction filled with miniature stone cathedrals and native plants and flowers. Free (donations accepted) with self-pay lunch. RSVP to heatherch@prumc.org or 404.240.8302.

MEN

Men's Breakfast: "Understanding Your Values"

Friday, **May 10**, 7:00 - 8:00 am, Heritage Hall
PRUMC member Jim Eshleman will lead us through his personal journey of faith, the challenges he faced, and the path he is on to discern God's truth for his life. Please join us! RSVP at prumc.org/events. For more information, contact Rev. Geoff Beakley at geoffb@prumc.org.

PASTORAL CARE

To notify the clergy of a pastoral care concern, such as a birth, hospitalization, or death, visit prumc.org/pastoral-care for a submission form that immediately notifies select clergy and staff. You may also contact Rev. Josh Miles at joshm@prumc.org or 404.240.8270.

Movers and Shakers Parkinson's Support Group

Wednesday, **May 8**, 12:00 pm, B158
If you or someone you know has Parkinson's disease, join us for lunch, sharing and support. We meet the second Wednesday of each month. Contact Rosemary Josey at rosemary.josey@gmail.com.

MENTAL WELLNESS

NAMI Family-to-Family 8 Week Course

Sundays, **July 28 - September 22**, 2:00 - 4:30 pm
If you have family or friends with mental health challenges, NAMI provides a free course to cope and problem-solve. Save the date for our next series. For more information and to register, please contact Susan Thigpen at thigpensusan@gmail.com.

WORSHIP & GUILDS

Flower Guild Workshop

Saturday, **May 11**, 11:00 am, Narthex

All are invited to learn arranging tips, skills and perspectives from the talented members of the PRUMC Flower Guild. Elizabeth Reinhardt and Carolyn Hardwick will teach how to arrange flowers "in the round." RSVP to Bryn Daniel at bryn0148@gmail.com.

The 50th Anniversary of The Pastoral Counseling Service

Sunday, **May 19**, 11:15 am, Sanctuary

Join us in worship as we recognize the compassion, hope and healing that the professionals of the Pastoral Counseling Service have provided to us these past 50 years.

Founders Day - The Centennial Celebration Begins!

Sunday, **June 2**, 8:45 & 11:15 am, Sanctuary

THE CENTENNIAL

Happy 99th Birthday Peachtree Road!

Sunday, **June 2**, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, Grace Hall

Join us for a complimentary *Varsity* lunch and birthday cake to celebrate Peachtree Road's 99th birthday! On this memorable day, we will also kick off our year-long Centennial Celebration with special dedications throughout the campus. Save the date to join us and look for more details coming soon!

Ascend! The Doves of Peachtree Road

Thank you to all who shared the excitement and sponsored a Dove for this special Centennial project. Sponsorships will be available through early November, and acknowledgment cards will be available June 2, which may be given to honorees. To sponsor your Dove visit prumc.org/doves, or complete an order form found throughout the church.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Peachtree Road UMC is proud to recognize our high school seniors and commend them on their graduation. We are excited to stand beside them as they venture into this next step of life. Just as in baptism and confirmation, let us, as a congregation, promise to continue praying for our graduates as they continue their faith journey. Please join us in congratulating the Class of 2024!

Patrick Duggan Albar
Myers Allen
Portman Allen
Andrew Carlson Barman
Liza Barry
Lane Charles Canova
Hayes McLemore Carroll
Elizabeth Y. Carter
Michael Timothy Cook
Mary Dudley Cornett
Ane Phan Coy
Jack Cunningham
Charles Wesley Davidson III
Jackson B. Davis
James Walker Davis
Davis Simmons Dickson

Eloise Catherine Diffley
James Richard Edgecombe
Virginia Evans
Margaret French
Lucas Wells Gill
Darden Glass
Isabella Anne Gray
Joe Halliburton
Hines Trotter Harmon
Natalie Harris
Will Johnson
Miriam MacLeod Knox
Elise Kathryn Kuzniak
Anna Elizabeth Lewand
Thomas Everett Maiellaro
JD Maske

Luke Hasen McCullough
Whit McGrotty
Maddie McMullan
William McMullan
Teddy Grover Meredith
Celia Morton
Tyler Muirhead
Katie Nicholson
Noah Ottinger
Luke Ashi Parikh
Harper Pemberton
Kate Ponder
Gibbs Bradley Pope
Sarah Brevard Proctor
Kathryn Kinnett Roche
Helen Darby Sands

Noelle Lynda Sgrosso
Elizabeth Hopkinson Smith
Holly Bond Smith
Walker Smith
Katherine Callaway Stembridge
Anna Fletcher Stewart
Cecily Catherine Sullivan
Gibson Ragsdale Thompson
Charles M. Tobias
Christiana Tomaras
Maggie Tucker
Abigail Grace Weeden
Elizabeth Dearing Weymouth
Josephine Williams

ATTENDANCE

We are glad you are with us today! Please check in to help us keep in touch with our faith community. You can sign in using the red pads in your pew, scan the QR codes here, or check in with one click on the PRUMC App.

Guest Check-in



Member Check-in



ONLINE GIVING

You may give securely any time on the PRUMC App, or at prumc.org/give. Scan this QR code with your smart phone camera to be directed to our giving web page. There, you can easily complete your contribution. Thank you!

