



PEACHTREE ROAD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
THE SIXTEENTH DAY *of* MARCH, 2025

EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN FIFTEEN O'CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

MARCH 16, 2025 . 8:45 AM & 11:15 AM

THE GATHERING

CARILLON PRELUDE

Sally Westmoreland

OPENING VOLUNTARY

There Is a Spirit that Delights to Do No Evil, A Quaker Reader

Ned Rorem
(1923-2022)

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 CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Temptation is a universal threat to Christian commitment. Even Jesus was tempted to compromise his faith.

People: But Jesus was the Son of God with special powers to resist temptation.

Minister: Not really. We have the same support available to us that Jesus had when he was tempted.

People: Here we seek help to put God's Word in our hearts to strengthen us in times of temptation.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

AT THE PROCESSION, *

HYMN 127

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM Rhondda

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might-y; hold me with thy
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
fears sub-side; death of death and hell's de-struc-tion, land me safe on

power-ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, feed me
jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer, be thou
Ca-naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will

till I want no more; (want no more) feed me till I want no more.
still my strength and shield; (strength and shield) be thou still my strength and shield.
ev - er give to thee; (give to thee) I will ev - er give to thee.

William Williams, 1745

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *

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

Minister and People: Most merciful God, whose Son Jesus Christ was tempted yet did not sin, we confess that we have been tempted, and we have sinned. We have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; and we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith. Have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such love and trust that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will.

Cantor: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

THE RESPONSE *

HYMN 482

Lord, have mercy.

Kriewald Kyrie

† *Each section is first sung by the cantor, then repeated by the choir and congregation.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE *

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† *The people are seated.*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Be Still and Know

Victor C. Johnson
(b. 1978)

Be still and know that I am God. He will comfort you, keep and strengthen you. In your time of tribulation, He will give you strength. In your moments of loneliness, He will bring you peace.

Doxology Youth Chorale

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (11:15 AM)

RESPONSE: With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that this child (*these children*), surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

Tune: *Stuttgart*

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign; with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS WITH THE MINISTER

HYMN 147

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Royal Oak

(stanza one)

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.

Refrain

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

(hum)

We a - dore you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

† Please join the choir in singing the response.

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

Pilgrims' Hymn

Stephen Paulus
(1949-2015)

Even before we call on Your name to ask you, O God, when we seek for the words to glorify You, You hear our prayer; unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Even with the darkness sealing us in, we breathe your name, and through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in You; endless Your grace, O endless Your grace, beyond all mortal dream. Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages, Amen.

Michael Dennis Browne
(b. 1940)

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

Romans 3: 21-27

† *following the reading:*

Minister: This is the gospel of salvation to everyone who has faith!

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Way of Salvation: The Line Between Good and Evil

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 402*

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Afro American Spiritual

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart,
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart,
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart,
 4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart,

in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian
 in my heart; Lord, I want to be more lov - ing
 in my heart; Lord, I want to be more ho - ly
 in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Je - sus

in my heart. In my heart, (in my heart) (in my heart)

in my heart, (in my heart) Lord, I want to

be a Chris-tian in my heart. (in my heart)
 be more lov - ing in my heart. (in my heart)
 be more ho - ly in my heart. (in my heart)
 be like Je - sus in my heart. (in my heart)

BENEDICTION *

PEACE *

Minister: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

RESPONSE *

Tune: Hamburg

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest
gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Choir and Congregation

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot, BWV 679

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

* 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.

Please Welcome to our Church Community These Children Being Baptized Today: Russell Lee
Telep, born September 22, 2024, son of Laura Beth and Matthew Telep.

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

In Loving Memory of: Richard E. Conway in honor of his birthday by his wife, Barbara, and family.

In Loving Memory of: Fredda Peele by her daughters, Peggy Peele, Laura Youmans and Mary
Katherine Peele.

In Loving Memory of: parents; Glen and Jean McAdams, Bill and Charlotte Thigpen; and sister
Carol Marie Thigpen, by Susan and Bill Thigpen.

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. Josh Miles, *Associate Minister*
Romans 3: 21-27

Liturgists: Rev. Elizabeth Byrd, *Associate Minister*
Rev. Darren Hensley, *Deacon*

Verger: Jennifer Evans

Music: Jonathan Easter, *Guest Conductor and Organist*
Kathy Fletcher, *Director of Youth and Children's Music*
Dr. Robin Hensley, *Assistant Organist*
The Chancel Choir
Doxology Youth Chorale

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

WELCOME TO PEACHTREE ROAD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



MARCH 16, 2025

TODAY

Women's Centennial Fashion Show

Today, 5:00 pm, Grace Hall

Join us to experience a century of style! Enjoy a lively runway presentation, light refreshments, and a chance to celebrate PRUMC's centennial through the decades! Fabulous looks will be modeled by members and accompanied by music of the era. Don't miss this unique celebration of history, culture, and community spirit. It's not too late to join us! \$15/person, or \$100/table of 8. RSVP at prumc.org/events.

Pre-order Botanical Crosses

Today, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm, Dogwood Shop

Prepare your home for Easter with beautiful, botanical crosses handmade by a local gardener. Crosses will be made to order, crafted from fresh greenery. Place your order in the Dogwood Shop today, or call us at 404.240.8282 to pre-order. Pick up crosses in the shop on Sunday, March 30.

IF YOU ARE NEW

Tea with the Clergy

Sunday, **March 23**, 12:30 pm, Hospitality Suite

Get to know our church and ministers better at this casual afternoon gathering. Rev. Bill Britt and our clergy team 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 service. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Brittany Charron at brittanyc@prumc.org.

Take a Tour of Peachtree Road

Sunday, **March 30**, 10:00 am, Heritage Hall

Whether you are new or still trying to find your way around, you are invited to join us for a tour of the campus and a brief overview of the ministries and offerings at Peachtree Road. For more information, please contact Brittany Charron at brittanyc@prumc.org.

WORSHIP

Midweek Worship & Reunion: Old Friends, New Insights

Wednesdays, **Now - April 9**, 12:00 pm, Moore Chapel

During Lent, familiar faces will return to share the Word each week, offering wisdom and inspiration in this holy season. Join us every Wednesday to hear new insight from old friends starting this week!

Mar 19 - Rev. Phil Schroeder **Apr 2** - Rev. Thomas Martin

Mar 26 - Rev. Beth Sanders **Apr 9** - Rev. Carolyn Stephens

LENTEN EMPHASIS

Churchwide Lenten Study of *Romans*

Wednesdays, **Now - April 16**, 6:30 pm, Grace Hall

Join our churchwide Bible study on *Romans*, one of the most powerful works in the New Testament. *Romans* explores themes of grace, faith, and transformation and challenges us to realign our lives to God's purpose. Together, we will deepen our faith, strengthen our community, and strive to live into the vision God has for us. Details, registration and livestream at prumc.org/romans.

Lenten Worship Series: The Way of Salvation

Sundays, **Now - April 13**, 8:45, 10:00, and 11:15 am

From the struggle with sin to the assurance of God's unshakable love, the book of *Romans* lays out the path of salvation with clarity and conviction. This Lenten series will challenge us to live faithfully and reflect the character of Christ in our daily lives. Join us each Sunday in Lent to learn what it means to walk in the way of salvation.

Daily Scripture and Prayers for Lent

We will focus our daily readings and prayers on the book of *Romans* this Lent. If you would like to receive a daily email with prayers based on Lenten scripture readings, please visit prumc.org/prayer to subscribe to our email list.

CHILDREN & PARENTS

Moms Group: Help Me, God, I'm a Parent

Wednesdays, **March 19 - April 23**, 9:15 - 10:30 am

Moms of preschoolers are invited to join us for a 6-week journey through Bunmi Laditan's book *Help Me, God, I'm a Parent*. We will gather each week to share our experiences, struggles, and blessings as moms. Sign up at prumc.org/events. Questions? Contact Emily Miles at emilym@prumc.org.

UMKF - St. Patrick's Season of Service Night

Sunday, **March 23**, 4:00 - 6:30 pm, The Loft

3rd - 5th graders - Bring a cheerful heart and come uplift our community by helping those in need. We will be preparing hygiene kits and sack lunches, along with enjoying some fun St. Patrick's Day activities! RSVP at prumc.org/events.

Third - Fifth Grade Lenten Bible Study

Sundays, **Now - April 13**, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm, The Loft

3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will explore the significance of Lent and Easter. Through interactive lessons, discussions, and activities, they will reflect on themes of sacrifice, forgiveness, and hope. Details and registration at prumc.org/events.

Baby Day

Sunday, **April 6**, 10:45 am, Hospitality Suite

On this special day, all babies born to church members between March 1, 2024 and February 28, 2025 will be honored at the 11:15 am worship service. If you have welcomed a new baby during these dates and have not yet shared the happy news with the church, please contact Natalie Korsch at nataliek@prumc.org. Immediately after the presentation of babies in worship, join us in Grace Hall for a complimentary brunch and program. RSVP at prumc.org/events. We look forward to celebrating with you!

VBS "Egypt": New Extended Day Option!

June 9 - 12, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Children's Building

Kids four (as of 9/1/2024) through fifth grade will learn about dreams, forgiveness, God's plan, and ancient Egypt through exciting games, crafts, and lessons! An optional extended day runs from 12:00 - 3:00 pm with lunchtime, movie time, and playtime! Register at prumc.org/events.

YOUTH

High School Summer Mission Trip to Belize

High schoolers (current 9th-12th graders) are invited to join our mission trip to Corozal, Belize, **June 15-22, 2025**. We will serve alongside Praying Pelicans and communities we have partnered with in past years. Scholarships and payment plans are available. For more information and to sign up, contact Ryan Holder at ryanh@prumc.org.

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Happy Hour

Saturday, **March 22**, 5:30 pm, Blue Top Restaurant

Come enjoy the spring weather with good friends and live music on the patio! RSVP to Rev. Geoff Beakley at geoffb@prumc.org.

ADULTS

Adult Season of Service Project

Wednesday, **March 19**, 1:00 pm, C106

Help us pack gift bags for Hopeworks and Hollis Academy. RSVP to Heather Holdridge heatherch@prumc.org.

Adult Info Session: Avoiding Scams!

Wednesday, **March 26**, 1:00 pm, C106

Join us for an informative session with expert Darby Tracey to learn how to protect yourself and loved ones from the growing threat of scams. Scammers are getting savvier and using public information and AI to feign legitimacy. Build up your defenses at this important session for all adults, caregivers, and anyone interested. RSVP to Heather Holdridge heatherch@prumc.org.

WOMEN

Women's Spiritual Retreat

Saturday, **March 29**, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Hospitality Suite

Pause, reflect, and refresh your spirit with God's guidance at our women's half-day retreat of prayer and discernment. Facilitator Betsy Orr has led Bible studies for over 30 years and is part of a team creating a faith-centered GA district with a church, retreat center and working farm. All women welcome; lunch provided. RSVP at prumc.org/events.

MEN

Men's Happy Hour

Wednesday, **April 2** 5:30 pm, Round Trip Brewing

Join the men of PRUMC at Round Trip Brewery for a great evening out! Food vendors will be on site and trivia will allow you to show off your intellectual prowess. Come enjoy a beverage with men from the church. For more information, contact Rev. Geoff Beakley at geoffb@prumc.org.

Men's Small Group Bible Studies

All men are invited to join one of our five weekly Bible study groups. In our small groups, we read the Bible together, attempt to discern God's truth, and determine how to apply it to our lives. Our discussions help us grow closer to God and encourage us in our faith. For more information, visit prumc.org/men.

THE DOGWOOD SHOP

Mary Carpenter Burdette Trunk Show

Sunday, **March 23**, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm, The Dogwood Shop
Join beloved PRUMC member and the creative force behind *Love, Louise Designs*, for a trunk show – just in time for spring! Mary Carpenter Burdette's vibrant and expressive paintings burst with color and verve. Experience her artwork firsthand and enjoy her delightful spirit at this special show.

GLOBAL OUTREACH & RELIEF

Rolling Luggage Donations

Spring Cleaning? As you clear the clutter from your home, please set aside any rolling luggage you were planning to donate and bring to the church instead. Our mission teams take used luggage on trips to help with supplies. Afterward, they often donate the luggage to our partners on the ground to help in their ministries. Please drop off luggage at the church office (Rollins Center).

Disaster Relief Interest

If you are interested in helping with long-term Disaster Relief, please reach out to Cristin Kirbo, Director of Global Outreach and Disaster Relief, at cristink@prumc.org to get involved!

LOCAL OUTREACH

The Season of Service

This season, we come together to serve others as the body of Christ. Join us this Lent to make a big impact in a million small ways. We have outreach opportunities for all ages and stages that will make this time meaningful for you and those you help. Details and registration at prumc.org/events.

The Lenten Offering

Through our Lenten Offering, we provide vital support to local outreach agencies on the front lines of care. 100% of your gift goes directly to organizations that provide relief resources and create lasting change in Atlanta. To make your gift to the Lenten Offering, visit www.prumc.org/give.

MUSIC & ARTS

Children's Choir Musical: Oh, Jonah!

Saturday, **March 29**, 11:00 am, Harp Center
A stubborn man, a firm God, a scene-stealing whale, and a Greek Chorus of rhyming lesson teachers – what could go wrong (or be funnier)? *Oh, Jonah!* is the latest musical from our wonderful PRUMC children's choirs. They've been working hard and can't wait to show it to you! Complimentary.

Three Choirs Festival

Thursday, **March 27**, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary
Enjoy a collaborative, diverse, and inspiring music exchange featuring the choral programs from Georgia State University, Emory University, and the UGA Hodgson Singers. Reception sponsored by the PRUMC Friends of Music following the concert. \$15/\$5 suggested donation.

RACIAL JUSTICE

Birmingham Civil Rights Experience

Saturday, **April 26**, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Cascade UMC and Peachtree Road UMC invite you to a powerful group experience to learn, discern, fellowship, and grow together. We will travel by charter bus to visit the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, the 16th Street Baptist Church, and Kelly Ingram Park. This trip offers an opportunity for reflection, unity, and reconciliation. Space is limited to 52 participants. \$50/person includes tours and catered lunch. Register at prumc.org/events.

CENTENNIAL EVENTS

Sanctuary Dove Tours

Wednesdays, 11:15 am | **Select Sundays**, 12:45 pm, Sanctuary
Our 45-minute docent-led tour will give you a unique, insider perspective into our extraordinary Dove exhibit. Reserve your spot at prumc.org/doves. For more information, contact Brittany Charron at brittanyc@prumc.org.

Save the Date for 100 Years of Music Making

Sunday, **May 4**, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary
The Music and Arts Program will celebrate our centennial with beloved pieces that honor the rich history, artistic excellence and legacy of Music and Arts at Peachtree Road.

To make a secure online gift, scan this QR code with your smartphone camera to be directed to our giving web page. There, you can easily complete your contribution. Thank you!

