



EASTER DAY

THE RESURRECTION OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

THE TWENTIETH DAY OF APRIL
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

April 20, 2025

Dear Peachtree Road Friends,

Our theme for the season of Lent has been “The Way of Salvation.” During these 40 days, we have been reflecting upon Paul’s letter to the church in Rome and his teaching on the problem of sin, God’s provision of grace, and our response to that grace. I hope this emphasis has helped you grow deeper in your faith in Christ.

One of the characteristics of a deep faith is a sense of gratitude – gratitude for God’s blessings upon us and gratitude for the opportunity to share those blessings with others. This year’s special Lenten Offering is designated to provide us with an opportunity to express our gratitude in a tangible way by supporting 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

Hollis Innovation STEM Academy

HopeWorks

Mountain Top Boys Home

PRUMC Restoration Prison Ministry

Trinity Community Ministry

Imagine with me for a moment. 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

New World Fanfare (World Premiere)

Z. Randall Stroope

(b. 1953)

Jonathan Easter, *organ*
The Atlanta Brassworks

† *Commissioned by Warren T. Kennett II for Peachtree Road United Methodist Church and Scott Atchison, Director of Music, for the church's Centennial Celebration.*

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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The People sit.

**

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.

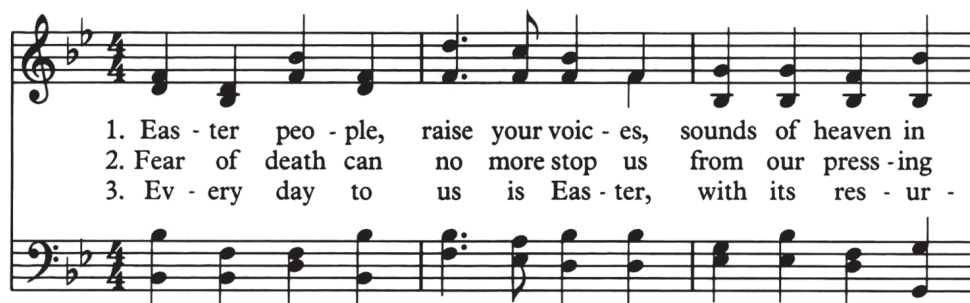
Psalms 118:24

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

Regent Square



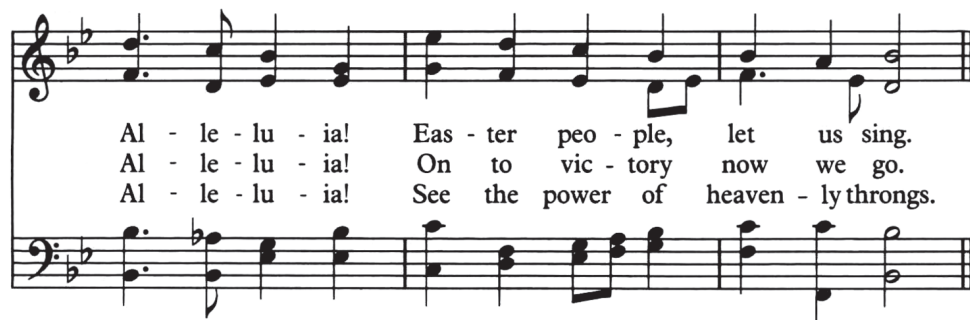
1. Eas - ter peo - ple, raise your voic - es, sounds of heaven in
2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our press - ing
3. Ev - ery day to us is Eas - ter, with its res - ur -



earth should ring. Christ has brought us heav - en's choic - es;
here be - low. For our Lord em - pow - ered us to
rec - tion song. When in trou - ble move the fast - er



heaven - ly mu - sic, let it ring. Al - le - lu - ia!
tri - umph o - ver ev - ery foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
to our God who rights the wrong. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter peo - ple, let us sing.
Al - le - lu - ia! On to vic - tory now we go.
Al - le - lu - ia! See the power of heaven - ly throngs.

William M. James, 1979

All remain standing as the Cantor intones the Gospel Citation.

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

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

Tone VI

Cantor Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.



A Minister reads the Gospel.

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Matthew 28:1-10

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

Earth-Quaking News

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

Rise heart, the Lord is risen (World Premiere)

Z. Randall Stroope

Rise heart; the Lord is risen! Sing praise without delay. Alleluia! Christ, the fire of life impassion'd,
source of wisdom's treasure, and love of joys unknown. So you on that day may rise. *Christus
vincit! Christus regnat! Christus imperat! Exaudi Christe!* Come peaceful dove, sweet Easter dove,
above earth's storm, above earth's strife. O dove, sing of the joy of Eastertide, of light and hope,
of hope and life.

George Herbert (b. 1593)

8th century hymn

Henrietta Cordelia Ray (b. 1852)

The Chancel Choir
The Atlanta Brassworks

*† Commissioned by Warren T. Kennett II for the Peachtree Road Chancel Choir and Scott Atchison, Director of
Music, for the church's Centennial Celebration.*

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

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. Karen Webster Parks, *Executive Pastor*
Rev. Darren Hensley, *Deacon*

VERGERS

Rev. Leslie Lyons Watkins, *Associate Minister*
Rev. Emily Miles, *Associate Minister and Director of Mental Wellness*
Linus Djokoto

MUSIC

Scott H. Atchison, *Director of Music and Organist*
Jonathan Easter, *Guest Organist*
The Chancel Choir
The Atlanta Brassworks
The Peachtree Carillon

WELCOME

Thank you for worshiping 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.

LOCAL OUTREACH

The PRUMC Lenten Offering

When we give to the PRUMC Lenten Offering, we answer Christ's call to care for the most vulnerable among us. 100% of your gift goes directly to local outreach agencies that are on the front lines of care — offering food to the hungry, shelter to the homeless, hope to the struggling, and pathways to a brighter future. These vetted and established organizations create positive, lasting change in Atlanta. Together, we can build a community where love, dignity, and hope shine brightly for all. Make your gift at prumc.org/give.

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 404.240.8270 or joshm@prumc.org.

PRAYER

Prayer Ministry Volunteer Invitation

Support others in their time of need and bring 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.

ONE LAMB MENTAL WELLNESS

Mindfulness and Meditation 101

Wednesdays, **May 7 - 28**, 12:45-1:45 pm, C208

Join Rev. Emily Miles for a 4-week introduction to mindfulness and meditation. Learn simple practices—like seated and walking meditation, yoga, and mindful eating—to reduce stress, grow in awareness, and deepen your connection with God and self. Register at prumc.org/events.

Mental Health Awareness Lunch & Learn Series

Thursdays, **May 1 - 22**, 12:00 pm, Zoom

In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, join us for a series of four online Lunch & Learns! Each session will cover a different mental wellness topic presented by a clinical professional. Topics and speakers will be announced soon. Check back for updated information, or contact Rev. Emily Miles at emilym@prumc.org.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

Celebrate the Joy! 100 Years of Music Making

Sunday, **May 4**, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Join us for a program of beloved music that honors the rich history, artistic excellence, and legacy of Music and Arts at Peachtree Road. The program will feature selected favorite anthems and hymns, and one of the many highlights will be the world premiere of Philip Stopford's new work, *Behold The Tabernacle of God*, commissioned in honor of our church's centennial. Music will be presented by the PRUMC Chancel Choir, the Georgia Boy Choir, Doxology Youth Choir, and Orchestra with Scott Atchison, Conductor, and John Lemley, Master of Ceremonies. \$15 suggested donation.

Commemorative Worship with Bishop Robin Dease

Sunday, **June 1**, 8:45 and 11:15 am, Sanctuary

We are honored that the final worship service of the Centennial year will be led by Bishop Robin Dease. On this day, we will reflect on our rich history, give thanks, and anticipate our bright future.

Centennial Finale Celebration!

Saturday, **June 7**, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, Peachtree Road UMC

Join us for a warm and wonderful evening of Southern charm as we celebrate 100 years of faith, fellowship, and our shared future. This special night will be filled with live music, laughter with comedian Ellen Skrmetti, posh picnic fare, birthday cake for all, stories and songs, activities just for kids, and a century of blessings. Save the date! RSVP details coming soon to prumc.org/events.

DOVES OF PEACHTREE ROAD

Dove Sponsorships - Add Your Name to the Legacy

We are pleased to announce that all Dove Sponsors and Honorees will be listed in the June 1 Centennial Commemorative Bulletin. This includes all previously submitted sponsorships to date, as well as any completed **by April 27**. (Sponsorships received after April 27 are still welcome, but names will not appear in the bulletin.) To sponsor a dove, visit prumc.org/doves or contact Heather Holdridge at heatherch@prumc.org. Sponsors may choose to keep their dove after the installation. Thank you for supporting this beautiful centennial tribute!

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.

CHILDREN & PARENTS

UMKF Finale

Sunday, **April 27**, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, The Loft

3rd, 4th, and 5th graders - join us for a fun-filled night with an inflatable obstacle course to wrap up an awesome year! RSVP at prumc.org/events.

Save the Date to Hear ESPN's Laura Rutledge!

Wednesday, **May 21**, 2025

Journalist, mom, and PRUMC member Laura Rutledge—featured on SEC Nation and NFL Live—will share how she balances a high-profile career, family life, and faith. Details and RSVP coming soon to prumc.org/events.

YOUTH

Senior Recognition Sunday

On **April 27** at the 11:15 am service, PRUMC high school seniors will announce their post-graduation plans in worship and enjoy refreshments afterward.

Middle School Discovery Week

Our middle schoolers will dive into a week of service, worship, and fun right here in Atlanta **July 13-17**. We will serve at SafeHouse and Square Foot Ministry, then play hard with a silent disco, 9-square tournaments, a Six Flags day, and a pool party! Contact Ryan Holder at ryanh@prumc.org.

PASTORAL COUNSELING

The **Pastoral Counseling Service (PCS)** confidentially offers professional counseling and pastoral care to individuals, couples, and families. Our professional counselors are academically trained and clinically licensed by the State of Georgia. We are experienced in navigating life's challenges and are committed to helping clients do the same. You may make an appointment with Ron Greer or Andrea Dewalt by contacting Heather Hart at 404.240.8219.

ADULTS

Seasoned Saints Enrichment Programs

Wednesdays, 1:00 pm, C106

Join us for fun, fellowship, and enriching midweek programs. RSVP to Heather C. Holdridge at heatherch@prumc.org or 404.240.8302.

Apr 30 Care for the Caregiver - learn best practices for self-care as we care for others. Sponsored by One Lamb Initiative for Mental Wellness.

Submit Veteran Photos for Celebration of Freedom

We will honor our veterans at this year's Celebration of Freedom lunch with a slideshow on the big screen. Please submit photos of PRUMC Veterans in uniform with name, branch, rank, dates of service, and description of the photograph being submitted. Email photos to Heather Holdridge at heatherch@prumc.org by **June 8**. You may also bring photos by the office for us to digitize if needed.

ADULT EDUCATION

Disciple Bible Study Retreat with Dr. Joel LeMon

Saturday, **May 3**, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Grace Hall

If you've taken Disciple Bible Study, you know the power of scripture in community. This spring, gather with fellow participants for a special retreat led by Dr. Joel LeMon—esteemed professor and biblical scholar. Reconnect with The Word, renew your spirit, and enjoy meaningful fellowship. Register at prumc.org/events.

GLOBAL MISSIONS & RELIEF

Disaster Relief Interest

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

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!





PEACHTREE ROAD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3180 PEACHTREE ROAD, NE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30305

404.266.2373 | WWW.PRUMC.ORG