



PEACHTREE ROAD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
THE THIRTIETH DAY *of* NOVEMBER, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

THE MOORE CHAPEL

NOVEMBER 30, 2025 . 10:00 AM

THE GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen

J. Brahms
(1833-1897)

THE GREETING

We welcome each of you to this service!

We pray that this time together will be a blessing in your life.

THE CHORAL INTROIT

Divinum Myysterium

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he, of the things that are, that have been, and that
future years shall see, evermore and evermore.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

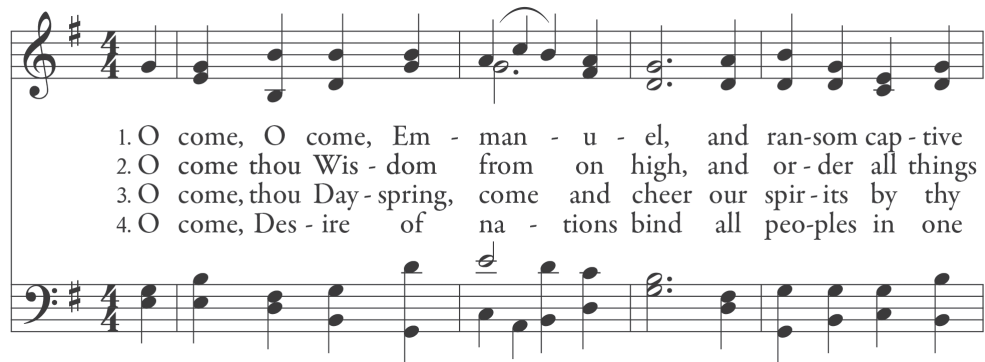
AT THE PROCESSION, *

HYMN 211

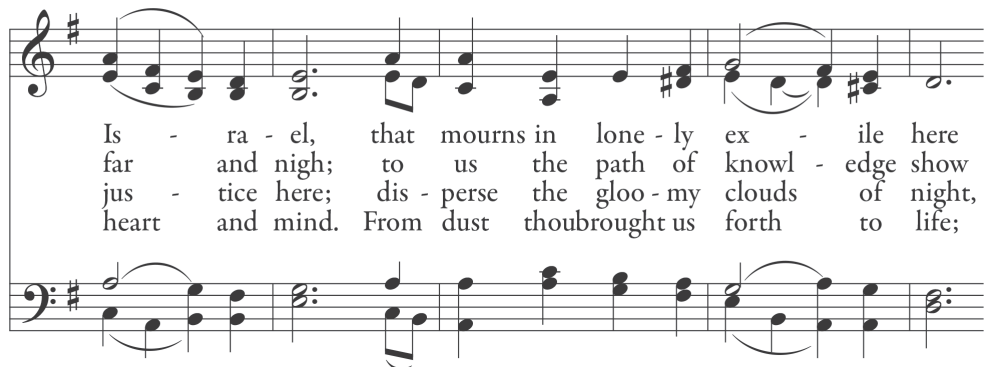
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

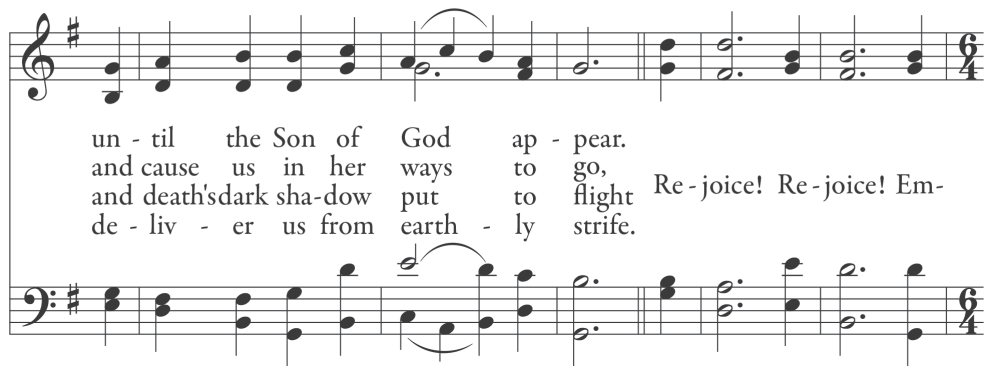
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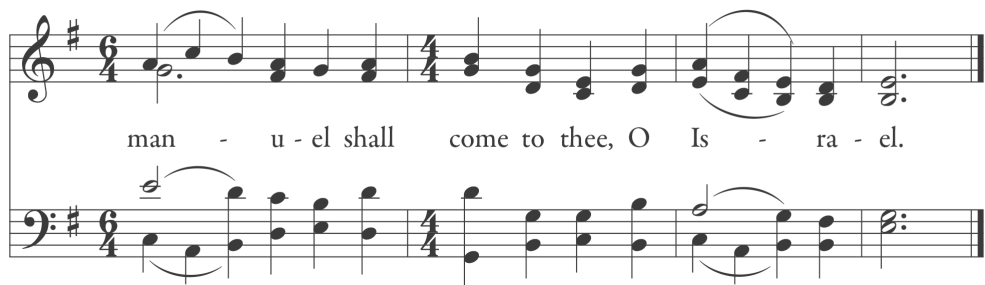
1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran-som cap - tive
2. O come thou Wis - dom from on high, and or - der all things
3. O come, thou Day - spring, come and cheer our spir - its by thy
4. O come, Des - ire of na - tions bind all peo - ples in one



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show
jus - tice here; dis - perse the gloo - my clouds of night,
heart and mind. From dust thou brought us forth to life;



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
and cause us in her ways to go,
and death's dark sha - dow put to flight Re - jice! Re - jice! Em -
de - liv - er us from earth - ly strife.



man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *

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

Minister and People: Holy God, you call us to wake from our slumber and to become aware of our surroundings. For the dawn of a new time of preparation is upon us. Forgive us when sleepiness takes its toll, when our discussions become battles, when our judgment and self-judgment outweigh our faith in you. Set us on the right path. Guide us with the light of Christ this Advent so that we can live just as you have called us.

Minister: Hear the good news: When we confess our sin, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sin and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE *

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† *The people are seated.*

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Veni Emmanuel

Choir: O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns
in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

Leader: Long ago, shepherds were keeping watch over their sheep
by night when an angel of the Lord appeared to them and announced,
“Fear not, for behold I bring you good news of great joy which is to all
people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is
Christ the Lord.” The good news came to them out of the darkness.

People: **During this season of Advent, as the nights grow longer and the darkness
can be overwhelming, let us look for God’s hope that comes out of the
darkness.**

Leader: We light this first candle of hope. Let this light remind us that while
we wait for the Lord, truly the Lord already is here. Hope is here.
Love is here. Joy is here. We are home!

†The Lighting of the Candle

Leader: Fill us with your hope, Lord.

People (all sing): Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

† Following each petition, the minister says, Lord, in your mercy.

The people respond: Hear our prayer.

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
in the Ritual of Christian Fellowship Folder. Let us know if you are new, would
like to become a member or are interested in more information about Peachtree Road.*

ANTHEM

Jesus Christ, the apple tree

Elizabeth Poston
arr. Peter Schalk

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green: The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel: By faith I know, but ne'er can tell, the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile: Under the shadow I will be of Jesus Christ the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive; which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

*Anonymous;
collection of Joshua Smith, 1784*

Schola Cantorum

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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE GOSPEL LESSON * Matthew 24:36-44
 † *following the reading:*
 Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.
 People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Prepare Him Room: Looking for Hope in the Darkness

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING FORTH

HYMN 196

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Hyfrydol

1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy
2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and

peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us,
yet a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er,

let us find our rest in thee. Is-rael's strength and con - so -
now thy gra-cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of
spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine all suf -

ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Charles Wesley, 1774

BLESSING *

PEACE *

Minister: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

RESPONSE *

Tune: *Houston*

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Choir and Congregation

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

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.

Preaching: Rev. Bill Britt, *Senior Minister*

Liturgists: Rev. Darren Hensley, *Deacon*

Music: Scott Atchison, *Director of Music and Organist*
 Oak Martin, *Associate Organist and Choirmaster*
 Schola Cantorum

Lighting the Advent Candle Today:

10:00 Beth, Ricky, and Carter Chandler

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 or check in with one click on the PRUMC App.

Thank you! We hope you will join us again in the coming weeks.



NOVEMBER 30, 2025

TODAY

Advent Sermon Series: *Prepare Him Room*

Advent invites us to make space—in our hearts, our homes, and our world—for the coming of Christ. This series leads us through the season as we search for hope and open ourselves to the unexpected ways God shows up. We will rediscover the joy and wonder of Emmanuel—God with us—who has grace and love for all.

Nov 30 *Looking for Hope in the Darkness* (Matt. 24:36-44)

Dec 7 *At Peace With the Waiting* (Matthew 3:1-12)

Dec 14 *Embracing the Unexpected* (Matthew 1:18-25)

Dec 21 *Joy to the World* (Luke 2:8-14)

The Great Tree Lighting: *Sing We Now of Christmas!*

Today, 5:30 pm, Sanctuary

Begin your Advent season with a night of light and wonder! All PRUMC children's and youth choirs will present favorite carols and anthems, culminating in the lighting of the sanctuary's magnificent Great Chrismon Tree. Special Christmas treats, a coffee bar, and piano carols by Max Cook to follow in Grace Hall. Childcare available by reservation at prumc.org.

Advent Homebound Visitation

Share Christmas cheer with our homebound members this season. On Sundays in Advent, select a member's card from the altar rail. Take a treat, send a note, or make a special visit to let them know they are not forgotten. These small acts of care reflect the heart of our church community.

2025 Advent Devotional

Journey through Advent with 25 days of inspiring reflections and prayers written by members of our church community. Daily emails begin today for those already subscribed to our daily prayer list. To receive the devotional, visit prumc.org/prayer to sign up.

Holiday Shopping at The Dogwood

Browse festive table settings, thoughtful hostess gifts, new holiday decor, and more. All proceeds benefit PRUMC Global Missions. See back page for special December events.

LOCAL OUTREACH

Harp's Christmas Kindness

From **December 5-10**, the working poor and homeless of our city can select gifts for their families, with dignity, at no cost to them, at our Christmas Kindness shop. During their time here, they are surrounded by the care of loving volunteers who help them select and wrap their gifts. Volunteer sign-up is now online. Register at prumc.org/events. We would especially appreciate volunteers to fill these spots where the need is greatest:

Sun, **Dec 7**, 12:00 - 2:30 pm | Shoppers, helpers, wrappers

Mon, **Dec 8**, 5:30 - 8:00 pm | Shoppers, helpers, wrappers

Tues, **Dec 9**, 5:30 - 8:00 pm | Shoppers, helpers, wrappers

MUSIC & ARTS

Atlanta Tuba Christmas

Friday, **December 5**, 12:00 pm, Front Turnaround

This annual performance of Christmas classics and sing-alongs takes place in cities across the country each year. Join our city's favorite tuba players for great music and great fun to get in the Christmas spirit! Free and open to the public.

The Final Mood: Scott Atchison's Christmas Finale

The Many Moods of Christmas

Sunday, **December 14**, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Under the baton of Scott Atchison, *The Many Moods of Christmas* concert has filled our sanctuary with the glory of the season. This year's performance will hold special meaning as we celebrate Scott's final presentation of this beloved tradition before his retirement in 2026. Please join us for the first of his "lasts" as Scott leads the PRUMC Chancel Choir, the Georgia Boy Choir, and full orchestra in timeless arrangements of the season. From tender carols to triumphant choruses, *The Many Moods of Christmas* remains an extraordinary expression of our church's musical heart, and a reflection of Scott's artistry, devotion, and faith. Reception to follow in Grace Hall. Tickets available in the Dogwood Shop, the church offices, and at prumc.org.

MUSIC & ARTS CONTINUED

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday, **December 7**, 5:30 pm, Sanctuary

Hear the Nativity story through scripture readings and songs of hope and expectation at this community carol sing. The evening will conclude with the singing of *Silent Night*, surrounded by candlelight and the glow of the Great Chrismon Tree. Reception in Grace Hall to follow.

Christmas with The Georgia Boy Choir

December 19 & 20, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Enjoy sacred classics, Christmas carols, and beloved holiday tunes, including Atlanta's largest performance of *The Twelve Days of Christmas*. Tickets available at georgiaboychoir.org.

Christmas Eve Volunteer Choir

Wednesday, **December 24**, 11:00 am, Sanctuary

Sing with the choir at our 11:00 am service. We will have one rehearsal at 10:00 am on the same day. Contact Ruth Sommerville at ruths@prumc.org or 404.240.8212.

WORSHIP

The Longest Night Prayer Service

Sunday, **December 21**, 5:30 pm, Moore Chapel

If you find the holidays difficult, or if you would like to experience a quiet service of reflection at this time of year, please join us for *The Longest Night*. This special candlelight service reminds us "the light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it." John 1:5

Christmas Eve Worship Services

Wednesday, **December 24**, Sanctuary

Come celebrate the wonder of Christ's birth through Scripture, song, and community. Whether you are drawn to a shared communion, the joy of a children's pageant, or the tradition of Lessons and Carols, we offer a service that will deepen your experience of this holy night. Our sanctuary—filled with magnificent music, meaningful messages, and warm fellowship—provides a welcoming space to greet the Light of the World. Childcare available for ages 3 and under at the 4:00 and 6:00 pm services.

- 11:00 am** Christmas Service of Holy Communion
A celebration of the Eucharist
- 4:00 pm** Family Candlelight & Pageant
Children's choirs and nativity pageant
- 6:00 pm** Family Candlelight & Pageant
Children's choirs and nativity pageant
- 8:00 pm** Festival of Lessons & Carols
With Chancel Choir & Brass
- 10:30 pm** Festival Choral Eucharist
Eucharist celebration with Chancel Choir & Brass

MEN

Men's Breakfast with Bill Britt

Friday, **December 5**, 7:00 - 8:00 am, Heritage Hall

Start your Friday with fellowship and inspiration. The men of PRUMC will gather for breakfast and conversation with special guest speaker, Rev. Bill Britt. Enjoy a full meal, meet new friends, and hear Bill share his vision for the church. All men are welcome. Register at prumc.org/events.

ADULTS

Seasoned Saints Bingo!

Wednesday, **December 3**, 1:00 pm, C106

Enjoy a time of fellowship and enrichment for adults. RSVP to Heather Sanders at heathers@prumc.org.

CHILDREN

Breakfast in Bethlehem

Monday, **December 22**, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Grace Hall

Parents enjoy a morning out, while children (nursery - 5th grade) are invited on a wonder-filled journey to meet the nativity characters, see the Christmas story, sing carols, and create Christmas crafts! Register at prumc.org/events.

YOUTH

High School Ski Trip

January 16-19, 2026, Breckenridge, CO

Our high school ski trip offers amazing days of skiing and snowboarding, from beginner runs to challenging peaks. Off the slopes, enjoy fellowship, group meals, and time to grow in faith and friendship. Register at prumc.org/events.

Renovatus Retreat

January 30 - February 1, 2026

On this favorite weekend, we connect with God and each other through worship, games, and awesome activities. We always make great memories on this retreat. Register at prumc.org/events.

COUPLES

Couples Retreat at Brasstown Valley

January 23-25, 2026

Escape the busyness of life and invest in your marriage during a refreshing weekend in the north Georgia mountains. This Christ-centered retreat offers time to reconnect with your spouse, enjoy meals and activities together, and rest in a peaceful setting. Not counseling or therapy—simply an uplifting opportunity to strengthen your bond and grow in faith together. Register at prumc.org/events.

HOSPITALITY

Golf Cart Ministry

Sundays, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, PRUMC Campus

The PRUMC Golf Cart Ministry is here to help members and visitors get from the parking lot to the church doors with ease. If you would like to be in the driver's seat, consider joining our team! Volunteers serve one Sunday a month. Contact Brittany Charron at brittanyc@prumc.org.

Additional Accessible Parking Now Available

Accessible parking spaces have been added to the Blue Lot to better accommodate members who are elderly, have mobility challenges, or require handicapped access. These reserved spots are located closest to the building for your convenience and comfort.

Joining Day in Worship

Sunday, January 11, 11:15 am, Sanctuary

We are excited to welcome new members during the 11:15 worship service on January 11. For more information or to RSVP, contact Brittany Charron at brittanyc@prumc.org.

GLOBAL MISSIONS

Lunch & Learn with Missionaries Bill and Chat Coble

Sunday, December 14, 12:15 pm, Heritage Hall

Join Bill and Chat Coble for an inspiring update on PRUMC's 11-year partnership with *Start With One Kenya* and *Uzima*. Kenyan families who received clean water filters from PRUMC in the past decade are now healthy, in school or working, and able to purchase their own replacement filters. Come hear the latest stories on how lives continue to improve. Lunch included. Register at prumc.org/events.

Kenya Mission Registration Goes Public December 7

Men's Kenya Mission Trip | March 12–22, 2026

Adult Kenya Mission Trip | May 28–June 7, 2026

In 2026, PRUMC will send two teams to Kenya to provide clean water, hygiene education, and sustainable community support—efforts that truly change lives. SWOK & PRUMC have already helped improve the lives of over 500,000 people by providing access to clean, safe water. Join us in making a lasting difference through service, faith, and partnership. Registration is reserved for PRUMC members until December 7, when we will open the trips to non-members. Learn more and register at prumc.org/kenya.

December at The Dogwood Shop

Celebrate the season with special December hours and two festive trunk shows at The Dogwood Shop! We will be open Saturdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm for holiday shopping that directly supports our global missions. Save the date for:
Dec 14 Dixie Pottery: Handmade, faith-inspired pieces
Dec 21 Dogwood Candles: Hand-poured and repurposed

PASTORAL CARE

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

Movers and Shakers Parkinson's Support Group

Wednesday, December 10, 12:00 pm, B158

If you or someone you love has Parkinson's disease, we invite you to participate in this PRUMC support group meeting. We meet each month for lunch and sharing. Contact Rosemary Josey at rosemary.josey@gmail.com.

ONE LAMB MENTAL WELLNESS

Step Out & Speak Up: Faith and Mental Health Summit

**Keynote Speaker Kay Warren, Saddleback Church
February 1–2, 2026**

One Lamb's suicide prevention focus centers on recognition, response, and support. In 2026, they will host a summit featuring Kay Warren of Saddleback Church, who will share a message of faith and healing. Following her keynote, training sessions for community members, clergy, and clinicians will equip participants to recognize warning signs, respond with confidence, and offer care that can save lives. Register at prumc.org/events.

Choose Joy: A Kay Warren Pre-Event Book Study

Thursdays, January 8 – 29, 6:30 pm, Zoom

With honesty and spiritual insight, Kay Warren reminds us that true joy is a daily choice rooted in God's presence. Led by Rev. Emily Miles. Register at prumc.org/events.

ADULT EDUCATION

A.I. and Christian Ethics: A Panel Discussion

Wednesday, February 11, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Grace Hall

Artificial Intelligence is transforming the way we live, work, and think — but what does this mean for people of faith? Join us for a conversation on the promises and perils of A.I. Experts in theology and technology will explore how faith informs our response to innovation, ethics, and human creativity in a changing world. All are welcome. Register at prumc.org/events.

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