



PEACHTREE ROAD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
THE TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY *of* DECEMBER, 2025

ELEVEN FIFTEEN O'CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

DECEMBER 28, 2025 . 11:15 AM

THE GATHERING

CARILLON PRELUDE

Sally Westmoreland

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Kanonische Variationen über
Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her, BWV 769a

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

- I. Canone alla ottava
- II. Canone alla quinta
- IV. Canone alla settima
- V. Canon per augmentationem

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.*

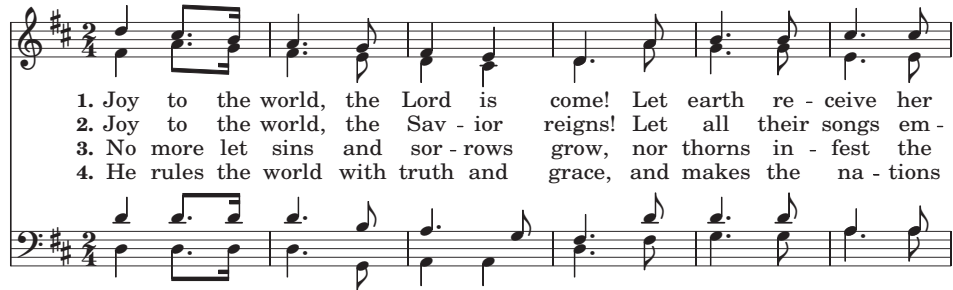
PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

AT THE PROCESSION, *

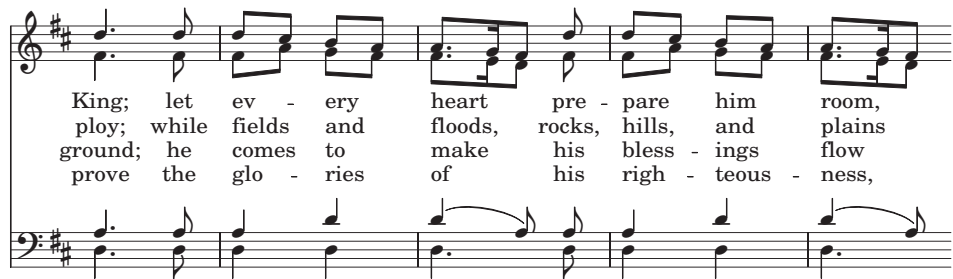
HYMN 246 *

Joy to the World

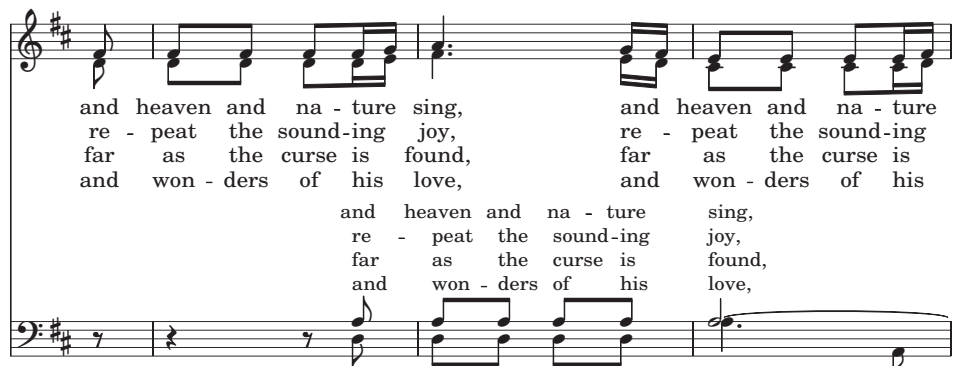
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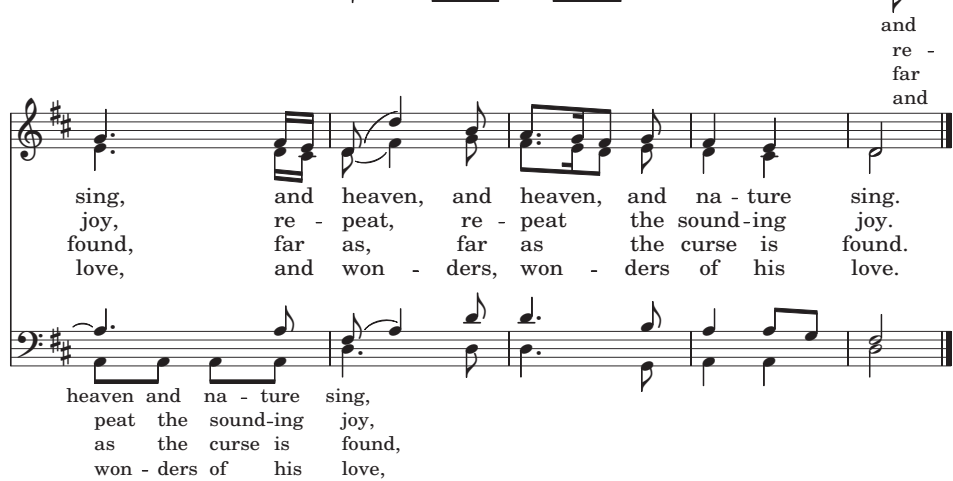
1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2. Joy to the world, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs em -
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions



King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
play; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness,



and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
and heaven and na - ture sing,
re - peat the sound-ing joy,
far as the curse is found,
and won - ders of his love,



and
re -
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sing, and heaven, and heaven, and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound-ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
peat the sound-ing joy,
as the curse is found,
won - ders of his love,

Isaac Watts, 1719

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *

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

Minister and People: Mighty God, we cannot fully grasp your love for us, for it is unlike us to be that loving and forgiving. We become so enmeshed by our own needs, wants, and desires that we fail to see beyond anything but our own little circles. Forgive us, O God. Turn us around. Shine your light through us. We confess that we need your help to see as you see, and to reach out as you reach out. Remind us once again of the sacredness of our day-to-day lives and teach us to live according to your holy will.

Minister: Hear the good news: Jesus is the light of the world! And the light of the world is alive in you. 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.*

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.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER

ANTHEM

Gloria in excelsis

Louie L. White

(1921-1979)

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus, bonae voluntatis. Glory to God
in the highest, and on earth, peace to men of good will.

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 GOSPEL LESSON *

Luke 22:15-20

† *following the reading:*

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Go Tell It on the Mountain

SENDING FORTH

HYMN 251

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

African American Spiritual

Refrain

Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev-ery-where;

The musical notation for the Refrain is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) in 2/2 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staff.

Fine

go, tell it on the moun-tain, that Je-sus Christ is born.

The musical notation for the Fine is written on a grand staff in 2/2 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staff.

1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si-lent flocks by night,
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled, when lo! a-bove the earth,
3. Down in a low-ly man-ger the hum-ble Christ was born,

The musical notation for the verses is written on a grand staff in 2/2 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staff.

D.C.

be-hold through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho-ly light.
rang out the an-gel cho-rus that hailed the Sav-ior's birth.
and God sent us sal-va-tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

The musical notation for the D.C. section is written on a grand staff in 2/2 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staff.

BENEDICTION *

PEACE *

Minister: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

RESPONSE *

Tune: *Antioch*

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories
of his righteousness, and wonders of his love.

Choir and Congregation

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Kanonische Variationen über

Von Himmel hoch, da komm ich her, BWV 769a

IV. Canto Firmo in canone

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:

Elizabeth Brooks Neblett, born April 4, 2025, daughter of Nicole and Brooks Neblett.

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. Elizabeth Byrd, *Associate Minister*
Luke 22:15-20

Liturgists: Rev. Darren Hensley, *Deacon*

Verger: Linus Djokoto

Music: Oak Martin, *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 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.



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NEW YEAR'S KICK-OFF SUNDAY

Finding Healing in the Psalms: A Wellness Sermon Series

Sundays, **January 4 - February 1**, 8:45, 10:00 & 11:15 am

Whether you are seeking peace for your own life or tools to support friends and family, we invite you to join us in the new year for a special sermon series offering courage, peace, and hope in the New Year. Rev. Bill Britt, preaching.

Jan 4 Psalm 22 Honest to God Praying

Jan 11 Psalm 32 Forgiven and Forgiving

Jan 18 Psalm 27 Whom Shall I Fear?

Jan 25 Psalm 46 Stillness in the Midst of Stress

Feb 1 Psalm 11 The Integrated Life

New Year's Kick-off Luncheon

Sunday, **January 4**, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, Grace Hall

Continue the spirit of the season by celebrating our traditions and friendships. We will share warm worship, fellowship, and a complimentary New Year's luncheon of Southern favorites—roast pork loin, black-eyed peas, collard greens, cornbread, and apple cake. We hope to see you there!

ADULT EDUCATION

Understanding the Psalms with Professor Joel LeMon

Wednesdays, **January 7 - 28**, 6:30 pm, Grace Hall

Join Dr. Joel LeMon each Wednesday in January as we explore the Psalms. From their structure to the way they express our deepest appreciation and praise for God, Dr. LeMon will guide us through an engaging overview and a richer understanding of this beautiful part of Scripture. Register at prumc.org/events.

A.I. and Christian Ethics: A Panel Discussion

Wednesday, **February 11**, 6:30 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. Register at prumc.org/events.

IF YOU ARE NEW

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.

Tea with the Clergy

Sunday, **January 25**, 12:30 pm, Hospitality Suite

Get to know our church and ministers better at this casual afternoon gathering. Rev. Bill Britt and the 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, **February 1**, 10:00 am, Heritage Hall

Whether you are new or still learning your way around, please join us for a campus tour (including a few behind-the-scenes stops) and a brief overview of the ministries and offerings at Peachtree Road. This is a great opportunity to get connected, ask questions, and discover all the ways you can be involved. For more information, please contact Brittany Charron at brittanyc@prumc.org.

MUSIC & ARTS

A New Season with Youth & Children's Choirs!

Sign up by **January 15** at prumc.org

A wonderful new season of choir fun is waiting for your family! In choir, children and youth can grow in faith, friendship, and confidence as they learn to use their gifts. Our children's choirs will present their annual spring musical in April, and Doxology Youth Choir will head out on tour the first week of summer. Don't miss out! Register by January 15 at prumc.org/events. For more information, contact Kathy Fletcher at kathyf@prumc.org.

ONE LAMB MENTAL WELLNESS

Alive & Well: Navigating College Life

Sunday, **January 4**, 5:30 pm, Harp Center

College and early adulthood can pull priorities out of balance and cause stress that leads to discouragement. All college students are invited to come explore what it means to live in Christ's peace, which steadies you beyond your circumstances. Register at prumc.org/events.

Choose Joy: A Kay Warren Pre-Event Book Study

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

In anticipation of welcoming Kay Warren of Saddleback Church this February, join us for a study of her book, *Choose Joy*. With honesty and spiritual insight, Kay Warren reminds us that true joy is not a passing emotion, but a daily choice rooted in God's presence. Led by Rev. Emily Miles. Register at prumc.org/events.

NAMI Family-to-Family Course

Sundays, starting **January 11**, 2:00 - 4:30 pm

If you have family or friends with mental health challenges, NAMI provides a course to cope and problem-solve in a non-threatening, anonymous setting. Attendees learn about self-care, support resources, crisis management, treatment, and more. For more information, contact Susan Thigpen at thigpensusan@gmail.com.

Grace-Filled Grieving with Martha Tate

Wednesdays, **Jan 28 – March 4**, 6:00 pm, Hospitality Suite
Grief touches every part of life, and healing is often found in the company of those who understand. If you are mourning the loss of a loved one, join this compassionate support group led by Martha Tate, LCSW. Register at prumc.org/events.

An Evening with Kay Warren

Sunday, **February 1**, 5:00 pm, Sanctuary

Join bestselling author and mental health advocate Kay Warren for an evening of honest encouragement and practical care for ourselves and those we love. Co-founder of Saddleback Church and author of *Choose Joy*, Kay speaks with honesty and compassion about mental health, grief, and the sustaining hope of faith. Part One of the One Lamb *Step Out & Speak Up* Summit. Register at prumc.org/events.

Suicide Prevention Training

Monday, **February 2**, PRUMC

As part of One Lamb's suicide prevention focus, they will offer training sessions for community members, clergy, and clinicians. Sessions will equip participants to recognize warning signs, respond with confidence, and offer care that can save lives. Together, we can work toward a day when no one has to struggle alone. Part Two of the One Lamb *Step Out & Speak Up* Summit. Register at prumc.org/events.

CHURCH BUSINESS

Consider a Year-End Gift

This centennial year has been filled with worship, service, and growth, and your support has made it possible to reflect Christ's love in our community and beyond. As the year comes to a close, we invite you to consider a special one-time gift to continue the mission and ministries of Peachtree Road. Your generosity helps us finish the year strong and prepares us for the opportunities ahead in 2026. Gifts may be made online at prumc.org/give, by mail, or delivered to the church office by December 30, 2:00 pm. Thank you for all the ways you contribute to the life of our church!

Holiday Hours at Peachtree Road

In observance of the New Year holiday, the church office will have adjusted hours on the following days:

Dec 30 Offices close at 2:00 pm

Dec 31 Offices closed

Jan 1 Offices closed

ADULTS

Midday Masterclass with Eric Levitan, CEO of Vivo Strength Training for Life's Journey (All Stages!)

Sunday, **January 18**, 12:15 pm, Hospitality Suite

In this interactive Masterclass, CEO Eric Levitan will explain how movement supports aging well—enhancing physical strength, mental wellness, and connection. Participants will receive practical guidance for building activity into daily life and engage in simple wellness practices. Designed for adults of *all* ages - it is never too early to get stronger. Lunch sponsored by One Lamb. Register at prumc.org/events.

Behind the Scenes at the Atlanta History Center

Tuesday, **January 13**, 10:00 am departure from Rollins Ctr.

Join Rev. Julie Wright and friends for a docent-led tour of the Atlanta History Center, including an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at the museum's collections. Afterward, we will enjoy lunch together at Souper Jenny's. \$20 tour plus lunch. RSVP to Heather Sanders at heathers@prumc.org.

Planning for a Simpler, Better Life with Selena Bridges

Wednesday, **January 21**, 1:00 pm, C106

Join PRUMC member Selena Bridges for an expert look at smart downsizing and best practices for planning a new chapter in a smaller home. RSVP to Heather Sanders at heathers@prumc.org.

Seasoned Saints Special Guest Bingo

Wednesdays, 1:00 pm, C106

Join us to enjoy fellowship and connection with church friends! RSVP to Heather Sanders at heathers@prumc.org.

Jan 7 Winter Wonderland Bingo with Rev. Josh Miles

Feb 4 Superbowl Bingo with Rev. Geoff Beakley

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.

CHILDREN

Vacation Bible School: Save the Date!

June 8 - 11, 2026

Join us for an unforgettable Vacation Bible School experience this summer as we journey through the vibrant land of the Romans! Mark your calendars and save the date for a week filled with adventure, learning, and faith. Our program is designed for children who are four (on 9/1/2025) through Fifth Grade. We will have an extended day option for those who would like to stay until 3:00 pm. Online registration opens **January 6** at prumc.org/events.

First UMKF of 2026!

Sunday, **January 11**, 5:00 pm, The Loft

Start the year off right - with faith, friends, and fun!

YOUTH

Renovatus Youth Retreat

January 30 - February 1, 2026, Woodland Retreat Center

Leave your routine and stress behind and come ask God for renewal and direction. Connect with other youth and enjoy high energy worship, fun activities, big games, and lots of surprises on this weekend away! RSVP at prumc.org/events.

Youth Sunday

February 8, 2026

We encourage all 6-12th graders to participate as our youth lead all aspects of the 8:45 and 11:15 am worship services on this day. Youth of all grades will help lead music, prayers, and testimonies, and seniors will share reflections on the impact our church has had in their lives. Speaking roles require a Saturday rehearsal which includes lunch. Join us!

High School Mission Trip

June 14 - 21, 2026, Belize

Current 9th-12th graders help continue our good work in Corozal! We will hold VBS for 250 kids, feed 50 families, build an extension on a home, throw a block party, explore Mayan ruins, and relax a little on an island. This is a life changing experience! Register at prumc.org/events.

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adults Get Connected

Sundays, 9:45 to 11:00 am, C207 & C303

Are you in your 20s or 30s and looking to connect with other young adults? Join us for social time, then experience biblically-based discussions in a Sunday school class.

Peachtree Perk - Coffee social time, 9:45 - 10:15 am, C207

Sunday School - Two options, 10:15 - 11:00 am, C207, C303

Contact Rev. Geoff Beakley at geoffb@prumc.org.

MEN

Men's Quail Hunt

March 26, 6:00 pm - March 27, 2:00 pm, The Burge Club

Enjoy great meals, fellowship, and a tall tales around the fire pit at PRUMC's annual men's Quail Hunt! All skill levels are welcome. Novice hunters can opt for a two-hour training session provided by The Burge Club staff. Details and registration at prumc.org/events.

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 by contacting Heather Hart at 404.240.8219.

RACIAL JUSTICE

Atlanta Civil Rights Tour

Saturday, **February 21, 2026** 1:30 - 6:30 pm

Cascade UMC and Peachtree Road UMC will share a powerful experience led by Civil Rights Tours Atlanta, visiting key sites pivotal to the Civil Rights Movement. Our tour will also include compelling video reflections from leaders such as Andrew Young, John Lewis, and Julian Bond, offering first-hand accounts of moments that changed our city and nation. The day will conclude with a group dinner and discussion at Mary Mac's Tea Room. \$50 per person includes tour and dinner. Online registration opens **January 4** at prumc.org/events.

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