

## 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.



DECEMBER 14, 2025

### TODAY

#### Lunch & Learn with Missionaries Bill and Chat Coble

**Today**, 12:15 pm, Heritage Hall

Registrees will 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. The Cobles will share the latest stories on how lives continue to improve. (Registration is now closed for this event.)

#### The Final Mood: Scott Atchison's Christmas Finale

##### The Many Moods of Christmas

**Today**, 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. Tonight's concert and reception are generously sponsored by the Estate of Charles and Gloria Landreth. Tickets available at [prumc.org/events](http://prumc.org/events).

#### 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.

#### 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.

**Today** Dixie Pottery: Handmade, faith-inspired pieces

### CHRISTMAS EVE

#### 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 is 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*

#### Water for Kenya Christmas Eve Offering

Each Christmas, our special offering provides clean water filters for an entire region in Kenya. A \$50 water filter brings life, opportunity, and lasting change. Thanks to your generosity, past recipients of filters are now community leaders, helping others access clean water. Together, we are creating a legacy of transformation, reflecting the living water Jesus promised in John 4:14. *But whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.* Donate now at [prumc.org/give](http://prumc.org/give).

#### Christmas Eve Volunteer Choir

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

You are invited to sing with the choir at our first service of Christmas Eve at 11:00 am. We will have one rehearsal in the Music Suite at 10:00 am on the same day. To join, contact Ruth Sommerville at [ruths@prumc.org](mailto: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*. Rev. Ron Greer will preach, "Our Awareness of God's Presence... In the Darkest of Nights," at this special candlelight service.

### One Service on December 28

Sunday, **December 28**, 11:15 am, Sanctuary

Extend the peace and warmth of this holy season by joining Rev. Elizabeth Byrd for one special worship service at 11:15 am on the first Sunday of Christmas.

## MUSIC & ARTS

### Help Shape the Future of Music at PRUMC

As we prepare for Scott Atchison's retirement and begin the search for our next Director of Music, your voice is vital. The Search Committee has created a brief, anonymous survey to gather the congregation's hopes and priorities for the future of our music ministry. Your input now will help inform one of the most significant leadership decisions in the life of our church. The survey takes less than ten minutes and will remain open until noon on **Monday, December 15**. Please take a moment to share your perspective and help guide this important next chapter at Peachtree Road. Scan the QR code here to [complete and submit the survey](#).



### Christmas with The Georgia Boy Choir

**December 19 & 20**, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Come hear the internationally acclaimed Georgia Boy Choir accompanied by orchestra and Great Organ! Enjoy sacred classics, Christmas carols, and well-loved holiday tunes, including Atlanta's largest performance of *The Twelve Days of Christmas*. Tickets available at [georgiaboychoir.org](http://georgiaboychoir.org).

### Doxology & Alumni: Carol of the Bells

Wednesday, **December 24**, 7:00 pm, B125

This Christmas Eve, the Doxology Youth Choir will present *Carol of the Bells* — and we would love for our Doxology alumni to add your voice! Meet in B125 to rehearse and reconnect with old friends before the 8:00 pm Introit.

### A New Season with Youth & Children's Choirs!

Sign up by **January 15** at [prumc.org](http://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—and have fun along the way. Register by January 15 at [prumc.org/events](http://prumc.org/events). For more information, contact Kathy Fletcher at [kathyf@prumc.org](mailto:kathyf@prumc.org).

## FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

### 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 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!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:brittanyc@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](http://prumc.org/events).

### December Dates for Children

**Today** Nativity Rehearsals

**Dec 28** No Nursery or Children's Sunday School

## YOUTH

### December Dates for Youth

**Today** Middle School Christmas Party

**Dec 19** High School Christmas Party

### Renovatus Retreat

**January 30 - February 1, 2026**

Connect with God and each other through worship, games, and awesome activities. Register at [prumc.org/events](http://prumc.org/events).

## 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 explore how movement supports aging well—enhancing physical strength, mental wellness, and social 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](https://prumc.org/events).

### **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. Kendall Crye of Aging Life Care of Atlanta will also share practical tips for navigating medical and care needs with confidence. To RSVP, please contact Heather Sanders at [heathers@prumc.org](mailto:heathers@prumc.org).

## 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](https://prumc.org/events).

## 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 ways 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](https://prumc.org/events).

### **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. Register at [prumc.org/events](https://prumc.org/events).

## 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](https://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](https://prumc.org/events).

### **NAMI Family-to-Family 8-Week 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. For more information, contact Susan Thigpen at [thigpensusan@gmail.com](mailto: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](https://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](https://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. Part Two of the One Lamb *Step Out & Speak Up* Summit. Details and registration at [prumc.org/events](https://prumc.org/events).

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