



PEACHTREE ROAD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
THE ELEVENTH DAY *of* JANUARY, 2026

EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN FIFTEEN O'CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

JANUARY 11, 2026 . 8:45 AM & 11:15 AM

THE GATHERING

CARILLON PRELUDE

Sally Westmoreland

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Nimrod, Enigma Variations

Edward Elgar
(1857-1934)

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 CHORAL INTROIT

Down in the river to pray

American Folk Hymn

Arr. David R. White

As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way, And who shall wear
the golden crown, good Lord, show me the way. Oh sisters, Oh brothers, Oh fathers, Oh
mothers, let's go down, come on down, down in the river to pray.

The Georgia Boy Choir

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*† Minister stands at the font, pours water into the font, and leads the people in
the Thanksgiving over the Water*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, when nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the
dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark
through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your
people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. You brought their
children through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

Leader: In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was
baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the
baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

People: Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who receive it, to wash
away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives, that, dying and
being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory.

People: All praise to you, Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with
you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

AT THE PROCESSION, *

HYMN 64

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God Almighty

Nicaea

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Reginald Heber, 1826

REAFFIRMATION OF OUR BAPTISMAL COVENANT *

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ: through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Each week when we affirm our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church. Now, let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe 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 was 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.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: 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.

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.

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:15 AM)

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

CHORAL RESPONSE

John Rutter

(b. 1945)

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

Springs of water

Donald K. Fellows

(b. 1957)

Springs of water, bless the Lord. Give him glory and praise forever. Alleluia. I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple. And all were saved to whom that water came, and they shall say, "Give praise to the Lord!" Give thanks to God, for he is good, his mercy endures forever.

Roman Missal, 1973

The Chancel Choir, The Georgia Boy Choir
Mary Allison Hamby, Sierra Randall, William Green, *soloists*

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

Psalm 32

† following the reading:

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Finding Healing in the Psalms: Forgiven and Forgiving

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AT THE REMEMBRANCE OF OUR BAPTISM

HYMN 605 *

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

Beach Spring

1. Wash, O God, our sons and daugh - ters, where your cleans - ing
2. We who bring them long for nur - ture; by your milk may
3. O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - im - ag - ined,

wa - ters flow. Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple;
we be fed. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing
all your ways! To your name be glo - ry, hon - or!

bles as Christ blessed long a - go. Weave them gar - ments bright and
cup of bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re - new us, guide our
With our lives we wor - ship, praise! We your peo - ple stand be -

spark - ling; com - pass them with love and light. Fill, a - noint them;
foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in
fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born. By your grace, our

send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

Ruth Duck, 1987

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION *

PEACE *

Minister: May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

RESPONSE *

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever. Grant you peace; perfect peace, courage in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see His face and His grace forever. May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Choir and Congregation

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Allegro marziale

Frank Bridge
(1879-1941)

* 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: Briton Bodie Jackson, born April 17, 2025, son of Anna Southworth and Kyle Jackson; and Natalie Anne Nadeau, born August 26, 2025, daughter of Grace and Zach Nadeau.

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

In Loving Memory of: Joe S. Payne, by his wife, Joan.

In Loving Memory of: Mike Ruehman, by his mother, Joan Payne.

In Loving Memory of: Sharyn Walter by her husband, Jeff, and their children, Phillip and Kelly, and grandchildren, Whitley, Henry, Sam and Kate.

In Loving Memory of: John F. McMullan by his family, Marilyn, Tom, and Ted and Catherine McMullan.

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. Bill Britt, *Senior Minister*
Psalm 32

Liturgists: Rev. Elizabeth Byrd, *Associate Minister*
Rev. Josh Miles, *Associate Minister*

Verger: Linus Djokoto

Music: Scott Atchison, *Director of Music and Organist*
Oak Martin, *Associate Organist and Choirmaster*
The Chancel Choir
The Georgia Boy Choir
David White, *Conductor*, Georgia Boy 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.

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TODAY

Finding Healing in the Psalms: A Wellness Sermon Series

Sundays, 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 for a special sermon series offering courage, peace, and hope.

Rev. Bill Britt, preaching.

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

NAMI Family-to-Family Course

Sundays, **Starting Today**, 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.

First UMKF of 2026!

Today, 5:00 pm, The Loft

3rd - 5th graders, start the year off right - with faith, friends, and fun! Register at prumc.org/events.

IF YOU ARE NEW

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.

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, enjoy lunch 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. Kendall Crye of *Aging Life Care of Atlanta* will also share practical tips for navigating medical and care needs with confidence. RSVP to Heather Sanders at heathers@prumc.org.

ONLINE GIVING



Scan this QR code to make a secure online gift and support the ministries of Peachtree Road UMC.

EVENT REGISTRATION

Scan this QR code to access online registrations for Peachtree Road UMC events.



ONE LAMB MENTAL WELLNESS

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 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 of the One Lamb *Step Out & Speak Up* Summit. 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.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Vacation Bible School Registration Now Open

June 8 - 11, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, PRUMC

At VBS, faith comes alive through music, storytelling, games, creativity, and friendship. Each day, children explore God's love, creating great memories with church friends and leaders. Make VBS part of your family's summer! For children who are four (on 9/1/2025) through Fifth Grade.

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. Register by January 15 at prumc.org/events.

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.

WOMEN

Morning Light Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, starting **January 14**, 10:00 am, C104

Begin your Wednesday mornings in scripture and community as we study *Ten Women of the Bible* by Max Lucado. Through the stories of women whose faith shaped God's people, this study invites reflection, encouragement, and practical wisdom for everyday life. For more information, contact Jan Bilthouse at janbilthouse@gmail.com.

Grace Point Women's Bible Study

Thursdays, starting **January 15**, 9:30 am, Harp Center

Join this welcoming women's study for a 10-week exploration of Psalms and Proverbs, grounding our lives in prayer, praise, and timeless wisdom. Together, we will reflect on scripture that speaks to both the joys and challenges of daily life. To register, contact Rev. Elizabeth Byrd at elizabethb@prumc.org.

Women's Spring Retreat

March 14 - 15, Heritage Retreat Center

Step away from the busyness of life for a weekend of spiritual renewal, rest, and connection with other women of faith. Set amid the peaceful beauty of Georgia, this retreat offers space for reflection, worship, and meaningful conversation. Registration opens January 15.

MEN

Men's Quail Hunt

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

Enjoy great meals, fellowship, and 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.

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. Register at prumc.org/events.

ADULT EDUCATION

Understanding the Psalms with Professor Joel LeMon

Wednesdays, **Now - January 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.

GLOBAL MISSIONS

NEW! Costa Rica Family Mission Trip

June 27 - July 2, 2026

Join PRUMC families for a meaningful mission experience in partnership with Rice and Beans Ministry. Families will serve together through a food ministry, children's activities, and projects that support local schools and communities. This is a powerful opportunity to share faith, build relationships, and make a lasting impact—together. Details and registration links at prumc.org/costa-rica.

Georgia Adult Mission Trip

September 30 - October 11, 2026

PRUMC partners with Georgia-for-Georgia to break cycles of generational poverty through education. This mission trip focuses on supporting children's health, learning, and long-term opportunities. Participants will spend time in partner schools leading creative activities, science projects, music, and field days—strengthening relationships while continuing our commitment to help students thrive. Details and registration links at prumc.org/georgia.

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.