



PEACHTREE ROAD  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY *of* FEBRUARY, 2026

EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN FIFTEEN O'CLOCK

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# MORNING WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 22, 2026 . 8:45 AM & 11:15 AM

## THE GATHERING

CARILLON PRELUDE

Sally Westmoreland

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Adagio*, Sonata I

Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809-1847)

## 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 CALL TO WORSHIP

*Minister:* They who dwell in the shelter of the Most High will say to the Lord,  
"My refuge and my fortress."

*People:* Those who abide in the shadow of the Almighty will say to the Lord,  
"My God in whom I trust."

*Minister:* God says this to all who trust in him: "When you call to me, I will answer  
you; I will be with you in trouble.

*People:* "I will rescue you and honor you. With long life I will satisfy you and  
show you my salvation."

# PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

AT THE PROCESSION, \*

HYMN 400

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Nettleton

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to  
2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy  
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -

sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure,  
strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,

call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious  
safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
bind my wan - dering heart to thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I

son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! I'm  
stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God; he, to res - cue  
feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O

fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.  
me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

*Robert Robinson, 1758*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION \*

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

*Minister and People:* Most merciful God, we your church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Cantor:* Let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

*Minister:* For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

*People:* In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God!  
Amen.

THE RESPONSE \*

HYMN 482

*Lord, have mercy.*

Kriewald Kyrie

† *Each section is first sung by the cantor, then repeated by the choir and congregation.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE \*

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† *The people are seated.*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*God is here with me*

Christopher Hogan

God is here with me when I am singing, right here in my voice. God is here with me, Alleluia! God is in my mind when I am praying, right here in my prayer. God is in my heart when I am sleeping, right here in my sleep. God is here with me, Alleluia!

Covenant Choir, Celebration Singers (8:45 AM)

Cherub Choir (11:15 AM)

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

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

Tune: *Royal Oak*

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*

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

(hum)

We a - dore you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

† *Please join the choir in singing the response.*

## 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

*Kyrie, Messe Solennelle*

Louis Vierne  
(1870-1937)

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

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 \* Matthew 4:1-11

*† following the reading:*

*Minister:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God!

### SERMON

The Lenten Journey

*The Tempter: Dealing With Temptation*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH \*

*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.

## SENDING FORTH

### HYMN 395 \*

*Take Time To Be Holy*

Holiness

1. Take time to be ho-ly, speak oft with thy Lord; a - bide in him al-ways,  
2. Take time to be ho-ly, the world rush-es on; spend much time in se-cret  
3. Take time to be ho-ly, let him be thy guide, and run not be-fore him,  
4. Take time to be ho-ly, be calm in thy soul, each thought and each mo-tive

and feed on his word. Make friends of God's chil-dren, help those who are  
with Je - sus a - lone. By look - ing to Je - sus, like him thou shalt  
what - ev - er be - tide. In joy or in sor - row, still fol - low the  
be - neath his con - trol. Thus led by his spir - it to foun - tains of

weak, for - get - ting in noth - ing his bless - ing to seek.  
be; thy friends in thy con - duct his like - ness shall see.  
Lord, and, look - ing to Je - sus, still trust in his word.  
love, thou soon shalt be fit - ted for serv - ice a - bove.

*William D. Longstaff, ca. 1882*

BENEDICTION \*

PEACE \*

*Minister:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

RESPONSE \*

Tune: Hamburg

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Choir and Congregation

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Messe Pour les Paroisses

François Couperin

Kyrie

(1668-1733)

I. *Plein chant*

II. *Fugue sur les jeux d'anches*

III. *Recit de Chromhorne*

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\* 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:** Bridget Halle Brown, born August 11, 2025, daughter of Courtney and Henry Brown, and granddaughter of Clare and Brad Brown; and Rhodes Henry Langley, born March 12, 2025, son of Megan and Bryan Langley.

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

**In Loving Memory of:** Nancy Blanchard by her sister, Jean, and her nephew, Tommy.

**In Loving Memory of:** Mike Ruehman honoring his February 22nd birthday by his mother, Joan Payne.

**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*  
Matthew 4:1-11

**Liturgists:** Rev. Geoff Beakley, *Associate Minister*  
Rev. Emily Miles, *Minister and Director of Mental Wellness*

**Verger:** Diane Scanlan

**Music:** Scott Atchison, *Director of Music and Organist*  
Oak Martin, *Associate Organist and Choirmaster*  
Kathy Fletcher, *Director of Youth and Children's Music*  
Dr. Robin Hensley, *Assistant Organist*  
The Chancel Choir  
Cherub Choir  
Covenant Choir  
Celebration Singers

*For information on upcoming worship services please visit [www.prumc.org](http://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

### Sponsor a Child: A Commitment of Compassion

Through our longstanding partnership in the country of Georgia, PRUMC helps provide daily meals, medical care, warm clothing, and educational support to more than 500 students in six schools, including one for children with special needs. These essentials help children stay healthy, remain in school, and build a future beyond poverty. As we enter the Lenten season, join us in this meaningful PRUMC tradition of compassion and make sponsorship an intention that makes a lasting difference. Come to Grace Hall to sponsor a child today! You can also learn more at [www.GeorgiaForGeorgia.org](http://www.GeorgiaForGeorgia.org).

### Sunday Fellowship Luncheon

**Today**, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Grace Hall

Enjoy a special Sunday luncheon with your church family. Come down for warm fellowship and a delicious meal after worship. This meal is complimentary and we look forward to seeing you!

### Flower Guild Luncheon

**Today**, 12:30 pm, Hospitality Suite

You are invited to a luncheon to celebrate and learn more about this rewarding ministry. Whether you are experienced or new to floral design, the Flower Guild is ready to inspire you and help you share your gifts. Join us!

## WORSHIP

### Midweek Worship & Reunion: Old Friends, New Insights

**Wednesdays in Lent**, 12:00 pm, Moore Chapel

During Lent, we are honored to welcome back favorite ministers who helped shape the Peachtree Road story. These familiar voices come to share the Word, wisdom, and fresh insight for our Lenten journey.

**Feb 25** Rev. Kate Floyd

**Mar 4** Rev. Julie Wright

**Mar 11** Rev. Jamie Jenkins

**Mar 18** Rev. Mace Hall

**Mar 25** Rev. Ron Greer

## PRAYER

### Daily Scripture and Prayers for Lent

Our Lenten daily prayers will draw from a new devotional resource, *The Sanctuary for Lent 2026*, by Amy Sigmon. Delivered by email each day, this devotional will include a suggested Scripture, a brief reflection, and a short prayer or spiritual practice to guide your journey. If you would like to receive these daily prayers, please visit [prumc.org/prayer](http://prumc.org/prayer) to subscribe to our email list. If you are already receiving the daily prayer by email, you won't need to resubscribe.

## MUSIC & ARTS

### Organ Recital: Jerrick Cavagnaro

Friday, **February 27**, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Award-winning organist, improviser, and composer Jerrick Cavagnaro serves as the associate director of music at Trinity Church, Copley Square in Boston, MA, where he accompanies and co-conducts the adult choirs and choristers. Jerrick was the first prize winner of the American Guild of Organists National Competition in Organ Improvisation in San Francisco in the summer of 2024. \$15 suggested concert donation/\$5 for students.

## ADULT EDUCATION

### Deep Waters: AI and Faith

Wednesdays, **February 25 – March 18**, 6:30 pm, C208

Following our recent A.I. Panel Discussion, this four-part series invites us to continue the conversation at the intersection of technology, ethics, and Christian faith. Each session will be led by a different facilitator, including Dr. Bo Adams, Rev. Geoff Beakley, Rev. Elizabeth Byrd, and Chris Gabriel, offering thoughtful perspectives on how artificial intelligence is shaping our lives, our decision-making, and our understanding of what it means to be human. Together, we will explore faithful, grounded ways to engage emerging technologies with wisdom, discernment, and hope.

## SCAN TO GIVE ONLINE



Scan this QR code to make a secure online gift to support the ministries of PRUMC ([prumc.org/give](http://prumc.org/give)).

## SCAN TO REGISTER ONLINE

Scan this QR code to access online registrations for PRUMC events ([prumc.org/register](http://prumc.org/register)).



## SOCIAL INITIATIVES

### **Help Stop Human Trafficking: Awareness Training**

Monday, **February 23**, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Grace Hall  
The City of Atlanta Mayor's Office will offer Human Trafficking Awareness Training to help recognize and respond to trafficking in all its forms. This two-hour session will cover warning signs, safe response practices, local resources, and ways to protect vulnerable individuals. Help protect your community and be a part of the solution through awareness and action. Sign up at [prumc.org/register](http://prumc.org/register).

## LOCAL OUTREACH

### **Sign Up Today for The Season of Service**

Join us this Lent to make a big impact in our community as we come together to serve others as the body of Christ. We have outreach opportunities for all ages and stages that will make this time meaningful for you and those you help. Sign up at [prumc.org/register](http://prumc.org/register). Upcoming projects include:

- Feb 22** Family Service Project
- Mar 4** Branan Towers Fashion Show Lunch
- Mar 8** Trinity/Big Bethel Dinner
- Mar 10** Covenant House Dinner

## GLOBAL MISSIONS

### **NEW! Costa Rica Family Mission Trip**

**June 27 - July 2, 2026**

PRUMC 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 at [prumc.org/costa-rica](http://prumc.org/costa-rica).

### **Georgia Adult Mission Trip**

**September 30 - October 11, 2026**

Help continue our work of breaking generational poverty through education. We will spend time with children offering creative, educational activities, science projects, music, and field days—continuing our commitment to help students thrive. Details at [prumc.org/georgia](http://prumc.org/georgia).

## IF YOU ARE NEW

### **Tea with the Clergy**

Sunday, **March 15**, 12:30 - 2:00 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).

### **Take a Tour of Peachtree Road**

Sunday, **March 22**, 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](mailto:brittanyc@prumc.org).

## HOSPITALITY

### **Friendly Volunteers Needed: Sunday Bus Drivers**

Help once a month by driving the church bus on Sundays! Drive our valued senior members in the Buckhead area to and from church for worship and fellowship. Drivers will pick up passengers at 9:30 am and bring them home after the 11:15 service. Current driver's license and auto insurance required. Contact Leslie Watkins at [lesliew@prumc.org](mailto:lesliew@prumc.org).

## ADULTS

### **Midday Masterclass: Gifts From the End of Life**

Sunday, **March 22**, 12:15 pm Hospitality Suite  
Learn how to thoughtfully envision your final months and document plans that reflect your wishes and values. Gain practical guidance from certified Conscious Dying Coach Susan Patterson in this informative and compassionate session. Lunch \$10. Registration coming soon.

## ADULTS

### Tour and Lunch at Westside Table

Tuesday, **March 10**, 10:00 am departure from Rollins Center Join Rev. Daniel Ogle to learn more about PRUMC's Westside Table campus, the sanctuary's historic stained glass, the food pantry, and their vision for the future. Bring money for lunch at a Westside hot spot, The Companion. RSVP to Rev. Leslie Watkins at [lesliew@prumc.org](mailto:lesliew@prumc.org).

### Local Outreach Project with Beth Spencer

Wednesday, **March 18**, 1:00 pm, C106  
Help us fill gift bags for the women of Hope Works and the teachers of Hollis Elementary. Learn more about the exciting things going on in our Local Outreach Department. RSVP to Rev. Leslie Watkins at [lesliew@prumc.org](mailto:lesliew@prumc.org).

### Encore! Read and Reflect

Sunday, **March 29**, 6:00 pm, Hospitality Suite  
Join PRUMC members for a conversation around *The Art and Science of Getting Happier* by Arthur C. Brooks, designed for those considering or preparing for retirement. RSVP at [prumc.org/register](http://prumc.org/register) and be sure to read the book in advance.

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### UMKF Family Service Project

Today, 4:00 - 5:30 pm, The Loft  
Families will assemble hygiene kits for our neighbors in need. This hands-on service project is designed for children and their parents to serve together, followed by dinner and fellowship. RSVP at [prumc.org/register](http://prumc.org/register).

### Welcome to the Nursery

Sunday, **March 15**, 9:00 - 10:00 am, Heritage Hall  
New and expectant parents are invited to learn more about our Nursery ministry and how we nurture the youngest members of our church family. Come discover how we partner with parents to support the earliest steps in faith.

### Register for VBS & Extended Day By May 1

**June 8-11**, 9:00 am-12:00 pm and 12:00 - 3:00 pm  
For children ages four (by 9/1/25) through fifth grade. RSVP at [prumc.org/register](http://prumc.org/register) by May 1.

## YOUTH

### 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! RSVP at [prumc.org/register](http://prumc.org/register).

## YOUNG ADULTS

### Young Adult Lenten Study: Pause

Mondays, **February 23 - March 23**, 6:30 pm, C207  
Explore the Psalms this Lent through Elizabeth Caldwell's book, *Pause: Spending Lent with the Psalms*. The study will include discussion, reflection, prayer, the course book, and dinner each week. RSVP at [prumc.org/register](http://prumc.org/register).

## WOMEN

### Women's Spring Retreat: Resting in God's Love

**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. The Heritage Retreat Center offers a serene setting for reflection, worship, and meaningful conversation. Enjoy the wooded grounds, be in community, and experience God's love in a restorative way. RSVP at [prumc.org/register](http://prumc.org/register).

## 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. Guides and dogs are included, and events are set up for schedule flexibility. RSVP at [prumc.org/register](http://prumc.org/register).

### Men's Spiritual Retreat: The Main Plot

**April 24 - 25**, Dahlonga, GA  
Led by Dr. Kendall Soulen of Emory University, this retreat will explore how God's grace expands our capacity to be with God, with ourselves, and with one another. Join us for a meaningful time of reflection, renewal, and fellowship with other men of faith. RSVP at [prumc.org/register](http://prumc.org/register).

## CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP

### PRUMC's Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, **May 4**, 10:00 am, Bear's Best Golf Course  
Start gathering your foursome for a fun day on the course! Players of all skill levels are welcome, and prizes will be awarded for the top three team scores, longest drive, closest to the pin, a putting contest, and a \$5,000 hole-in-one challenge! Lunch and an awards ceremony are included in the day. RSVP at [prumc.org/register](http://prumc.org/register). For more information, contact Rev. Geoff Beakley at [geoffb@prumc.org](mailto:geoffb@prumc.org).