



PEACHTREE ROAD  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
THE FIFTEENTH DAY *of* MARCH, 2026

EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN FIFTEEN O'CLOCK

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# MORNING WORSHIP

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

## THE GATHERING

CARILLON PRELUDE

Sally Westmoreland

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Ich ruf zu dir Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639*

J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

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:* By grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God.

*People:* For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

*Minister:* Let us worship God.

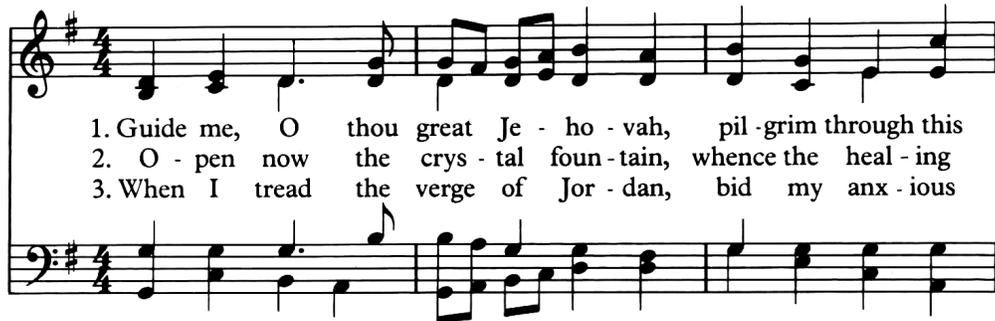
# PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

AT THE PROCESSION, \*

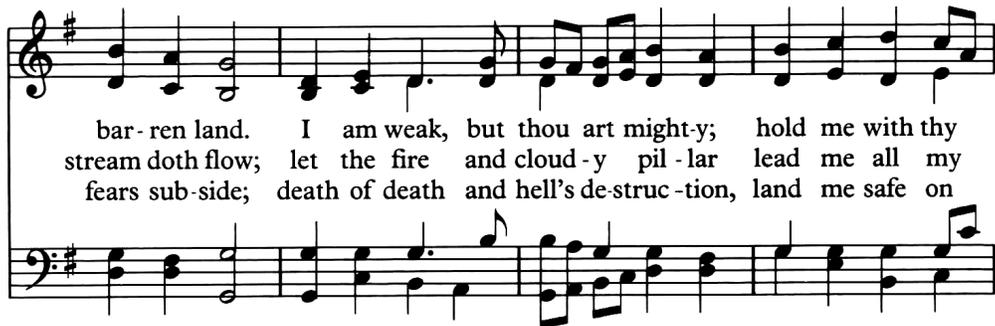
HYMN 127

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

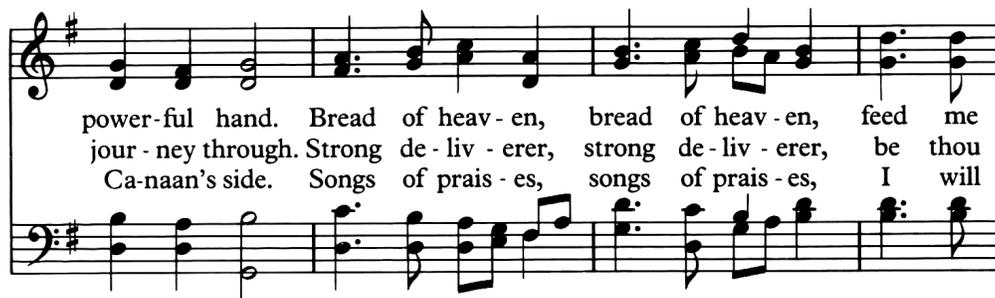
CWM Rhondda



1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on



power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, feed me  
jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer, be thou  
Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will



till I want no more; (want no more) feed me till I want no more.  
still my strength and shield; (strength and shield) be thou still my strength and shield.  
ev - er give to thee; (give to thee) I will ev - er give to thee.

*William Williams, 1745*

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.

*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

*The Lord is My Shepherd*

arr. Allen Pote  
(b. 1945)

The Lord is my shepherd, nothing shall I want. My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green. Leads me beside still waters. The Lord is my shepherd who restores my life. Leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name and even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil. For You are with me, your rod and staff will comfort me, for the sake of the Lord's name. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and in the house of my God I will live forever

*Psalms 23*

The Doxology Youth Chorale

## SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (8:45 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

## CHORAL RESPONSE

Oo 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

*There is a balm in Gilead*

William L. Dawson  
(1899-1990)

There is a Balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole, to heal the sin-sick soul.  
Some times I feel discouraged, and think my works in vain, but then the Holy  
Spirit revives my soul again. If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach  
like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus, and say "He died for all."

The Chancel Choir  
Sierra Randall, *soloist*

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 \*

John 9:1-41

† following the reading:

*Minister:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Lenten Journey

*A Man Born Blind: Seeing and Believing*

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 451 \*

*Be Thou My Vision*

Slane

*Unison*

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*Ancient Irish*

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

*Deep River*

David Hurd  
(b. 1950)

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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:** Vaughn Elizabeth Jackson, born September 10, 2025, daughter of Ansley and George Jackson.

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

**In Loving Memory of:** Richard E. Conway in honor of his birthday by his wife, Barbara, and family.

**In Loving Memory of:** Fredda Peele by her daughters, Peggy Peele, Laura Youmans and Mary Katherine Peele.

**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*  
John 9:1-41

**Liturgists:** Rev. Karen Webster Parks, *Executive Pastor*  
Rev. Geoff Beakley, *Associate Minister*

**Verger:** Jennifer Evans

**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  
The Doxology Youth Chorale

*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.

MARCH 15, 2026



## TODAY

### Welcome to the Nursery

Today, 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. No RSVP necessary.

### Tea with the Clergy

Today, 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, contact Brittany Charron at [brittanyc@prumc.org](mailto:brittanyc@prumc.org).

### Dogwood Botanical Crosses for Palm Sunday and Easter

Prepare your home for Palm Sunday and Easter with beautiful, botanical crosses handmade by a local gardener. Crosses are made to order, crafted from fresh greenery. Place your order in the Dogwood Shop today, or call us at 404.240.8282 to pre-order. Pick up crosses in the shop on **March 15, 22, or 29**. Quantities are limited.

## IF YOU ARE NEW

### 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 or to RSVP, contact Brittany Charron at [brittanyc@prumc.org](mailto:brittanyc@prumc.org).

## MUSIC & ARTS

### The Musical Stations of the Cross

Sunday, **March 22**, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Experience a contemplative Lenten tradition of organ improvisation and scripture readings based on the stations of the cross. Scott H. Atchison, gallery organ; Zach Hemenway, chancel organ; John Lemley, narration; Schola, antiphons; Peachtree Carillon. \$15 donation.

### Three Choirs Festival

Thursday, **March 26**, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Enjoy a collaborative, inspiring music exchange featuring the choral programs from Georgia State University, Emory University, and the UGA Hodgson Singers. Dessert reception following the concert. \$15/\$5 suggested donation.

## PALM SUNDAY

### Palm Sunday Worship

Sunday, **March 29**, 8:45, 10:00, and 11:15 am

We begin the most sacred week of the Christian year by commemorating Jesus' triumphant entrance into the Holy City of Jerusalem. Join us for festival worship with palms, procession, and special music. Rev. Bill Britt preaching.

### Palm Sunday Special Joining Day in Worship

Sunday, **March 29**, 11:15 am, Sanctuary

We will offer an additional opportunity to join the church during the 11:15 am worship service on Palm Sunday. Prior to the service, those joining are invited to gather for a brief time of fellowship and orientation. We will share the vision of the church and what it means to be a member, followed by coffee and refreshments with clergy and new members.

### Palm Sunday Fellowship Luncheon

Sunday, **March 29**, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Grace Hall

Join us for a delicious meal and warm fellowship with your church family. Enjoy glazed ham, mac & cheese, green bean salad, rolls, and strawberry cake. This meal is complimentary; we look forward to seeing you!

## 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)).



## 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.

**Mar 18** Rev. Mace Hall    **Mar 25** Rev. Ron Greer

### Holy Week Midday Services

**March 30 - April 2**, 12:00 pm, Moore Chapel

Each day of Holy Week, we will offer midday moments of reflection and devotion led by our clergy and music staff. Lunch will follow in Grace Hall.

**Mar 30** Rev. Emily Miles    **Mar 31** Rev. Geoff Beakley  
**Apr 1** Rev. Josh Miles    **Apr 2** Rev. Elizabeth Byrd

### Holy Thursday

Thursday, **April 2**, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus Christ when the sacrament of Holy Communion was established. Chancel Choir, with Chamber Singers. Rev. Bill Britt preaching.

### Good Friday Community Worship

Friday, **April 3**, 12:00 pm, Second Ponce Baptist Church

Reflections will be given by the ministers of our combined faith community as we remember the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. All are welcome to attend.

### Easter Day Sunrise Service

Sunday, **April 5**, 6:30 am, Columbarium

You are invited to begin Easter with the historic tradition of the Great Vigil. Just as the first believers did, we will gather outside as dawn begins to break. As light fills the world, we will recognize Jesus' victory over death! We will then process to the chapel for the first service of Easter.

### Easter Day Festival Worship

Sunday, **April 5**, 8:15, 9:45, & 11:15 am, Sanctuary

Join us for a joyful celebration of Jesus' resurrection and the hope of everlasting life! Festival worship will feature glorious music and an inspiring message. Rev. Bill Britt preaching. Music by The PRUMC Chancel Choir, Atlanta Brassworks, and the Peachtree Carillon.

## LOCAL OUTREACH

### 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:

**Mar 19** Hopeworks Transport

**Mar 21** New Hope Outdoor Project

**Mar 22** Easter Basket Packing

**Mar 28** Family Day at Metro Transitional

### The PRUMC Lenten Offering

Each Lent, we are asked to set aside a designated amount each day or week as a spiritual discipline. This symbolic act is meant to share in the sacrifice of Christ. At the end of the 40 days, we bring our collected offerings to the church on Easter Sunday in gratitude and for the glory of God. The collection is given to the 17 Atlanta outreach agencies that we are proud to partner with year-round, to the benefit of our community. Plan now and join us in our Easter gift as we honor Christ's call on this holy day.

## GLOBAL MISSIONS

### Costa Rica Family Mission Trip - Sign up by March 22!

From 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 and registration link at [prumc.org/costa-rica](http://prumc.org/costa-rica).

### Georgia Adult Mission Trip

Help continue our work of breaking generational poverty through education. From September 30 - October 11, 2026, we will spend time with children offering creative, educational activities, science projects, music, and field days—continuing our commitment to help students thrive. Details and registration link at [prumc.org/georgia](http://prumc.org/georgia).

## ADULTS

### Local Outreach Project with Beth Spencer

Wednesday, **March 18**, 1:00 pm, C106

Help us fill gift bags for the women of Hopeworks 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).

### Midday Masterclass: Attending to Our Dying

Sunday, **March 22**, 12:15 pm Hospitality Suite

Susan Patterson, a conscious dying coach, will lead us in a conversation about the soul's need to contemplate the reality of our mortality. She will share simple, reflective practices you can use individually or with your community. \$10 for lunch. RSVP at [prumc.org/register](http://prumc.org/register).

### Encore! Read and Reflect

Sunday, **March 29**, 6:00 pm, Hospitality Suite

Join Wit Hall, Dr. Stephen McCollam, Angela Davis, and others for a conversation around *Build the Life You Want* by Arthur C. Brooks, designed for those considering or preparing for retirement. Be sure to read the book in advance and RSVP at [prumc.org/register](http://prumc.org/register).

## FELLOWSHIP

### Easter Cross of Flowers

Saturday, **April 4**, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Front of Church

Help decorate our beautiful Easter Cross on the front lawn. Bring flowers and flowering branches to create a stunning symbol of the resurrection for all to enjoy. Volunteers will receive your cuttings in the front turnaround (Peachtree Road) on the Saturday before Easter.

### PRUMC's Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, **May 4**, 10:00 am, Bear's Best Golf Course

Gather 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).

## 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](mailto:brittanyc@prumc.org).

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### Meet Jerusalem, the Palm Sunday Donkey

Sunday, **March 29**, 10:00 am, Rollins Turnaround

Sunday School teachers will bring children outside to visit Jerusalem the donkey as part of class on this day. All children are welcome!

### Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, **April 4**, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, The Hill's

Children ages one to eight will enjoy Easter egg hunts, bounce houses, and a petting zoo. Fifth graders will have their own special scavenger hunt across the grounds. Bring your family and an Easter basket! No RSVP necessary.

### Baby Day

Sunday, **April 26**, 11:15 service

All babies born to church members between March 1, 2025 and February 28, 2026 will be honored at the 11:15 am worship service. Immediately after the presentation of babies in worship, their families will meet in the Hospitality Suite for a complimentary brunch and program.

### 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

### Confirmation Sunday

On **April 26** at the 10:00 am service, our Confirmation Class will officially join the church as full members. After a year of study and reflection, these young people are making a public commitment to follow Christ. Join us to celebrate their faith and the unique gifts they bring to our community.

### Senior Recognition Sunday

On **April 26** at the 11:15 am service, PRUMC high school seniors will announce their post-graduation plans in worship and enjoy refreshments afterward.

## MEN

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

**April 24 - 25**, Dahlonega, 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).