



PEACHTREE ROAD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY
THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY *of* MARCH, 2026

EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN FIFTEEN O'CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

MARCH 29, 2026 . 8:45 AM & 11:15 AM

THE GATHERING

CARILLON PRELUDE

Sally Westmoreland

THE GREAT LITANY IN PROCESSION FOR PALM SUNDAY (10:55 am)

† The procession arrives at the door to the nave

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

Psalm 118:19-24

Minister: Open the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

People: **This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

Minister: I will give thanks for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

People: **The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

Minister: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: **This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

AT THE GREAT PROCESSION, *

HYMN 280

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

St. Theodulph

(stanzas one, two, and three)

THE GOSPEL LESSON * Mark 11:1-11

† following the reading:

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

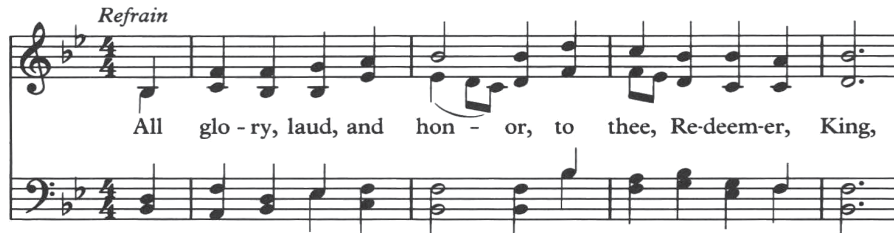
HYMN 280 *

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

St. Theodulph

(stanzas four and five)

Refrain

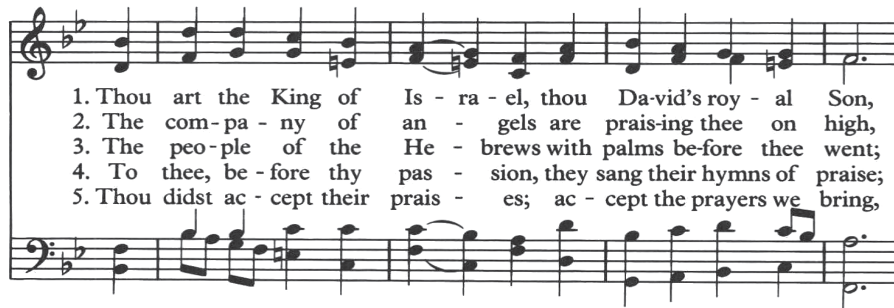


All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or, to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

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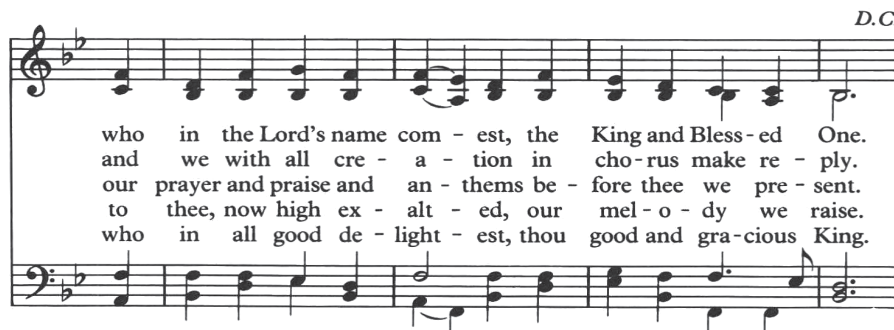


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da-vid's roy - al Son,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais-ing thee on high,
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be-fore thee went;
4. To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
5. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

D.C.



who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
our prayer and praise and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

Theodulph of Orleans, 8-9th century

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *

Minister: Let us confess our sins to God.

Minister and People: Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you
by thought, word and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name.

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

Savior King

Katie Houts
(b. 1981)

Sing Hosanna Sing! For our Messiah's here, let praises ring. Sing Hosanna sing, come wave your palms before our Savior, King. Make a path for Christ our King with blanket, palm, or shawl. Welcome Jesus, here to save and show God's love to all. Sing for Joy. Hosanna! Sing Hosanna, Amen!

Celebration Singers and Covenant Choir (8:45 am)
The Combined Children's Choirs (11:15 am)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:15 AM)

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

PASTORAL 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

Lift up your heads, Messiah

G.F. Handel
(1685-1759)

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory.

The Chancel Choir
The Doxology Youth Choir
Chamber Orchestra

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 12:9-19

† following the reading:

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Lenten Journey

The Crowd: Is it a Parade or a Funeral Procession?

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 288 *

Were You There

Afro-American Spiritual

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? (were you
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (were you
3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you
4. Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine? (were you
5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (were you

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Refrain

there) Oh! some-times it caus - es

me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble. Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? (were you there)
there when they nailed him to the tree? (were you there)
there when they pierced him in the side? (were you there)
there when the sun re - fused to shine? (were you there)
there when they laid him in the tomb? (were you there)

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

Sonata in A, KV 225

W.A. Mozart
(1756-1791)

Scott Atchison, *organ*
Chamber Orchestra

* 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.

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

In Loving Memory of: Julie Stinchcomb Rice by her family and friends.

In Celebration of the Wedding of: Katherine Feuer and Daniel Jones.

In Loving Memory of: Carolyn Broce by her family, Fred and Allan Broce and Frank and Karen May.

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 12:9-19

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

Verger: Mark Brown, Linus Djokoto

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*, Children's Choirs, Doxology Youth Choir,
The Chancel Choir

Chamber Orchestra:

Carolyn Hancock, Kenn Wagner, Ginny Fairchild, Eun Young Jung, *violin*
Yang-Yoon Kim, *viola*, Thomas Carpenter, *cello*, Karl Fenner, *bass*

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.

MARCH 29, 2026



TODAY

Meet Jerusalem, the Palm Sunday Donkey

Today, 10:00 am, Rollins Turnaround
Sunday School teachers will bring children outside to visit Jerusalem the donkey as part of class today. All ages are welcome to greet Jerusalem before the procession!

Palm Sunday Fellowship Luncheon

Today, 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!

Dogwood Botanical Crosses for Palm Sunday and Easter

Prepare your home for Easter with beautiful, botanical crosses handmade by a local gardener, crafted from fresh greenery. Limited quantities now in the Dogwood Shop!

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week Midday Services This Week

Monday - Thursday, 12:00 pm, Moore Chapel
Mar 30 Rev. Emily Miles **Mar 31** Rev. Geoff Beakley
Apr 1 Rev. Josh Miles **Apr 2** Rev. Elizabeth Byrd
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.

Holy Thursday Evening Service

This 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

This Friday, **April 3**, 12:00 pm, Second Ponce Baptist Church
PRUMC will participate in the annual Good Friday prayer service of the Christian churches of Buckhead. 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 TRADITIONS

Easter Cross of Flowers

This 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) this Saturday before our Sunday Easter celebration.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

This 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. 3rd - 5th graders will have their own special scavenger hunt across the grounds. Bring your family and an Easter basket! No RSVP necessary.

EASTER DAY

Easter Day Sunrise Service

Next 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

Next 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.

The PRUMC Lenten Offering

As we celebrate Christ's resurrection, we respond with gratitude, offering the gift first given to us—*new life*. Each Easter, we give to bring hope and opportunity to Atlanta through the local outreach ministries we support. In this way, our Lenten sacrifices become a living expression of Christ's love in our community, supporting our outreach partners throughout the year. Join us in giving generously.

SCAN TO GIVE ONLINE



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

SCAN TO REGISTER ONLINE

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



MILESTONES

Ron Greer Sunday

Sunday, **April 19**, 8:45, 10:00, and 11:15 am

Through his compassionate presence, wise counsel, and deep commitment to mental and spiritual well-being, Rev. Ron Greer has walked alongside countless individuals and families, offering care, hope, and guidance. Please plan to join us for worship on April 19, when Ron will preach at all services, and we will show appreciation for his decades of ministry as a pastoral counselor and cherished member of the Peachtree Road community.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Baby Day

Sunday, **April 26**, 11:15 am 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.

UMKF

Sunday, **April 26**, 5:00 pm, The Loft

3rd, 4th, and 5th graders - save the date to join us for food, fellowship, and fun before we break for the summer.

Fifth Grade Lock In!

Friday, **May 1**, 5:00 pm - Saturday, **May 2**, 7:00 am, The Loft
Fifth graders - wrap up your last year in Children's Ministry with a night full of fun, including a silent disco, capture the flag, tacos, and more. RSVP at prumc.org/register and get ready for a night to remember!

Vacation Bible School - Emerald Crossing

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

Journey through the lush landscapes of Ireland as we explore the powerful words of Psalm 23. Discover the life of the shepherd-king David and a firm foundation in God's Word. For children ages four (by 9/1/25) through fifth grade. Extended day add-on from 12:00 - 3:00 pm available. RSVP at 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 will make 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.

Middle School Discovery Week

From **July 12-16**, middle schoolers will dive into a week of service, worship, and fun in Atlanta, serving with local missions. Students may head home each night or stay at the Harp Center, and scholarships are available. Contact Aleah McClendon at aleahm@prumc.org for details.

ADULTS

Encore! Read and Reflect

Today, 6:00 pm, Hospitality Suite

Encore! supports those who are considering or preparing for retirement. Today, we will read and discuss *Build the Life You Want* by Arthur C. Brooks. Facilitated by Wit Hall, Stephen McCollam, and Angela Davis. RSVP at prumc.org/register.

God's Work Around the World with Cristin Kirbo

Wednesday, **April 15**, 1:00 pm, C106

Global Missions Director, Cristin Kirbo, discusses what God is doing around the world through PRUMC. RSVP to Rev. Leslie Watkins at lesliew@prumc.org.

Tour and Lunch at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens

Thursday, **April 30**, 9:45 am departure from Rollins Ctr.

Explore the beauty and diversity of these historic gardens with lunch at the Longleaf Restaurant. \$20 tickets plus cost of lunch. RSVP to Rev. Leslie Watkins at lesliew@prumc.org.

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. Set in the beauty of the North Georgia mountains, this retreat offers a meaningful time of reflection, renewal, and fellowship with other men of faith. RSVP at prumc.org/register.

FELLOWSHIP

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.

MUSIC & ARTS

PRUMC Annual Children's Choir Musical

"Noah" doubt about it—you'll want to be there!

Saturday, April 25, 11:00 am, Harp Center

Our children will share the beloved story of trust, promise, and God's faithfulness in *100% Chance of Rain*. This lively retelling of Noah's Ark features catchy songs, colorful sets, and the talented young voices of our PRUMC choirs. It's a performance all ages will enjoy! No RSVP necessary.

Doxology Youth Choir Concert

Sunday, May 10, 10:00 am, Grace Hall

This special pre-tour concert, *Journey of Faith, Pathway of Love*, is a moving musical experience that weaves together beloved hymns, heartfelt anthems, and joyful spirituals. Come encourage these talented young musicians and enjoy their program of faith, hope, and praise. No RSVP necessary.

GLOBAL MISSIONS

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.

IF YOU ARE NEW

Tea with the Clergy

Sunday, May 17, 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.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care Concerns

From times of celebration to times of loss, the church and clergy are here for you. To let the church know of a pastoral care concern—such as a birth, hospitalization, or death—please visit prumc.org/pastoral-care and complete the submission form, which immediately notifies select clergy and staff. You may also contact Rev. Josh Miles directly at joshm@prumc.org.

Movers and Shakers Parkinson's Support Group

Wednesday, April 8, May 13, June 10, 12:00 pm, B158

If you or someone you love has Parkinson's disease, we invite you to participate in this PRUMC support group. We meet each month for lunch and sharing. Contact Rosemary Josey at rosemary.josey@gmail.com.

ONE LAMB MENTAL WELLNESS

Mental Health Awareness Lunch & Learn Series

Thursdays, May 7 - 28, 12:00 pm, Zoom

Join us for a new wellness series, where trusted clinical professionals will cover relevant topics each week. For complete details and Zoom link, visit prumc.org/register.

May 7 Rest and Mental Wellness

May 14 Spirituality and Mental Wellness

May 21 Community and Mental Wellness

May 28 Creativity and Mental Wellness

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.