



PEACHTREE ROAD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION
THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
THE SEVENTEENTH DAY *of* MAY, 2026

TEN O'CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP
THE MOORE CHAPEL
MAY 17, 2026 . 10:00 AM

THE GATHERING

CARILLON PRELUDE

Sally Westmoreland

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Komm, Gott, Schopfer, Heiliger, Geist
(Come Holy Spirit, God and Lord)

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

THE GREETING

We welcome each of you to this service!
We pray that this time together will be a blessing in your life.

THE CHORAL INTROIT

Sing and Rejoice

Doxology Youth Chorale

Traditional

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

AT THE PROCESSION, *

HYMN 166

All Praise to Thee, For Thou, O King Divine

Sine Nomine

1. All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine, didst
2. Thou cam'st to us, in low - li - ness of thought; by
3. Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
4. Where-fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur-pose, thou
5. Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord in

yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,
thee the out - cast and the poor were sought,
who wast a ser - vant, that we might be free,
art high ex - alt - ed, o'er all crea-tures now,
heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;

that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine:
and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought:
hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry:
and given the name to which all knees shall bow:
and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored:

Refrain
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It features a vocal line with five numbered verses, a piano accompaniment, and a refrain. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The score concludes with a double bar line.

F. Bland Tucker, 1938

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *

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

Minister and People: Lord our God, far too often we are hesitant in our proclamation; seeking safe and suitable opportunities to speak of our faith. Too often we are half-hearted in our service; reluctant to stand out from the crowd or to attract criticism. Too often we live as if dependent wholly on our own resources; relying on our perceived skills and modest insights. Forgive the deficiency of our efforts and the frailty of our faith. Reveal to us the immanent presence of our Risen Lord and the power we have from on high.

Minister: Hear the good news: Christ has set us free. Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God's grace. Respond with love. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Church...

For peace in our world...

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer...

For this congregation...

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers...

† *Following each petition, the minister says, We pray to you, O Lord.*

The people respond: Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

ANTHEM

Walk in the light

arr. Andre Thomas
(b. 1952)

Walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright. Shine all around us by day or by night, Jesus the light of the world. All good gifts from heaven above, Thanks to Him for His great love. Jesus, the light of the world.

Doxology Youth Chorale

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 *

Luke 24:44-53

† following the reading:

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Power to Forgive

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN 724*

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Promised Land

1. On Jor-dan's* storm - y banks I stand, and cast a
2. O'er all those wide ex - tend - ed plains shines one e -
3. No chill - ing winds or poi-sonous breath can reach that
4. When I shall reach that hap - py place, I'll be for -

wish - ful eye to Ca-naan's fair and hap - py land, where
ter - nal day; there God the Son for - ev - er reigns, and
health-ful shore; sick - ness and sor - row, pain and death, are
ev - er blest, for I shall see my Fa-ther's face, and

Refrain
my pos - ses - sions lie.
scat - ters night a - way. I am bound for the prom - ised land,
felt and feared no more.
in his bo - som rest.

I am bound for the prom - ised land; oh, who will come and

go with me? I am bound for the prom - ised land.

COMMISSIONING OF THE KENYA MISSION TEAM

BENEDICTION *

PEACE *

Minister: 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

Valet will ich dir geben, BWV 736
(Farewell I Gladly Bid Thee)

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

* 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.

Preaching: Rev. Bill Britt, *Senior Minister*

Liturgists: Rev. Leslie Lyons Watkins, *Associate Minister*

Music: Kathy Fletcher, *Director of Youth and Children's Music*
Dr. Robin Hensley, *Assistant Organist*
Doxology Youth Chorale

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.

MAY 17, 2026



TODAY

Take a Tour of Peachtree Road

Today, 10:00 am, Heritage Hall

Join us for a campus tour 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.

Kenya Mission Team Commissioning

Today, 10:00 am, Moore Chapel

We will commission our Men's Mission Team as they prepare to serve alongside *Start With One Kenya* through clean water initiatives, hygiene education, and community partnerships. Join us as we pray for their journey and the relationships and ministry they will share in Kenya.

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, please contact Brittany Charron at brittanyc@prumc.org.

Youth "Night at the Ballpark"

Today, 6:00 pm, PRUMC Soccer Field

Celebrate the end of the school year with slip-and-slide wiffle ball, a fun cookout, and time together with friends.

WORSHIP

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 24, 8:45, 10:00, and 11:15 am

On Pentecost, we celebrate the Holy Spirit descending upon the disciples—filling them with courage, purpose, and a renewed sense of God's presence. Join us for worship as we reflect on the ways God's Spirit continues to move among us today—bringing life, unity, and hope.

ADULT EDUCATION

Disciple Graduate Recognition

Today, 11:15 am, Sanctuary

Disciple participants commit to a year-long journey of deepening their faith and discovering how to live out their discipleship in meaningful ways. Through this immersive study, they become more devoted followers of Christ, gaining a richer understanding of scripture, community, and calling. We are proud of these graduates and the impact they make—both within our church and beyond.

DISCIPLE I | Ed Hamlin, *Facilitator*

Rick Bennett	Pat McGill	Chris Sikes
Jim Carlton	Kurt Metzner	Arthur Sinkler
Cheryl Carlton	Kelli Pennington	Jennifer Stenbridge
Stacy Falls	Russ Pennington	Dena Thompson
Zach Kennedy	Abby Potter	Greg Weller
Jane Jones	Michael Rodenas	Kati Weller
Debraleigh Jowers	Richie Sabatino	
Jon Jowers	George Sells	

DISCIPLE II | Lynn Banks & Chris Knight, *Facilitators*

Tim Boatwright	Amanda Geib	Robert Matherne
Jeff Burmeister	Russ Greatorex	JP Matzigkeit
Glenn Cartledge	Blake Hanlon	Kim Thiessen
Abby Clark	Jennifer Knight	

MUSIC & ARTS

Midday Music in May

Wednesdays, 1:00 pm, Sanctuary

Enjoy 30-minute lunchtime organ recitals by the talented musicians of Atlanta. This week's performance is by PRUMC's own Oak Martin, a graduate of The Curtis Institute of Music and Yale University. Free and open to the public.

May 20 Oak Martin, Peachtree Road UMC

May 27 Tom Bara, First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta

Music & Arts continued on page 3 of announcements.

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).



ONE LAMB MENTAL WELLNESS

Mental Health Awareness Lunch & Learn Series

Thursdays, 12:00 pm, Zoom

Our May series continues with trusted clinical professionals covering relevant topics each week. For complete details and Zoom link, visit prumc.org/register.

May 21 *The Power of Relationships*

What draws us in, what connects us.

Rev. Grace Guyton, Grace Guyton Counseling

May 28 *The Healing Power of Creativity*

Science behind creative arts and mental wellness.

Helen Goldberg & McKenzie Williams, Skyland Trail

Mindful Art Workshop

Wednesday, **May 20**, 2:00 pm, St. Luke's Presbyterian

1978 Mt Vernon Rd, Dunwoody, GA, 30338

This meditative practice bridges the conscious and unconscious mind and leaves the practitioner with a sense of renewed calm. No registration or experience required. All supplies are provided at this free workshop.

Midweek Yoga with Emily Miles

Wednesdays, **June 17 - July 8**, 12:45 pm, C208

This 4-week series will help you increase flexibility, strength, and mental wellness. No experience is necessary. RSVP at prumc.org/register.

Next Step Recovery Support Group

1st, 2nd, and 4th Tuesdays, **starting June 2**, 6:00 pm, C101

Led by Certified Addiction Counselor/Pastoral Counselor Randy Eberhard, this group offers a safe and supportive space for individuals and families affected by addiction, grief, or difficult life circumstances. Whether you are personally struggling or supporting a loved one, you are welcome. For more information, contact Randy Eberhard at randyeberhard@gmail.com.

Financial Assistance Available

The One Lamb Initiative offers confidential scholarships to support mental health care, including counseling through our Pastoral Care Counseling Service. Apply at 1lamb.org.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Memorial Holiday Schedule

Sunday, **May 24**, 10:00 & 11:15 am

Childcare will be available for PreK and younger at the 10:00 am and 11:15 am worship hours only.

Bible Olympics!

Sundays, **May 31 - July 26**, 10:00 am, The Loft

Children (completed K - 5th grade) gather each week for team games and Bible learning at Bible Olympics. Join us for a summer of hot competition!

Mission Camp

Monday - Wednesday, **July 13 - 15**, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

We are bringing back Mission Camp this year! Third, fourth, and fifth graders will join us in giving back to our community. More details coming soon.

YOUTH

Youth Summer in the City - Better Together!

Join your PRUMC friends for fun and games around Atlanta this summer. Some events require registration (which is noted below). Families can choose to pay for each event individually or purchase all three at a discounted bundle price. Register at prumc.org/register. Let's go!

Jun 24 Afternoon at AMC Parkway Pointe (Register)

Jul 8 Harp Center Hang Out

Jul 29 Pool Party!

Aug 9 Dave and Busters, Marietta (Register)

Aug 15 Atlanta United Game (Register)

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 and enjoying activities like a Six Flags day, silent disco, and pool party. 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.

FREEDOM SUNDAY

Submit Veteran Photos for Freedom Sunday by June 1

We will honor our veterans at the June fellowship luncheon with a slideshow on the big screen in Grace Hall. Please submit photos of veteran family members in uniform, with their name and any other details you can provide - branch, rank, dates of service, etc. Either email digital images or bring photos to the church for a staff member to scan.

Submit photos by Monday, June 1:

- **Sundays:** Give photos to Brittany Charron
- **Weekdays:** Drop off photos at Rollins front desk
- **Anytime:** Email photos to Brittany Charron at brittanyc@prumc.org

Thank you for contributing to this special project!

Freedom Sunday, 2026: 250 Years of Hope

Sunday, June 28, 8:45, 10:00, & 11:15 am

This Independence Day marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. On Sunday, June 28, we will gather in worship and fellowship to observe this historic moment - reflecting, giving thanks, and honoring the many lives that have shaped our nation. We will acknowledge our service men and women, and enjoy a meaningful message and music from choirs and brass.

Freedom Sunday Festival Chorus

Sunday, June 28, 8:45 & 11:15 am, Sanctuary

Join the choir and orchestra to offer stirring music during worship on this special day! If you have ever considered singing in the choir, this will be a wonderful opportunity. We will have **one rehearsal on Tuesday, June 23**. Contact Ruth Sommerville at ruths@prumc.org.

Fried Chicken Fellowship Luncheon

Sunday, June 28, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Grace Hall

Come enjoy a delicious meal and warm fellowship following our inspiring worship services.

HOSPITALITY

Sanctuary Tours

Guided sanctuary tours will take participants through the beauty and artistry of our sanctuary's architecture, stained glass, and handcrafted woodwork. Learn historical highlights, meaningful traditions, and interesting details about the sacred space we call home. For more information,

Party on Peachtree!

Saturday, July 4, 7:00 - 9:30 am, Front Lawn

Join us out front to cheer on the participants of the Peachtree Road Race. We'll have coffee, pastries, party favors, and a great view of the race. To volunteer, contact Brittany Charron at brittanyc@prumc.org.

GLOBAL MISSIONS

Georgia Adult Mission Trip - Register by June 1

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.

PRUMC Global Mission Trips

If you feel a call to expand your heart and horizons, consider joining a PRUMC global mission team. Our impactful journeys open your heart, broaden your perspective, and renew your hope as you witness the incredible ways God is at work around the world. For more information, contact Cristin Kirbo at cristink@prumc.org.

MUSIC & ARTS CONTINUED

Doxology Youth Choir Summer Tour

May 30 - June 5, The Carolinas

Our youth choir will spend a week in song, service, and fun as they perform in and learn about North and South Carolina. They will sing in senior living facilities and churches, including Duke Chapel at Duke University! Please keep them in your prayers as they serve as ambassadors of PRUMC.

Atlanta Summer Organ Festival

Wednesday, June 24, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

Internationally acclaimed organist and pianist Jeremy Filsell will perform as part of the Atlanta Summer Organ Festival and the Elizabeth B. Stephens International Organ Festival. A native of England, Dr. Filsell is known for his virtuosic performances, wide-ranging repertoire, and former service as Director of Music and Organist at St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue in New York City. Dessert reception following the recital. \$15 suggested donation.

Elizabeth B. Stephens International Organ Competition

Final Round Recitals

Saturday, June 27, 2026, Sanctuary

10:00 am - 1:00 pm, and 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

We are honored to welcome outstanding young organists from around the world to perform here before a panel of distinguished judges. This biennial competition supports emerging artists as they develop their gifts and pursue their vocation. Final recitals are free and open to the public and will be livestreamed.

Save the Dates:

Jul 26 Chancel Choir Canterbury Tour Concert

Sep 13 Scott Atchison Concert