



PEACHTREE ROAD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION
THE SEVENTEENTH DAY *of* MAY, 2026

EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN FIFTEEN O'CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

MAY 17, 2026 . 8:45 AM & 11:15 AM

THE GATHERING

CARILLON PRELUDE

Sally Westmoreland

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Pièce d'Orgue, BWV 572

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 CHORAL INTROIT

René Clausen
(b. 1953)

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord. Shout to the Lord, alleluia! Praise
Him! Alleluia!

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 verses of lyrics, a piano accompaniment, and a refrain. The lyrics are: '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 score includes a piano introduction and accompaniment throughout.

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.*

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

INTRODUCTION OF OUR SUMMER INTERN, HAVEN EMERY

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

Taizé

Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.

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

God is gone up

Gerald Finzi
(1901-1956)

God is gone up with a triumphant shout: the Lord with sounding trumpets' melodies: sing praises out, unto our King sing praise seraphic wise. Lift up your heads, ye lasting doors, they sing, and let the King of glory enter in. Me thinks I see heaven's sparkling courtiers fly, flakes of glory down him to attend, and hear heart cramping notes of melody surround his chariot as it did ascend; mixing their music, making every string more to enravish as they this tune sing.

Edward Taylor

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 *

Luke 24:44-53

† *following the reading:*

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Power to Forgive

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 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.

Samuel Stennett, 1787

DISCIPLE RECOGNITION (11:15 AM) *

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

Fanfare

William Mathias
(1934-1992)

* 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: Lyla Scott Fendler, born January 12, 2022 and Lane Alexandra Fendler, born August 11, 2025, daughters of Samantha and Scott Fendler; Margaret Lee Vidal, born October 25, 2025, daughter of Charlotte and Charlie Vidal; and Mills Ray Woodard, born October 8, 2025, son of Caroline and Jordan Woodard.

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

In Loving Memory of: Elizabeth (Libba) Wilson honoring her May 20 birthday by her sister, Coker Appleton.

In Loving Memory of: Clyde M. Kennedy, III and Martha and Clyde M. Kennedy, Jr. by Betty Lee, Dan and Kathleen Kennedy, Katie Kennedy, and Andy and Rebecca Noel.

In Loving Memory of: their parents, Judy Hardin and Ted Walker, by Scott and Joanie Hardin.

In Loving Memory of: Kay Dietz honoring her May birthday by Dick and Gregory Dietz and Melissa Dietz White.

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*
Luke 24:44-53

Liturgists: Rev. Elizabeth Byrd, *Associate Minister*
Rev. Geoff Beakley, *Associate Minister*

Vergers: Linus Djokoto

Music: Scott Atchison, *Director of Music and Organist*,
Oak Martin, *Associate Organist and Choirmaster*,
The Chancel 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.

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

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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