



PEACHTREE ROAD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FOUNDER'S DAY
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE SEVENTH DAY *of* JUNE, 2026

EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN FIFTEEN O'CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

JUNE 7, 2026 . 8:45 AM & 11:15 AM

THE GATHERING

CARILLON PRELUDE

Sally Westmoreland

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Rhapsody no. 1 in D flat

Herbert Howells
(1892-1983)

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

arr. Richard Proulx
(1937-2010)

Rise up in early morning; Sing of the risen Savior. Sing tidings of salvation with
alleluias ringing: *In cymbalis bene sonantibus.*

St. John Damascene
(676-749)

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

AT THE PROCESSION, *

HYMN 555

Forward Through the Ages

St. Gertrude

1. For-ward through the a - ges, in un - bro - ken line,
2. Wid - er grows the king - dom, reign of love and light;
3. Not a - lone we con - quer, not a - lone we fall;

move the faith - ful spir - its at the call di - vine;
for it we must la - bor, till our faith is sight.
in each loss or tri - umph lose or tri - umph all.

gifts in dif - fer - ing mea - sure, hearts of one ac - cord,
Proph - ets have pro - claimed it, mar - tyrs tes - ti - fied,
Bound by God's far pur - pose in one liv - ing whole,

man - i - fold the ser - vice, one the sure re - ward.
 po - ets sung its glo - ry, he - roes for it died.
 move we on to - geth - er to the shin - ing goal.

Refrain

For - ward through the a - ges, in un - bro - ken line,

move the faith - ful spir - its at the call di - vine.

Frederick Lucian

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *

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

Minister and People: Most Gracious Lord, we thank you for your love and your faithfulness through the years. You have generously provided for Peachtree Road United Methodist Church and our surrounding communities near and far. You have carried us forward through the ages. You have been faithful to us in times of celebration and challenge. But we confess that we are not always faithful to you and your calling upon our lives. Forgive us when we receive your love but do not act upon it. Forgive us when we hear the good news but do not share it. Forgive us when we neglect the witness of our faith. Remind us that we are blessed to be a blessing and teach us how to go and share the good news of your love with all people in all places.

Minister: Hear the good news: God is good, all the time. And all the time, God is good. Trust in this truth and receive God's gifts of grace and mercy today. 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.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

FOUNDER'S DAY LITANY

Leader: With strong conviction that a Methodist church was needed in the Buckhead area, retired minister Rev. E.H. Wood led the initiative in 1925 to establish Peachtree Road Methodist Church knowing there were hundreds of Methodists within a one-mile radius.

People: We remember, LORD.

Leader: 101 Years later, our worshipers come from far and wide to worship in spirit and in truth

People: We thank you, LORD.

Leader: From the first 19 founders in the spring of 1925, to the first service of public worship on June 7 and through the end of that year, God added to our number.

People: We remember, LORD.

Leader: This church has grown to thousands and more are joining every year as we worship and serve our Risen Savior!

People: We thank you, LORD.

Leader: Sunday School started with 45 men, women, and children desiring to learn about God and God's Word.

People: We remember, LORD.

Leader: In 2026, more than 1000 men, women, and children gather each week for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship to grow in their faith.

People: We thank you, LORD.

Leader: In the first year of Peachtree Road Methodist Church, the Women's Missionary Society raised \$142 to send to missionaries.

People: We remember, LORD.

Leader: God, you have blessed us abundantly, so our local outreach now serves many in the community as well as our global partners around the world in Guatemala, Kenya, Belize, Costa Rica and the Republic of Georgia.

People: We thank you, LORD.

ALL: Almighty God, we praise you for our founders who saw the need and for all that has been accomplished in Your Name. Help us to continue the good work to further the Kingdom. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

Gerald Finzi
(1901-1956)

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 Folder. Let us know if you are new, would like to become a member or are interested in more information about Peachtree Road.

PRAYER

ANTHEM

How lovely is Thy dwelling place

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul ever longeth and fainteth for the blest courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh rejoice in God, yea in the living God. Blest are they who dwell within thy house, they praise thy Name evermore.

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 LESSON

Genesis 12:1-9

† *following the reading:*

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Blessed to be a Blessing

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *

The 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 374 *

Standing on the Promises

R. Kelso Carter, 1886

1. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my King,
2. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
3. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
4. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing,
Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

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

3. *Sequence for the feast of dedication, Trois Esquisses Gothiques*

Jean Langlais

(1907-1991)

Scott Atchison, Oak Martin, *organists*

* 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: Collins Grace Kennedy, born December 1, 2025, and Worth Fielding Kennedy, born January 15, 2023, daughter and son of Kristina and Dyer Kennedy; Hayes Millard Reddish and Harrison Daniel Reddish, born October 24, 2025, sons of Anna and Ryan Reddish.

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

In Loving Memory of: Ross Daniel honoring his 80th birthday by his wife, Bryn, his sons, Russell (Stephanie), David (Heather) and Michael (Charity) and his grandchildren, Ian, Connor, Spencer, Emerson, Mason and Keegan.

In Loving Memory of: Evelyn and John Joiner by Celene Joiner and Kyle and Cathy Joiner.

In Loving Memory of: Mark Daniel Curlee by his parents.

In Loving Memory of: Sharyn Walter on their anniversary by her husband, Jeff.

In Loving Memory of: Kay Dietz honoring their wedding anniversary by Dick Dietz.

In Celebration of the Wedding of: Anna Carroll and Daniel Barrack and In Honor of: their grandparents, Ken and Martha Carroll's 62nd wedding anniversary.

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*
Genesis 12:1-9

Liturgists: Rev. Josh Miles, *Associate Minister*
Rev. Mace Hall

Verger: Rev. Elizabeth Byrd, *Associate Minister*

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.

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TODAY

Bible Olympics!

Sundays, **Now - 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!

The Dogwood Shop

Open **Today**, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm
Discover a beautiful new selection of seasonal items. All proceeds support our Global Mission initiatives. We are open six days a week!

REV. GEOFF BEAKLEY

Honoring Rev. Geoff Beakley

Sunday, **June 14**, 2026
8:45, 10:00 & 11:15 am Worship | 12:30 pm Reception
Please join us to express our appreciation for Rev. Geoff Beakley and his faithful ministry at Peachtree Road. Geoff will preach at all worship services, and a reception in his honor will follow at 12:30 pm in Grace Hall. Make plans to worship and share your gratitude as we celebrate Geoff and wish him well on his next chapter in ministry.

Midweek Worship with Rev. Geoff Beakley

Wednesday, **June 17**, 12:00 pm, Sanctuary
Please note that Midweek Worship on Wednesday, June 17, will be held in the Sanctuary due to maintenance work in Moore Chapel. We hope you will join us as Rev. Geoff Beakley offers the message. This will be a meaningful opportunity to pray with Geoff before his new appointment.

Men's Happy Hour - Geoff Beakley Farewell

Thursday, **June 25**, 5:00 pm, The Ship & Anchor
Join the Men of PRUMC for a happy hour to give Geoff a proper PRUMC sendoff before he moves on to St. Andrew UMC in Marietta next month. Please RSVP at prumc.org/register. For more information, contact Jim Savage at jamescsavage1@gmail.com.

CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM

EXTENDED! Submit Veteran Photos by June 15

We are thrilled by the response to our call for veteran photos and are extending the submission date to Monday, June 15. If you or a family member has served in the armed forces, please consider sharing a photo for our special slideshow on Celebration of Freedom Sunday. We would love to honor our veterans and see the many faces of service represented in our church family. Please submit photos of veterans in uniform, along with their name and any service details you can provide, such as branch, rank, or dates of service.

- Email digital images to Brittany Charron at brittanyc@prumc.org
- Bring photos to Brittany Charron on Sundays, or
- Drop off photos at the Rollins front desk on weekdays for a staff member to scan.

Photos of all generations welcome. Thank you for contributing to this special project!

Celebration of Freedom Volunteer Festival Chorus

Sunday, **June 28**, 8:45 & 11:15 am, Sanctuary
As our nation marks its 250th anniversary, we are gathering our annual Volunteer Festival Chorus to help lead worship on Celebration of Freedom Sunday. Music is at the heart of this special day, so if you have ever considered singing in the choir, this is a wonderful time to join in. Come lift your voice, share in the spirit of celebration, and experience a great perspective from the choir loft. It will be one to remember! **One rehearsal will be held 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
After our Celebration of Freedom worship services, join your PRUMC family around the table for good food and great fellowship! Come enjoy a complimentary, classic Southern luncheon with a little 1776 flair. Enjoy fried chicken, squash casserole, spinach and strawberry salad, biscuits, and lemon chess pie with blueberries and whipped cream. We will also feature a wonderful slideshow of veterans on the big screen as we remember and appreciate all who have served. Make plans to share in the good spirit of this special day!

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).



CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM CONTINUED

Celebration of Freedom 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, consider a meaningful message, welcome special guests, and enjoy inspiring music from choirs and brass. This one is not to be missed!

Special Joining Day in Worship

Sunday, **June 28**, 11:15 am, Sanctuary

We are excited to welcome new members during worship on this day. For more information on joining, please contact Brittany Charron at brittanyc@prumc.org.

IF YOU ARE NEW

Take a Tour of Peachtree Road

Sunday, **June 14**, 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. For more information or to RSVP, contact Brittany Charron at brittanyc@prumc.org.

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adults to the Braves Game

Friday, **June 19**, 7:15 pm, Truist Park

Take me out to the ballgame! Join PRUMC's Young Adults for a special night with the best in baseball—the Atlanta Braves! We will sit together to watch our home team take on the Milwaukee Brewers. Text YA at 678-616-8882 or visit prumc.org/register for the group-rate ticket link.

ADULTS

Summer Fun Bingo!

Wednesday, **June 10**, 1:00 pm, C106

Join us as we play our favorite game with VBS students. Bring a \$5 wrapped, summer-themed prize. RSVP to Rev. Leslie Watkins at lesliew@prumc.org.

FULL! Exhibition Tour of Dior: Crafting Fashion SCAD Museum of Fashion & Film

Our tour of the SCAD FASH exhibition *Dior: Crafting Fashion* is at capacity and registration has closed.

YOUTH

Youth Summer in the City - Better Together!

Join your PRUMC friends for fun and games around Atlanta this summer. Some events require paid registration, which is noted below, and a bundle discount is available. Register at prumc.org/register. Let's go!

Jun 24 Afternoon at AMC Parkway Pointe (Register)

3:00 pm - popcorn, laughs, and a private theater

Jul 8 Harp Center Hang Out

12:00 pm - summer meet up (bring your lunch)

Jul 29 Pool Party!

1:00 pm - cool off around the water

Aug 9 Dave and Busters, Marietta (Register)

1:00 pm - games, prizes, and a ton of fun

Aug 15 Atlanta United Game (Register)

5:30 pm - enjoy an exciting home match

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.

MUSIC & ARTS

Caroline Robinson Organ Recital

Monday, **June 8**, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

PRUMC is honored to welcome the Association of Anglican Musicians to Atlanta for their Annual Conference week of inspiring liturgies, fellowship, and beautiful music. PRUMC will host Monday's recital featuring Caroline Robinson. Free and open to the public.

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 was founded by the family of the late Elizabeth B. Stephens, who was a great supporter of the arts at PRUMC and throughout the city of Atlanta. Her legacy offers opportunities to young artists to develop their talents and thrive in their vocation. The six 2026 finalists represent the countries of Spain, South Korea, Japan, USA, and China. Final recitals are free and open to the public and will be livestreamed.

Chancel Choir Tour Preview Concert

Sunday, **July 26**, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

From August 8 through August 17, 2026, the Chancel Choir will serve as the choir in residence at Canterbury Cathedral, England, leading daily worship. Enjoy a preview of the music the Chancel Choir will offer during their time in the U.K.

Save the Date: Scott Atchison Farewell Concert

Sunday, **September 13**, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Join us for a special evening celebrating the remarkable career and legacy of Scott Atchison, honoring more than 40 years as organist, music director, and choirmaster of Peachtree Road UMC. The concert will feature many of Scott's favorite musical selections, with guest conductors, organists, and soloists, accompanied by a full orchestra.

ONE LAMB MENTAL WELLNESS

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, 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. For more information, contact Randy Eberhard at randyeberhard@gmail.com.

Financial Assistance Available

One Lamb offers confidential scholarships to support mental health care, including counseling through the PRUMC Pastoral Counseling Service. Apply at 1lamb.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 call 404.266.2373. You may also email Rev. Josh Miles at joshm@prumc.org.

Movers and Shakers Parkinson's Support Group

Wednesday, **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.

HOSPITALITY

Lemonade on the Lawn

Sundays in July, PRUMC Front Lawn

Fellowship with others on Sundays in July as part of our annual Summer in the City series. Enjoy cookies and lemonade while visiting with friends, new and old.

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.