



PEACHTREE ROAD  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
THE TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY *of* JUNE, 2026

TEN O'CLOCK

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# MORNING WORSHIP

THE MOORE CHAPEL

JUNE 28, 2026 . 10:00 AM

## THE GATHERING

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Melody in Mauve*

Richard Purvis  
(1913-1994)

### 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

H. Hamilton Smith  
(Twentieth Century)

He shall rule from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the earth. Alleluia!

*Psalm 71:8, 11*  
*Daniel 7: 14*

# PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

AT THE PROCESSION, \*

HYMN 698

*God of the Ages*

National Hymn

*Trumpets, before each stanza*

1. God of the a - ges, whose al-might-y hand
2. Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past;
3. From war's a-larms, from dead-ly pes-ti - lence,
4. Re-fresh thy peo- ple on their toil-some way;

leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;  
be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;  
lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay,  
thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;  
fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.  
thy Word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.  
thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

*Daniel C. Roberts, 1876*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON \*

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

*Minister and People:* Loving God, we praise you for the freedoms we enjoy: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Yet we confess that we often take these blessings for granted. We confess that we have not lived out your call to love our neighbors as ourselves. We have used our liberty to serve our own interests rather than to serve one another in love. We have allowed injustices to remain, and we have ignored the marginalized around us. Forgive us, we pray. Remind us of the vision of our Founding Fathers. Empower us to use our freedom to advocate for the powerless, to break the chains of injustice, and to do your holy will. Turn our hearts back to you and to one another, and bind us together in your love.

*Minister:* Hear the good news: The Lord who made the heavens and the earth hears our cries and answers our calls for justice and righteousness. 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

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

THE LORD'S 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

*Festival Piece on St. Anne*

Eugene Butler  
(1935-2024)

O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same. A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all who breathe away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day. O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

*Issac Watts*  
(1674-1748)

Schola Cantorum

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

Joshua 1:1-9

*† following the reading:*

*Minister:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God!

SERMON

*Be Strong and Courageous*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### RESPONSE \*

*God Bless America*

Irving Berlin

(1888-1989)

God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her through the night with a light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam, God bless America, my home sweet home.

William Green *tenor*  
Choir and Congregation

### BENEDICTION \*

### PEACE \*

*Minister:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Carillon*

Louis Vierne

(1870-1937)

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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.

**Preaching:** Rev. Bill Britt, *Senior Minister*

**Liturgist:** Rev. Emily Miles, *Associate Minister*

**Music:** Scott H. Atchison, *Director of Music and Organist*  
Oak Martin, *Associate Organist and Choirmaster*  
Dr. Robin Hensley, *Assistant Organist*  
William Green, *tenor*  
Schola Cantorum

*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.

JUNE 28, 2026



## 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!

### **Fried Chicken Fellowship Luncheon**

**Today**, 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.

## 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**, 6:30 - 9:30 am, Front Lawn  
Join us out front to cheer on the participants of the Peachtree Road Race. We will have coffee, pastries, party favors, and a great view of the event! Don't miss our own David and Darden Glass in the push assist division (6:40 am), followed by many more familiar faces throughout the morning! To volunteer, contact Brittany Charron at [brittanyc@prumc.org](mailto:brittanyc@prumc.org).

### **Sanctuary Tours**

Guided sanctuary tours 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, contact Brittany Charron at [brittanyc@prumc.org](mailto: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 call 404.266.2373. You may also email Rev. Josh Miles at [joshm@prumc.org](mailto:joshm@prumc.org).

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

*Please note the Children's Building will be closed next Sunday, July 5 and there will be no Sunday School or nursery.*

### **Mission Camp**

Mon/Tue, **July 13 - 14**, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Grace Hall  
We are bringing back Mission Camp this year! Third, fourth, and fifth graders will join us in giving back to our community. Registration now open at [prumc.org/register](http://prumc.org/register).

## 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, and a bundle discount is available. RSVP at [prumc.org/register](http://prumc.org/register).

#### **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](mailto:aleahm@prumc.org) for details.

## 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)).



## ONE LAMB MENTAL WELLNESS

*The One Lamb Initiative strives to nurture mental wellness through a community of connection, support, and spiritual growth.*

### Midweek Yoga with Emily Miles

Wednesdays, **Now - July 8**, 12:45 pm, C208

This summer series will help you increase flexibility, strength, and mental wellness. No experience is necessary. RSVP at [prumc.org/register](http://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](mailto:randyeberhard@gmail.com).

### NAMI Family-to-Family 8-Week Course

Sundays, starting **September 13**, 2:00 - 4:30 pm.

If you have family or friends with mental health challenges, the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) provides a course to cope and problem-solve in a non-threatening, anonymous setting, and at no charge. Attendees learn about self-care, support resources, crisis management, treatment, and more. For more information and to register, contact Susan Thigpen at [thigpensusan@gmail.com](mailto:thigpensusan@gmail.com).

### Mental Wellness Resources

The One Lamb Initiative for Mental Wellness offers resources and support for suicide, grief, trauma, depression, anxiety, addiction, and self-care. Visit the One Lamb website at [1Lamb.org](http://1Lamb.org) to learn more or contact Rev. Emily Miles at [emilym@prumc.org](mailto:emilym@prumc.org).

### Financial Assistance Available

The One Lamb Initiative offers confidential scholarships to support mental health care, including counseling through the Pastoral Counseling Service at PRUMC. Visit the One Lamb website at [1Lamb.org](http://1Lamb.org) to learn more and to apply. For questions, contact Rev. Emily Miles at [emilym@prumc.org](mailto:emilym@prumc.org).

## DISASTER RELIEF

### Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, **July 1**, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Harp Center

The American Red Cross supplies about 40% of the nation's blood. A reserve supply is critical in times of crisis and natural disaster. Donating now ensures a ready supply for the Red Cross to help victims of unexpected events such as tornadoes, wildfires, and hurricanes. Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code "peachtreeroadumc" to make your appointment. Thank you!

## PASTORAL COUNSELING

**The Pastoral Counseling Service at PRUMC** 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.

## MUSIC & ARTS

### 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. at a complimentary concert!

### 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.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### Action Requested:

#### Please Update Your Communication Preferences

We are updating our communications systems to better serve our congregation and help you stay connected with the ministries that matter most to you. As part of this transition, we are moving to new email and texting platforms that will help maintain accurate contact information, honor your preferences, and communicate more effectively.

**We now have two subscription forms:** one for **email** updates and one for **text** messages. Each form offers churchwide and ministry-specific update options. **Please take a moment to complete one or both forms** and let us know how you would like to hear from your church. Your response will help us send relevant information based on your selections.

To access the forms, scan the QR codes here or visit [prumc.org/connect](http://prumc.org/connect). Thank you.



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## WORSHIP

### Midweek Worship

**Wednesdays, 12:00 pm, Moore Chapel**

Take a meaningful pause in the middle of your week at our reflective service with Scripture, prayer, and a brief message to refocus your heart and mind.

### July Worship: Summer in the City

Join us for our annual summer series filled with favorite hymns, meaningful fellowship, and messages that return us to the foundations of our faith. This summer, our clergy will preach the series “Everything I Need to Know I Learned in Sunday School,” revisiting familiar Bible stories and timeless lessons that continue to shape our lives. Whether you are home all summer, traveling between Sundays, or welcoming guests to Atlanta, we hope you will make worship part of your summer rhythm.

### Worship Livestreams

**Sundays, 8:45 & 11:15 am, YouTube, Vimeo, prumc.org**

Our traditional worship services are livestreamed each Sunday with recordings available to view through our website.

## ADULT EDUCATION

### Look Forward to Fall Studies!

This fall, we look forward to offering a variety of studies and small group opportunities to help deepen understanding of scripture, facilitate thoughtful conversations, and strengthen spiritual life. Whether you are returning to a favorite group or looking for a new place to begin, we hope you will find an offering that encourages, challenges, and inspires you in the months ahead. Online registration opens July 31. Here is a preview of the opportunities taking shape for fall:

### Back to the Basics: Exploring Christian Faith

Learn core Christian beliefs, sacraments, and Methodism.

### The Corinthians Conversation

Explore Paul's guidance for church conflict and unity.

### DISCIPLE I (Fast Track)

Dive deeply into the Old and New Testaments.

### DISCIPLE II (Fast Track)

Study Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts in depth.

### DISCIPLE III: Remember Who You Are

Explore the prophets, Paul, identity, and community.

### Encore: Downsizing Done Right

Learn when and how to downsize for retirement.

### Encore: Demystifying Medicare

Understand what to know before enrolling in Medicare.

### Encore: Social Security 101

Build a blueprint for your retirement income.

### Food for the Journey: A Guide for Spiritual Renewal

Find Christian resilience, renewal, and hope in weary times.

### Galatians: The Fruitful Life

Explore freedom, grace, and life in the Holy Spirit.

### Grace Point

Women study James and put faith into daily action.

### Invitation to Genesis

Discover faith and humanity in Genesis' great stories.

### Journey Together

Apply Scripture to daily life through shared discussion.

### Men's Bible Studies

Men grow in faith through Scripture and conversation.

### Morning Light

Women gather for Bible study, fellowship, and growth.

### Stepping Stones

Reflect on Scripture, current events, and faith journeys.