



PEACHTREE ROAD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

IN GOD WE TRUST

*"...Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us as a nation.
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: 'In God is our trust.'
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!"*

The Star-Spangled Banner is the national anthem of the United States of America. The lyrics come from "Defense of Fort McHenry," a poem written in 1814 by the 35-year-old amateur poet Francis Scott Key after witnessing the bombardment of Fort McHenry by Royal Navy ships in Chesapeake Bay during the Battle of Baltimore in the War of 1812.

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

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MORNING WORSHIP

JUNE 28, 2026 . 8:45 AM & 11:15 AM

THE GATHERING

CARILLON PRELUDE

Sally Westmoreland

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Canzona Bergamasca

Samuel Scheidt

(1587-1654)

The Atlanta Brassworks

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

(sung in procession)

Chant: George S. Talbot

(1875-1918)

Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him for his excellent greatness. Praise him with the blast of the ram's horn; praise him with lyre and harp. Praise him with timbrel and dance; praise him with strings and pipe. Praise him with resounding cymbals; Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

Psalm 150

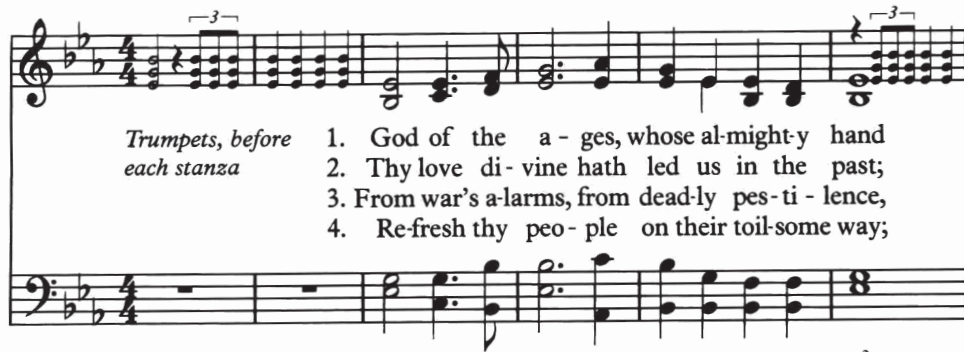
PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

AT THE PROCESSION, *

HYMN 698

God of the Ages

National Hymn

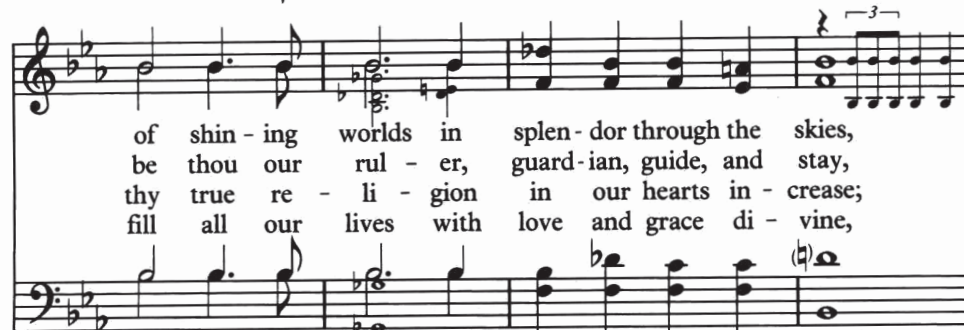


Trumpets, before
each stanza

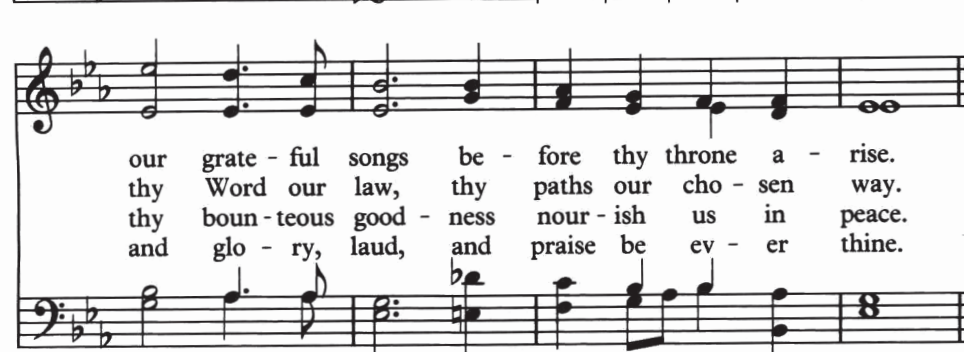
1. God of the a - ges, whose al-might-y hand
2. Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past;
3. From war's a-larms, from dead-ly pes - ti - lence,
4. Re-fresh thy peo - ple on their toil-some way;



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.*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

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)

The Festival Chorus
The Atlanta Brassworks

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:15 AM)

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

Eternal Father, strong to save

John Dykes
(1823-1876)

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave, who bidst the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea. Amen

The Gentlemen of the Choir

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.

† Veterans are invited to gather in the narthex to join the veterans' procession.

PRAYER

ANTHEM

Battle hymn of the republic

arr. Peter Wilhousky
(Twentieth Century)

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword: His truth is marching on. Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on. I have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps; they have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps; I can read His righteous sentence in the dim and flaring lamps, His day is marching on! In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me: as He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free, while God is marching on!

Julia Ward Howe
(1819-1910)

The Festival Chorus
The Atlanta Brassworks

† Please join the choir at the conductor's cue:
Glory, glory, Hallelujah! Glory, glory Hallelujah!
Glory, glory Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

HYMN *

The Star-Spangled Banner

Eighteenth Century

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light, what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming, whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight, o'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming? And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

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.

AT THE PRESENTATION *

Doxology with Alleluias

Tune: *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and
Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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 *

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Stars and stripes forever

John Philip Sousa

(1854-1932)

Oak Martin and Scott Atchison, *organ*

The Atlanta Brassworks

* 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: Otis Alvin Barge, Jr. honoring his June 30th birthday by his family.

In Loving Memory of: her grandparents, Ike and Rosa Lowman, honoring their summer birthdays by Joanie Hardin.

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*
Joshua 1:1-9

Liturgists: Rev. Josh Miles, *Associate Minister*

Verger: Mark Brown

Music: Scott H. Atchison, *Director of Music and Organist*
Oak Martin, *Associate Organist and Choirmaster*
The Festival Chorus
The Atlanta Brassworks
William Green, *tenor*

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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 to learn more or contact Rev. Emily Miles at 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 to learn more and to apply. For questions, contact Rev. Emily Miles at 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 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. Thank you.



Email Subscription
Options



Text Subscription
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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.