



PEACHTREE ROAD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUMMER IN THE CITY
THE NINETEENTH DAY *of* JULY, 2026

EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN FIFTEEN O'CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

JULY 19, 2026 . 8:45 AM & 11:15 AM

THE GATHERING

CARILLON PRELUDE

Sally Westmoreland

PRELUDE

Scott Atchison, *pianist*

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.*

CALL TO WORSHIP *

To God Be the Glory

William H. Doane, 1875

To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he
gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate
that all may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru
Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

Fanny J. Crosby, 1875

Choir and Congregation

INVOCATION *

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

HYMNS WE LOVE TO SING *

HYMN 462

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882

Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word; just to rest upon his promise,
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er! Jesus,
Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, friend; and I know that
thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end. *Refrain*

HYMN 469

Jesus is All the World To Me

Elizabeth

Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all; he is my strength from day
to day, without him I would fall. When I am sad, to him I go, no other one can
cheer me so; when I am sad, he makes me glad, he's my friend.

Jesus is all the world to me, I want no better friend; I trust him now, I'll trust him
when life's fleeting days shall end. Beautiful life with such a friend, beautiful life
that has no end; eternal life, eternal joy, he's my friend.

HYMN 186

Alleluia

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

The majesty and glory of your name

Tom Fettke
(b. 1941)

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers; The moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. But what is man that you are mindful of him. O Lord, our God the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly, and so would we. Alleluia, alleluia!

*Linda Lee Johnson (b. 1947)
based on Psalm 8*

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

Ezekiel 3:1-4

† following the reading:

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Everything I Need to Know in Life I Learned in Sunday School: The Bible is the Book for Me

RESPONSE OF THE WORD

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Deep River

Traditional Spiritual

arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into
campground. Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast, that promised land
where all is peace?

William Green, *tenor*

SENDING FORTH

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

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on 'Diadem'

Scott H. Atchison
(b. 1961)

* 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: Callum Robert Fancher, born May 1, 2026, son of Natalie and Andrew Fancher; Fred William Liddell, born February 12, 2026, son of Emma and Tom Liddell; and Madeline Elizabeth Reynolds, born December 21, 2025, daughter of Catie and Matthew Reynolds, and granddaughter of Bobbie Ann and Raymond Reynolds.

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

In Loving Memory of: Betty Fleetwood Barge honoring her July 23rd birthday by her family.

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*
Ezekiel 3:1-4

Liturgists: Rev. Leslie Lyons Watkins, *Associate Minister*
Rev. Darren Hensley, *Deacon*

Verger: 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.

JULY 19, 2026



TODAY

Fall Bible Study Registration Opens Today

Registration for all fall Bible studies, book studies, single-topic courses and small groups opens today at prumc.org. Quick links are available at prumc.org/register, or complete details with links available at prumc.org/bible-study.

Lemonade on the Lawn

Join us on the front lawn after worship for lemonade, cookies, and conversation. Whether catching up with old friends or meeting someone new, this is a wonderful way to enjoy the fellowship of our church family this summer.

MUSIC

Chancel Choir Tour Preview: Choral Evensong

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

From August 9 through August 17, 2026, the Chancel Choir will serve as the choir in residence, leading daily worship at Canterbury Cathedral, England. Enjoy a preview of the music the Chancel Choir will offer during their time in the U.K. at this complimentary choral service.

IF YOU ARE NEW

Tea with the Clergy

Sunday, **August 23**, 12:30 - 2:00 pm, Hospitality Suite

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.

Take a Tour of Peachtree Road

Sunday, **August 30**, 10:00 am, Heritage Hall

Whether you are new or still learning your way around, please join us for a campus tour (including a few behind-the-scenes stops) and a brief overview of the ministries and offerings at Peachtree Road. For more information, please contact Brittany Charron at brittanyc@prumc.org.

LEARN

Fall Bible Study Kick-Off Dinner

Sunday, **August 30**, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Grace Hall

Share a meal and be encouraged in a new season of learning and fellowship. **Dr. Ryan Bonfiglio**, Emory Professor and Executive Director of the Candler Foundry, will challenge us to approach the year of study ahead with *Confidence*, *Curiosity*, and *Conviction*. As part of this special evening, the **John Cromartie Award** will be presented to one of our outstanding class leaders. RSVP at prumc.org/register.

Fall Bible Study Registration Now Open

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. We invite everyone to make room for a Bible study this fall and discover how meaningful it can be to learn and grow alongside others. Visit prumc.org/bible-study for complete details and registration links.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

DISCIPLE I (Fast Track)

Sundays, starting **September 13**, 5:30 pm, C106

A balanced study of the Old and New Testaments with personal reading, scholarly insight, and group discussion.

DISCIPLE II (Fast Track)

Tuesdays, starting **September 15**, 6:00 pm, C104

An exploration of the books of Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts with a focus on covenant and community.

Disciple III (Fast Track)

Wednesdays, starting **September 9**, 6:00 pm, C104

Study Prophets and Paul's letters, focusing on God's call to remember, repent, and renew.

Invitation to Genesis

Sundays, beginning **September 13**, 5:30 pm, C104

Rediscover Genesis and its themes of family, conflict, and journey through human encounters with God.

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).



SHORT TERM STUDIES

Journey Together

Wednesdays, starting **September 9**, 10:30 am, C106
Dive deeper into God's Word by reading *The Call*, a book about the journeys, ministry, and letters of Paul.

Galatians: The Fruitful Life

Wednesdays, **September 9 - 23**, 6:30 pm, Grace Hall
Discover the freedom, grace, and spiritual growth found in Christ and the Holy Spirit. Led by PRUMC clergy, this class is a companion to Bill's fall sermon series.

Stepping Stones

2nd/4th Thursdays, starting **September 10**, 10:30 am, C104
Reflect on scripture, daily readings, and life experiences that shape our faith journeys.

Food for the Journey: A Guide for Spiritual Renewal

Mondays, **September 14 - October 5**, 6:30 pm, C104
Read *What Grows in Weary Lands* and explore the wisdom and practices that renew hope, faith, and resilience.

Back to the Basics: Exploring the Foundations of Faith

Mondays, **Sep 28, Oct 5, 19, 26**, 12:00 pm, Zoom
Strengthen or refresh your understanding of Christian faith with the beliefs and practices that shape discipleship.

The Corinthians Conversation

Wednesdays, **Sep 30 - Oct 28**, 6:30 pm, Grace Hall
Discover how Paul's words continue to offer wisdom for the complexities of the 21st century. Led by **Dr. Elizabeth Arnold**, Scholar in Residence, The Candler Foundry.

CARE

Pastoral Care Concerns

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.

ONE LAMB SUPPORT GROUPS

Sign up at prumc.org/register unless otherwise indicated.

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, this course helps you to cope and problem-solve in a non-threatening, anonymous setting, and at no charge. Learn about self-care, support resources, crisis management, treatment, and more. Join or inquire by contacting Susan Thigpen at thigpensusan@gmail.com.

Moms Support Group

Wednesdays, starting **September 16**, 9:15 am, PRUMC
This nurturing preschool moms group share the joys, challenges, and everyday experiences of motherhood, offering encouragement, connection, and support.

Grace Filled Grieving Support Group

Wednesdays, starting **September 16**, 6:00 pm, Hosp. Suite
If you are mourning the loss of a loved one, this caring support group led by Martha Tate, LCSW, offers space for shared stories, gentle guidance, and hope.

Next Step Recovery Support Group

1st, 2nd, and 4th Tuesdays, starting **August 4**, 6:00 pm
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.

ONE LAMB EVENTS & CLASSES

Mindful Art

Tuesdays, starting **September 15**, 1:30 pm, Harp Center
Participants focus entirely on the process of creating or observing art, being fully present in the experience. No artistic talent is needed. \$10 for supplies. Sign up at prumc.org/register.

SERVE

Contact Beth Spencer at beths@prumc.org for more information or to make a donation.

Summer Safe Graduation

We are honored to celebrate 14 young men graduating from the *Safe Summer Program* on July 31. Each student will receive new tennis shoes, socks, undergarments, hygiene products, and a backpack from PRUMC to begin the school year with confidence.

Sponsor a Senior Year

PRUMC is sponsoring nine Agape rising high school seniors at North Atlanta High School. Sponsorships provide school supplies, clothing, shoes, and senior expenses. Help lift the financial burden from their hard-working parents to help start and finish their senior year strong.

New Prison Ministry Partnership: The Helms Facility

PRUMC will expand our prison ministry this fall to include a commitment to the Helms Facility in Atlanta. Helms is primarily dedicated to providing medical care and support to those in custody who are pregnant, aging, or medically challenged. We will offer short-term programs such as book clubs, cooking classes, and yoga sessions.

FAMILIES

Bible Bootcamp for Kids

Sundays, **August 2 - 30**, 10:00 am, The Loft

Completed K-5th will meet up for fun games and activities that teach how to fully engage in worship. Don't miss this powerful opportunity to grow strong in faith!

A Day with Tim Elmore

Sunday, **August 23**, PRUMC

10:00 am Parents of Gen Z and Gen Alpha

12:15 pm Grandparents Luncheon

5:00 pm Reset Party with PRUMC Youth

Join us for a special day with Tim Elmore as he shares practical insights for parents, grandparents, and students navigating today's rapidly changing world. These will be great sessions for different generations to understand, support, and connect with each other.

Youth Parent Open House

Sunday, **August 30**, Harp Center

9:00 am | Confirmation Parent Meeting

10:00 am | Open House

We will share all the information you will need for a great year ahead. Youth (6th - 12th grade) and their parents will learn about important dates, trip info, and forms for the upcoming year.

ADULTS

Farmers Market Bingo

Wednesday, **August 5**, 1:00 pm C106

Bring your competitive spirit and your favorite summer produce. RSVP to Rev. Leslie Watkins at lesliew@prumc.org.

Trip to the National Center for Civil and Human Rights

Wednesday, **August 19**, 9:15 am departure from Rollins Ctr.

Come together for a day of powerful history, reflection, and community fellowship. We will enjoy lunch after the tour at Mary Mac's Tea Room. \$23 tickets, plus the cost of lunch. RSVP to Rev. Leslie Watkins at lesliew@prumc.org.

Demystifying Medicare

Sunday, **August 30**, 5:00 pm, Hospitality Suite

Are you confused by Medicare options? Learn how to navigate the system with confidence. Keith Nabb, founder of *Affordable Medical Solutions*, will lead an informative session to help you understand your choices. Sign up at prumc.org/register.

WOMEN

Grace Point Women's Bible Study: The Book of James

Thursdays, starting **September 10**, 9:30 am, Harp Center

Women of all ages explore how God's Word speaks to everyday life, strengthens prayer, and calls us to faith reflected in action. Sign up at prumc.org/register.

Morning Light Women's Bible Studies

Wednesdays, three class options:

10:00 am, starting **September 9**, Hospitality Suite

10:00 am, starting **September 16**, C104

10:30 am, starting **September 9**, C205

Each group of intergenerational women explores Scripture through engaging studies by trusted authors. Sign up at prumc.org/register.

MEN

Men's Weekly Bible Study (ongoing)

Mondays, 7:15 am, C106

Wednesdays, 7:00 am, C106

Fridays, 7:00 am, A106

1st & 3rd Fridays, 8:00 am, C104

Join a group of men committed to growing in faith, building meaningful friendships, and applying scripture to everyday life. Sign up at prumc.org/register.