



PEACHTREE ROAD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE EIGHTH DAY *of* SEPTEMBER, 2024

EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN FIFTEEN O'CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 . 8:45 AM & 11:15 AM

THE GATHERING

CARILLON PRELUDE

Sally Westmoreland

CHORAL PRELUDE

My God and King!

Philip Stopford

(b. 1977)

Let all the world in every corner sing. My God and King! The heavn's are not too high; his praise may thither fly; the earth is not too low, his praise there may grow. The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out; but above all the heart must bear the longest part.

George Herbert

The Georgia Boy Choir

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.*

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

AT THE PROCESSION, *

HYMN 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might-y, the King of cre - a -
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign -
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend
4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nour-ish thy life and re - store
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -
ing bears thee on ea - gle's wings, e'er in his keep - ing main -
thee; sure - ly his good-ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -
thee, fit - ting thee well for the tasks that are ev - er be -
him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw
tain - ing. God's care en - folds all, whose true good he up -
tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al - might-y can
fore thee. Then to thy need God as a moth - er doth
fore him! Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a -

near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
holds. Hast thou not known his sus - tain - ing?
do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
speed, spread - ing the wings of grace o'er thee.
gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

Joachim Neander, 1680

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *

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

Minister and People: Living and Loving God, your fruit includes love, joy, peace, patience and kindness. But we confess that we often grumble, bicker, and resent those who are different than us. We settle our disputes with hurtful words instead of listening ears. Forgive us, we pray. Instill in us the fruits of your Spirit. Help us to affirm life with life. Turn us from our sinful ways and set us free in Jesus Christ, who binds all people together in love.

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 (11:15 AM)

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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:15 AM)

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

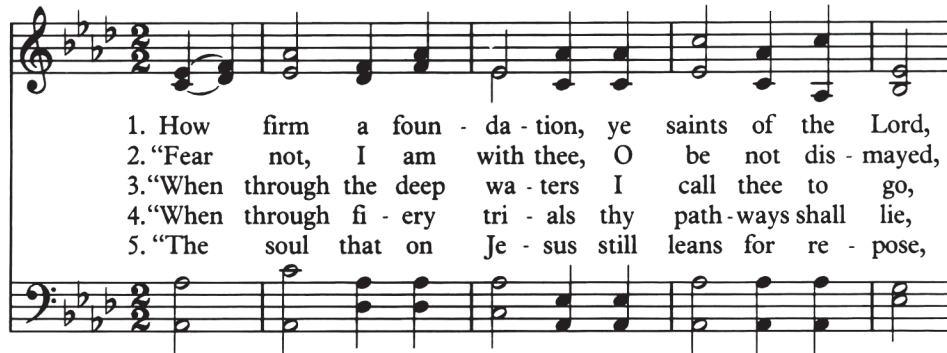
PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

AT THE GOSPEL PROCESSION, *

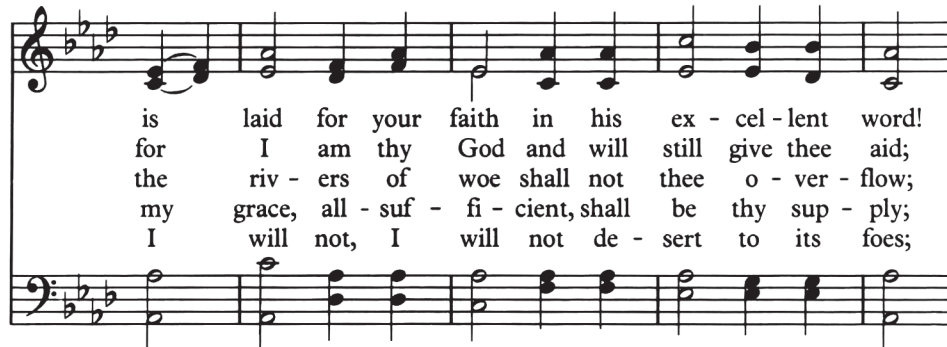
HYMN 529 *

How Firm a Foundation

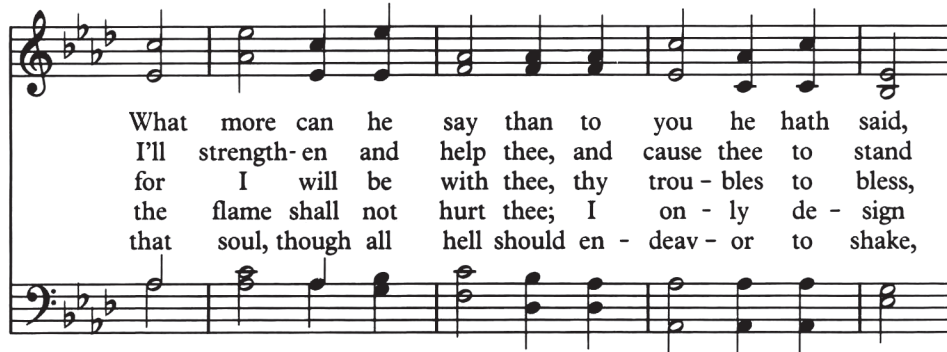
Early USA Melody



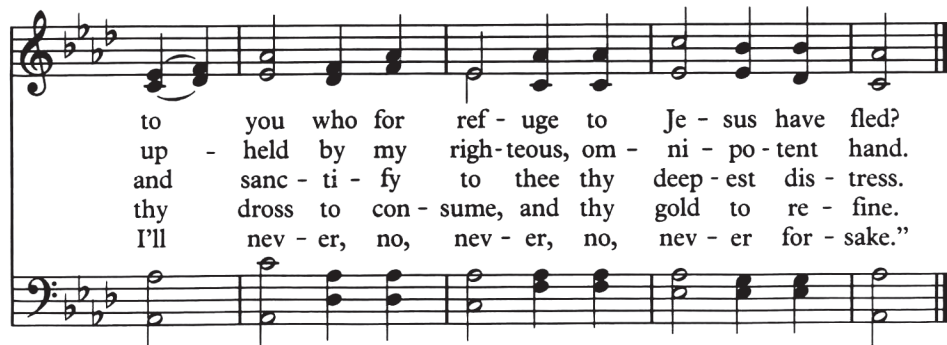
1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
4. "When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
5. "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



What more can he say than to you he hath said,
I'll strength - en and help thee, and cause thee to stand
for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

THE GOSPEL LESSON *

Luke 9:51-56

† *before the reading:*

Cantor: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

† *following the reading:*

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

† *the Alleluia is repeated.*

SERMON

Being Christian in a Divided World: Seeking Uncommon Ground

RESPONSE TO 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 on the Ritual of Christian Fellowship. Let us know if you are new, would like to become a member or are interested in more information about Peachtree Road.

PRAYER

ANTHEM

Upon this rock

John Ness Beck
(1930-1987)

Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven. And whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Lo, the winter is past; the rain is over; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds has come. Arise, and come away.

Matthew 16: 18,19; Song of Solomon 2:11-13

The Chancel Choir
The Georgia Boy Choir
The Atlanta Brassworks

† *Please stand and sing as directed.*

AT THE PRESENTATION *

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is His new creation by water and the word; from heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride; with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Yet she on earth hath union with Father, Spirit, Son, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

Choir and Congregation

SENDING FORTH

HYMN 160 *

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

Marion

1. Re - joice, ye pure in heart; re - joice, give
2. Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom

thanks, and sing; your glo - rious ban - ner
we a - dore, the Fa - ther, Son, and

6
wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Ho - ly Ghost, one God for - ev - er - more.

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.
Re - joice, re - joice,

Edward H. Plumptre, 1865

BENEDICTION *

PEACE *

Minister: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

RESPONSE *

Tune: *Edelweiss*

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

Trumpet Voluntary

Frank Clark

The Atlanta Brassworks

Scott Atchison, *organ*

* 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: Porter “Poppy” Frances Didrick, born on February 17, 2024, daughter of Emily and Jarrett Didrick.

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

In Loving Memory of: Julie Brantley Grundhoefer by her family, Mary & Marvin Brantley, Caroline, Frank, Julia, Whit, Price and Lawson Doherty, and Bryant, Laura, Sarah and Heather Brantley.

In Loving Memory of: Barbara and Lee Henkel by Lee, Lynn, and Cathy.

In Honor of: Sarah Jane Murray on her 102nd birthday by Lynne Wikle and 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
Luke 9:51-56

Liturgists: Rev. Elizabeth Byrd, *Associate Minister*
Rev. Josh Miles, *Associate Minister*

Verger: Rev. Darren Hensley, *Deacon*

Music: Scott Atchison, *Director of Music and Organist*
Dr. Robin Hensley, *Assistant Organist*
The Chancel Choir
The Georgia Boy Choir
David R. White, *Conductor*
The Atlanta Brassworks

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, scan the QR codes here, or check in with one click on the PRUMC App. Thank you! We hope you will join us again in the coming weeks.

Guest Check-in



Member Check-in



SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

TODAY

Welcome!

Fall is the perfect time to invite a friend, neighbor, or loved one to Peachtree Road. In addition to a wonderful new worship series, we have fellowship and study opportunities for all ages. The next several months will be particularly exciting as we roll out our season of Centennial Events. We hope you will join us and invite others to the celebration!

The Centennial Gallery Opening

On this special Sunday, the Centennial Gallery opens to the public. Inside, you will find a selection of cherished items, concise histories, commemorative quilts, and a digital experience that takes you through the decades of our church's mission and ministry. This curated space is located on the lower level of the Sanctuary, near the Dogwood Shop. All are invited to visit the Gallery on its grand opening and after to appreciate the heritage, history, and visual story of Peachtree Road UMC.

Fall Fellowship BBQ Luncheon

Today, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Grace Hall

Join us for a delicious meal and warm fellowship with your church family. The Men of Peachtree Road are making fantastic smoked pork to kick off the fall! Enjoy pulled pork BBQ, baked beans, coleslaw, cornbread, and banana pudding. This meal is complimentary. We look forward to seeing you today!

Country of Georgia Mission Trip Information Session

Today, 11:15 am, A101

Join members of our mission team to learn more about this ministry and our upcoming trip April 23 - May 4, 2025. This is a great opportunity to meet others who are interested and to ask any questions before registration opens on September 22. Led by Jean Nottingham and Lynn Banks.

ADULT EDUCATION

Fall Bible Studies Begin Today!

Dive into foundational studies like DISCIPLE, and other offerings that will challenge and encourage you! Through study we can gain a deeper understanding of God at work in us all. Course descriptions and links to registration and materials can be found online at prumc.org/bible-study.

Sep 8 Disciple I Fast Track, Disciple IV, Invitation to Genesis, Invitation to The Old Testament

Sep 9 A Faith of Many Rooms, Five Marks of a Methodist

Sep 11 Jesus in the Gospels, Morning Light

Sep 18 Deep Waters, Midweek Yoga

Oct 6 3 Practices: Session I

Oct 7 Five Means of Grace

Nov 3 3 Practices: Session II

Jan 5 Invitation to The New Testament

Ongoing Stepping Stones, Men's Bible Studies

Lunch & Learn with Jimmy Nammour

Sunday, **September 15**, 12:30 pm, Hospitality Suite

Join us for a conversation about Israel and the Middle East with long-time friend and tour guide Jimmy Nammour. He has led many of our trips to the Holy Land and has a current perspective and context to share. Lunch will be served. RSVP at prumc.org/events.

3 Practices for Crossing the Difference Divide

Session I - Sunday, **October 6**, 12:30 - 3:00 pm

Session II - Sunday, **November 3**, 12:30 - 3:00 pm

Learn a healthy mindset for fruitful conversations in one of these special workshops led by Claire Bowen. Details and registration at prumc.org/bible-study.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Third Grade Bible Sunday

Sunday, **September 15**, 8:45 am Worship Service

8:45 am Bible presentation, Sanctuary

9:45 am, Parent meeting, Grace Hall

Our third graders receive the gift of a Bible from our church family and begin an exciting journey of learning how to use and better understand God's Word.

UMKF - Bingo!

Sunday, **September 22**, 5:30 pm, The Loft

Dinner, devotions, and fun for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders!

Details and registration at prumc.org/events.

YOUTH

Youth Sunday Mornings: Foundations

Sundays, 10:00 am, Harp Student Center

11th & 12th Graders The Foundry

9th & 10th Graders Journey Through the Old Testament, or Kingdom Journey

7th & 8th Graders Foundations Sunday School

SENIOR ADULTS

Seasoned Saints: A.I., Elder Abuse, and Avoiding Scams

Wednesday, **September 18**, 1:00 pm, C106

Officer Middlebrooks will discuss how Artificial Intelligence (AI) is impacting elder abuse and scams. RSVP to Heather C. Holdridge at heatherch@prumc.org or 404.240.8302.

Day Trip to High Museum of Art

Tuesday, **September 24**, 10:15 am departure from Rollins

Travel with us to the High Museum of Art in Atlanta to discover new exhibits, learn from an experienced docent, and explore their beautiful art collections. Ticket cost is \$20, and lunch is self-pay. RSVP to heatherch@prumc.org.

MEN

A Science and Faith Discussion with Dr. Ken Boa

Sunday, **September 15**, 6:00 pm, Grace Hall

Come visit the universe's extremes to consider the vastness and intimacy of our reality. For more information, please contact Rev. Geoff Beakley at geoffb@prumc.org.

Men's Sporting Clay Event

September 29 - 30, The Burge Club at Burge Plantation

Join the men of PRUMC for a great sporting clay event at the premier 1,000-acre private Burge Club. All levels are welcome, and each aspect of the weekend is "a la carte" - meals, lodging, and clays. Sign up at prumc.org/events.

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Walk & Talk

Wednesdays, starting **September 11**, 6:00 pm, Chastain Park

Designed for young adults, this walking group offers a refreshing blend of movement and camaraderie. Sign up at prumc.org/events. For more information, contact Rev. Emily Miles at emilym@prumc.org.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

New Wellness Weekly Email

Mondays, starting **September 9**

This weekly resource will include short videos, concise summaries, and helpful wellness content for your mind, body, and spirit. Visit prumc.org/weekly-wellness to subscribe.

Midweek Yoga

Wednesdays, starting **September 18**, 12:45 pm, C208

Join us for this weekly class that will help you increase flexibility and strength. No experience is necessary. Sign up at prumc.org/events. For more information, please contact Rev. Emily Miles at emilym@prumc.org.

A Spirit of Kindness Forum with Ron Greer

Sunday, **September 29**, 10:00 am, Heritage Hall

"Love one another," Jesus said, "as I have loved you." And how did he love? With loving-kindness. Kindness is love in action. Love is our message. And kindness is its voice. Join One Lamb and Ron Greer for a forum on the power of kindness.

September Is Suicide Awareness Month

If you or someone you know is in crisis, the 988 Lifeline offers free and confidential support 24/7 for suicidal thoughts, mental health crises, and substance use issues. **Call 988** for immediate help; learn more at 988lifeline.org. Remember, you are not alone.

PASTORAL CARE

Join the Respite Care Volunteer Team!

Monday, **September 9**, 10:00 am, Second Ponce Church

Respite Care volunteers get to share their ideas and talents while helping to provide a joyful and stimulating environment for adults living with mild-to-moderate dementia. To learn more, contact Hannah Hatcher at hhatcher@spdl.org.

Movers and Shakers Parkinson's Support Group

Thursday, **September 12**, 12:00 pm, B158

If you or someone you know has Parkinson's disease, join us for lunch, sharing, and support. This month, join us to hear our guest speaker from the Michael J. Fox Foundation. Contact Rosemary Josey at rosemary.josey@gmail.com.

MUSIC & ARTS

Opening Concert of our Music Centennial Season

Joe Gransden and His Big Band: 100 Years of Swing!

Sunday, **September 22**, 5:00 pm, Grace Hall

Join Joe Gransden and his award-winning Big Band as they celebrate a century of swing at the opening concert of the PRUMC Centennial Season! They will entertain us with classics from Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Miles Davis, Tony Bennett, and more. Don't miss this fun night out! Details and tickets at prumc.org/music.

WORSHIP GUILDS

Honor Our Worship Spaces Through the Sanctuary Guild

We are fortunate to have beautiful, sacred spaces in which we can worship, fellowship, and celebrate the milestones of our lives. The Sanctuary Guild ensures these are ready for all services by keeping the pews in good order. We replenish the sign-in books, straighten the hymnals, and restock prayer requests. We have several openings on our team - and anyone can join! To learn more or to volunteer, please contact Rev. Josh Miles at joshm@prumc.org.

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

Midweek Lunches

Wednesdays, starting **September 11**, 12:30 - 1:00 pm
Please note - same location (Grace Hall) but new time!
Weekly menus are online at prumc.org/food-fellowship.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, **October 6**, 5:00 pm, Sanctuary
Bring your beloved furry friends to this special service for pets and the people who love them.

Halloween Extravaganza

Wednesday, **October 23**, 5:30 pm, Green Lots
Join us for a fall evening full of fun, fellowship, costumes and candy!

Let's Get Ready for Christmas

Sunday, **November 10**, 5:00 pm, Grace Hall
Resident pros will share holiday tips for a perfectly spectacular Christmas at this special event for women.

LOCAL OUTREACH

Dinner with the Men of Trinity

Today, **September 8**, 4:30 pm, Trinity Ministries
Trinity Community Ministries is a transformative center for unhoused men. Volunteers are needed to provide dinner and fellowship for these men who are working to change their lives. For more information, contact Diane Scanlan at dianes@prumc.org.

Family Day at Metro Reentry Center

Saturday, **September 21**, Choose from two shifts:

7:30 am - 12:00 pm, or 11:30 am - 4:00 pm

Metro Reentry Center is a prison for men who are non-violent offenders and have 24 months left to serve. Volunteer to help reunite incarcerated men with their families in a fun and meaningful way. We will create a circus carnival and serve lunch to participants. Ages 18 and older register at prumc.org/events.

GLOBAL MISSIONS

Young Adult Costa Rica Mission | February 12-16, 2025

Women's Costa Rica Mission | April 24-28, 2025

Serve alongside Rice and Beans Ministry and provide food and love to children and families in need. This is a wonderful chance to deepen your relationship with God and with fellow church members while experiencing the natural beauty of this country. Cost of trip is \$1300/person, including airfare. Learn more and sign up today at www.prumc.org/costa-rica.

THE DOGWOOD SHOP

Camille & Co. Trunk Show

Sunday, **September 29**, The Dogwood Shop
Join us for a special Camille & Co. trunk sale just in time for cooler weather!

Dogwood Shop Open Daily

Discover a beautiful new selection of seasonal items including clothing, jewelry, and home decor. Browse new fall gifts, books, and great holiday items, too. All proceeds benefits PRUMC Global Mission initiatives. Shop daily in person, or anytime online at thedogwoodshop.org.



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