



PEACHTREE ROAD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE FIFTEENTH DAY *of* SEPTEMBER, 2024

EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN FIFTEEN O'CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

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

THE GATHERING

CARILLON PRELUDE

Sally Westmoreland

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Light Divine

Healey Willan
(1880-1968)

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

René Clausen
(b. 1953)

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord. Shout to the Lord, alleluia! Praise
Him! Alleluia!

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

AT THE PROCESSION, *

HYMN 715

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Darwall's 148th

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore;
2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love;
3. His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
4. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Je - sus the Judge shall come,

mor - tals, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
the keys of earth and hell are to our Je - sus given.
and take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
We soon shall hear th'arch - an - gel's voice;

re - joice; a - gain I say, re - joice.
re - joice; a - gain I say, re - joice.
re - joice; a - gain I say, re - joice.
the trump of God shall sound, re - joice!

Charles Wesley, 1746

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *

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

Minister and People: O Lord our God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We need your forgiveness. Restore to us the joy of your salvation. Bind up that which is broken. Give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us so that we may do your holy will.

Minister: Hear the good news: God is full of compassion. God is gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. 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.*

PRESENTATION OF THIRD GRADE BIBLES (8:45 AM)

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 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

This is the day

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

This is the day, the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it. O praise the Lord of heav'n: praise Him in the height. Praise Him all ye angels of his: praise Him, all his host. Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars and light, let them praise the Name of the Lord; For he shall give His angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways. The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defense upon thy right hand; So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in: from this time forth for ever more. He shall defend thee under his wings. Be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

Psalms 118, 148, 91, 121, and 27

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

Psalm 40:4-8

† following the reading:

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Being Christian in a Divided World: Listening with Respect

SENDING FORTH

HYMN 454 *

Open My Eyes

Clara H. Scott, 1895

1. O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou
2. O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou
3. O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth

hast for me; place in my hands the won-der-ful key
send-est clear; and while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
ev-ery-where; o-pen my heart and let me pre-pare

Refrain
that shall un-clasp and set me free.
ev-ery-thing false will dis-ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I
love with thy chil-dren thus to share.

wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy will to see.

O-pen my eyes,
O-pen my ears, il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!
O-pen my heart,

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

Grand Jeu, Livre d'Orgue

Pierre Du Mage
(1674-1751)

* 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: Vera Bryant Smith honoring her September 15th birthday by her daughter, Martha Tate, and granddaughters, Laura Tate Yellig and Anne Tate Pearce.

In Loving Memory of: Otis Alvin (Al) Barge, III honoring his Sept. 19th birthday by his family.

In Loving Memory of: Katherine D. Hill by Reid and Tammy Harbin.

In Honor of: Don Davis by Sandra, Libby, and Jim Davis.

In Honor of: Christy and Cleve Boshier on their 25th wedding anniversary by Kinsey and Kayla Boshier, JoAnne Boshier and Faye and Dennis Wilson.

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*
Psalm 40:4-8

Liturgists: Rev. Emily Miles, *Associate Minister and Director of Mental Wellness*
Rev. Mace Hall, *Deacon*

Verger: Rev. Leslie Lyons Watkins, *Associate Minister*

Scripture Readers:

Mercer Amy (8:45 AM)
Lucy Kennedy (11:15 AM)

Music: Scott Atchison, *Director of Music and Organist*
Dr. Robin Hensley, *Assistant Organist*
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, 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 15, 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!

Third Grade Bible Sunday

Today, 8:45 am Worship Service

8:45 am Bible Presentation, Sanctuary

9:45 am, Parent Brunch, 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.

Lunch & Learn with Jimmy Nammour

Today, 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.

A Science and Faith Discussion with Dr. Ken Boa

Today, 6:00 pm, Grace Hall

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

Dogwood Shop Open Daily

Discover a beautiful new selection of seasonal items including clothing, jewelry, and home decor. Save the date for a Camille & Co. trunk show on September 29. All proceeds benefits PRUMC Global Mission initiatives.

MUSIC & ARTS

Opening Concert of our Music Centennial Season

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

NEXT 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. From its roots in the roaring '20s to the contemporary hits of today, we will enjoy a fantastic evening of swinging rhythms. Don't miss this fun night out! Details and tickets at prumc.org/music.

LOCAL OUTREACH

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

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

RACIAL JUSTICE

Bell Ringing for Peace and Reconciliation

Sunday, September 22, 1:00 pm, PRUMC

PRUMC will participate with congregations throughout Atlanta in a bell ringing for peace and reconciliation. In remembrance of the 1906 Atlanta Race Massacre, we will toll our bells 25 times for each of the twenty-five known victims of the massacre. Please join us in a spirit of prayer as we remember and vow, "Never again."

ADULT EDUCATION

Deep Waters Begins This Week

Unity in Difference: Shalom, Faith, and Politics

Wednesdays, Starting **September 18**, 6:30 pm, C208

Why is it that well-meaning, thoughtful Christians seem to differ so greatly when it comes to American politics? Join Chris Gabriel to explore how biblical principles and political engagement intersect. Come to reflect, discuss, explore antidotes, and seek hope through our faith in Jesus. Register at prumc.org/bible-study.

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

What do you do when you discover you are with someone who disagrees with you on politics or religion or important social issues? Join Claire Bowen to learn a healthy mindset for fruitful conversations in one of these special workshops focused on gaining clarity rather than agreement. Details and registration at prumc.org/bible-study.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

A Spirit of Kindness...And Its Power to Transform

A Forum with Rev. 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 kindness. With loving-kindness. Kindness is love in action. Love is our message. And kindness is its voice. Please join The One Lamb Initiative and Rev. 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.

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.

New Wellness Weekly Email

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

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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.

Halloween Extravaganza

Wednesday, **October 23**, 5:30 pm, Green Lots

Save the date for a fall evening full of fun, fellowship, costumes and candy! Help make it a great evening for our kids and community by pulling out all the stops and decorating your car trunk as part of our trunk-or-treat! You can “volunteer your trunk” soon by registering at prumc.org.

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Walk & Talk

Wednesdays, 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.

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

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. This is the perfect time of year to enjoy the great outdoors in a beautiful setting. The weekend will include skeet shooting, fellowship, hearty meals, and comfortable cabins. Join us! Sign up at prumc.org/events.

WORSHIP

The Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, **October 6**, 5:00 pm, Sanctuary

On this day, we celebrate God's gift of animals in our lives. At this annual event, our pets will receive a special blessing from our ministers, as we give thanks for their companionship and service. All are welcome!

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.

THE CENTENNIAL

The Centennial Gallery

Sundays, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Wednesdays, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Enjoy the heritage, history, and visual story of our church at the Centennial Gallery. 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 near the Dogwood Shop.

Peachtree Storybook Website

A New Chapter Hits September 18

The Peachtree Road Storybook website was created to share the history and ministry of our church... one story at a time. Each month, leading up to our Centennial in June 2025, a new chapter is added recording the legacy of our members and history-makers. This month, we take a look at "The Great Expansion Years" of our church from 1976-2008.

PASTORAL CARE

Movers and Shakers Parkinson's Support Group

Wednesday, **October 9**, 12:00 pm, B158

If you or someone you know has Parkinson's disease, join us for lunch, sharing and support. We meet the second Wednesday of each month. Contact Rosemary Josey at rosemary.josey@gmail.com.

Pastoral Care Concerns

To notify the church of a pastoral care concern, such as a birth, hospitalization, or death, visit prumc.org/pastoral-care for a submission form that immediately updates select clergy and staff. You may also contact Rev. Josh Miles at joshm@prumc.org or 404.240.8270.

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Midweek Lunches

Wednesdays, 12:30 - 1:30 pm, Grace Hall

Please note - same location (Grace Hall) but new time! Weekly menus are online at prumc.org/food-fellowship.

Fall Tailgate Luncheon!

Sunday, **October 20**, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Grace Hall

It's football season and we are ready to tailgate! Come enjoy a complimentary cookout with your church family. We'll have burgers, hotdogs, fries, coleslaw, and cookies waiting for you after worship.

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.



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