



PEACHTREE ROAD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HARVEST SUNDAY

THE TWENTY-FOURTH DAY *of* NOVEMBER, 2024

EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN FIFTEEN O'CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 24, 2024 . 8:45 AM & 11:15 AM

THE GATHERING

CARILLON PRELUDE

Sally Westmoreland

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba

G.F. Handel

(1685-1759)

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 with lyre and harp. Praise him with timbrel and dance; praise him with strings and pipe. Praise him with resounding cymbals; praise him with loud clanging cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

Psalms 150

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

AT THE PROCESSION, *

HYMN 131

We Gather Together

Kremser

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known.
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

The wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glo - ry be thine!
thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

Theodore Baker, 1894

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *

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

Minister and People: Gracious God, in our wanderings and selfish desires we have often forsaken fellowship with our families, our friends, and our neighbors. We have neglected our communion with you, choosing worldly pleasures and desires over truth, justice, and righteousness. In a world of plenty, we confess that we have hoarded material things rather than savoring your heavenly blessings. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from such bondage and reveal to us the abounding presence of Christ in our lives.

Minister: Hear the good news: God's steadfast love endures forever! For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. 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.*

PARSON'S CUP RECOGNITION

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:15 AM)

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

People: **With grateful hearts, we give you thanks.**

Leader: We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

People: **With grateful hearts, we give you thanks.**

Leader: We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

People: **With grateful hearts, we give you thanks.**

Leader: We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

People: **With grateful hearts, we give you thanks.**

Leader: Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

People: **With grateful hearts, we give you thanks.**

Leader: Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things.

People: **With grateful hearts, we give you thanks.**

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 107:1-3

† following the reading:

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

AT THE GOSPEL PROCESSION, *

HYMN 694

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

St. George's Windsor

1. Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of
 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the
 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come, bring thy fi - nal

har - vest home; all is safe - ly gath - er ed in, ere the
 God we yield; wheat and tares to - geth - er sown are to
 har - vest home; from the field shall in that day all of -
 har - vest home; gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from

win - ter storms be - gin. God our Mak - er doth pro - vide
 joy or sor - row grown; first the blade and then the ear,
 fens - es purge a - way, giv - ing an - gels charge at last
 sor - row, free from sin, there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied,

for our wants to be sup - plied; come to God's own
 then the full corn shall ap - pear; Lord of har - vest,
 in the fire the tares to cast; but the fruit - ful
 in thy pres - ence to a - bide; come, with all thine

tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 ears to store in the gar - ner ev - er - more.
 an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

TTHE GOSPEL LESSON * Matthew 6:25-35

† before the reading:

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

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

† following the reading:

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

† following the reading

SERMON

We Are Grateful for All God's Blessings

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

PRAYER

ANTHEM

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Mack Wilberg
(b. 1955)

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Prone to wander Lord, I feel it, prone to leave they God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.

Robert Robinson

The Chancel Choir
Doxology Youth Choir
The Atlanta Brassworks

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!

HYMN 102 *

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun Danket

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
 2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;

who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
 and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Martin Rinkart, 1636

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert
(1877-1933)

The Atlanta Brassworks
Jonathan Easter, *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.

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

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*
Matthew 6:25-35

Liturgists: Rev. Elizabeth Byrd, *Associate Minister*
Rev. Jamie Jenkins, *Minister of Visitation*

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

Music: Scott Atchison, *Director of Music and Organist*
Jonathan Easter, *Guest Organist*
Kathy Fletcher, *Director of Youth and Children's Music*
Doxology Youth Choir
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



NOVEMBER 24, 2024

TODAY

Harvest Sunday Festival Worship

Today we gather together to give thanks for our many blessings. We are deeply grateful for you, our church family. Your dedication and talents enrich the ministries of this great church, and your presence strengthens our faith community. Your spirit is a reflection of God's love, and we give thanks for you.

Harvest Sunday Thanksgiving Luncheon

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

Gather with us today for a wonderful fellowship meal. Enjoy roast turkey, glazed ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls, and pumpkin pie. Come and enjoy time together as we share food, community, and gratitude for one another.

Family Advent Workshop

Today, 4:30 - 6:30 pm, Grace Hall

Come enjoy an evening of fellowship as we prepare our hearts and homes for the Advent season. Families will participate in meaningful crafts and enjoy dinner together. This is a wonderful opportunity to create lasting memories, deepen your connection to the season, and embrace the anticipation of Christ's birth together. RSVP at prumc.org/events.

The Many Moods of Christmas Concert Tickets Available

Tickets for our classic Christmas concert taking place December 8 are complimentary but necessary for seating. Reserve tickets online at prumc.org/events or pick up at the Dogwood Shop or church office.

Holiday Shopping at The Dogwood Shop

Browse new table settings, hostess gifts, holiday decor, and more! We are open Sunday through Friday, and all proceeds benefit PRUMC Global Missions.

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP

Supporting the Church and Each Other

Our church family is bound together by faith, love, and a shared commitment to one another. We are here to support each other through every season of life—celebrating joys, shouldering burdens, and growing together in faith. These promises are sacred, rooted in our shared calling to be the body of Christ. When we give, we are honoring these commitments, ensuring that our church remains a place of hope and strength for all, in every moment, both bright and challenging.

Today, we ask those who have not yet made a financial commitment to the church to consider doing so before we enter the Advent and Christmas season. While the holidays bring wonderful and worthy opportunities to give, it is your commitment to the church that ensures our ministries, programs, and community thrive all year long. By pledging now, you help build the strong, steady foundation that supports everything we do, allowing us to focus on the joy and generosity of the season ahead. Make your annual commitment using the pledge card found in today's bulletin, through the church app, or online at prumc.org/give.

PRAYER

2024 Advent Devotional

Prepare your heart for the Advent season through the PRUMC Advent Devotional. You are invited to join us for 25 days of insightful and inspiring devotions written by the clergy and laity of PRUMC. All those who are already subscribed to our Daily Devotions email will receive the Advent Devotions emails starting on December 1. If you wish to subscribe, please visit prumc.org/prayer.

MUSIC & ARTS

The Great Tree Lighting

Sunday, **December 1**, 5:30 pm, Sanctuary

Begin your Advent season with a night of light and wonder! All PRUMC children's and youth choirs will present beautiful Christmas music, culminating in the lighting of the Sanctuary's Great Christmas Tree. Special Christmas treats and piano carols to follow in Grace Hall. Childcare available for ages 3 and under at prumc.org/events.

Atlanta Tuba Christmas

Friday, **December 6**, 12:00 pm, Front Turnaround

This annual performance of Christmas classics and sing-alongs takes place in cities across the country each year. Join our city's favorite tuba players for great music and great fun to get in the Christmas spirit! Free and open to the public.

The Many Moods of Christmas

Sunday, **December 8**, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

PRUMC Chancel Choir, Georgia Boy Choir, soloists, and orchestra present our Christmas classic featuring traditional Christmas hymns, moving new settings of familiar carols, and Handel's *Messiah*. Reception to follow in Grace Hall. Tickets available at prumc.org/events and at the church offices.

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday, **December 15**, 5:30 pm, Sanctuary

Join friends, neighbors, and communities from across the city to sing favorite Christmas carols together. We will finish by singing *Silent Night*, surrounded by candlelight and the glow of the great Christmas tree. Reception in Grace Hall to follow.

Christmas With The Georgia Boy Choir

December 20 & 21, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Enjoy sacred classics, Christmas carols, and well-loved holiday tunes including Atlanta's largest performance of *The Twelve Days of Christmas*. Tickets available at georgiaboychoir.org.

THE DOVES OF PRUMC

Sanctuary and Dove Tours

Wednesday, **December 4, 11, 18**, Sanctuary

1:15 and 2:00 pm (with select 6:00 pm days)

Join a special 45-minute docent-led tour to learn about our Dove installation, the art of our stained glass windows, the carved cross, and more. It is an extraordinary, immersive experience, and you are invited to be a part of it! Reserve space on one of our remaining 2024 tours at prumc.org/doves. Additionally, if you would like to schedule a tour for a group of 15 or more, please contact Brittany Charron at brittanyc@prumc.org.

WORSHIP

The Longest Night Prayer Service

Sunday, **December 22**, 5:30 pm, Moore Chapel

If you find the holidays difficult, or if you would like to experience a quiet service of reflection at this time of year, please join us for *The Longest Night*. This special candlelight service reminds us "the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it." John 1:5

Christmas Eve Worship Services

Tuesday, **December 24**, Sanctuary

Come celebrate this glorious night with us! Our beautiful services offer meaningful messages and magnificent music. Childcare available for ages 3 and under at the 4:00 and 6:00 pm services.

11:00 am Christmas Service of Holy Communion
A celebration of the Eucharist

4:00 pm Family Candlelight & Pageant
Children's choirs and nativity pageant

6:00 pm Family Candlelight & Pageant
Children's choirs and nativity pageant

8:00 pm Festival of Lessons & Carols
With Chancel Choir & Brass

10:30 pm Festival Choral Eucharist
Eucharist celebration with Chancel Choir & Brass

LOCAL OUTREACH

Volunteer Now for Christmas Kindness

From **December 6-11**, the working poor of our city can select gifts for their families, with dignity, at no cost to them at our Christmas Kindness shop. During their time here, they are surrounded by the care of loving volunteers, who help them select and wrap their gifts. Join us at Christmas Kindness and experience the joy of serving others this Christmas season. Volunteer at prumc.org/events.

GLOBAL MISSIONS

PRUMC Global Mission Trips

If you feel a call to expand your heart and horizons, consider joining a PRUMC global mission team. Our impactful journeys open your heart, broaden your perspective, and renew your hope as you witness the incredible ways God is at work around the world. For more information, contact Cristin Kirbo at cristink@prumc.org.

Upcoming open trips include:

Jan 29 - Feb 2 Women's Mission to Guatemala

Mar 27 - Apr 6 Adult Mission to Kenya

May 1 - May 5 Women's Mission to Costa Rica

YOUTH

A Christmas Carol at the Alliance Theatre

Sunday, **December 8**, 1:30 pm, Meet at Harp Center
Join your friends for an afternoon out to get into the Christmas spirit. After enjoying the performance, we will have dinner at Colony Square and return to PRUMC at 6:30 pm. RSVP at prumc.org/events.

Middle School Christmas Party

Sunday, **December 15**, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, Harp Center
Wear your favorite Christmas morning attire and join us for Extreme Bingo and a festive Christmas breakfast! RSVP at prumc.org/events.

High School Christmas Party

Friday, **December 20**, 4:45 pm, Orient Express Vinings
Enjoy dinner with friends to celebrate the season. RSVP at prumc.org/events.

High School Ski Trip

January 17-20, 2025, Breckenridge, CO
Join us for a great weekend of skiing, snowboarding, devotions, and hanging out with your friends. Details and registration at prumc.org/events.

Renovatus Youth Retreat

January 31 - February 2, 2025
On this favorite weekend, we connect with God and each other through worship, games, and awesome activities. We always make great memories and have incredible experiences on this retreat. Join us! RSVP at prumc.org/events.

YOUNG ADULTS

Advent Bible Study

Tuesdays, **Now - December 10**, 6:30 pm
Join us for dinner and a small group study on Adam Hamilton's *Prepare the Way for the Lord: Advent and the Message of John the Baptist*. RSVP at prumc.org/events.

Young Adult Cabin Retreat

January 17-19, 2025, North Georgia
Pack your flannel and head to the mountains for a cozy weekend in the woods! Whether you love a morning hike or an evening board game, you won't want to miss this winter getaway filled with friends and fellowship. RSVP at prumc.org/events.

SENIOR ADULTS

Seasoned Saints Wednesday Programs

Wednesdays, 1:30 pm, C106
Dec 6 *Jingle Bingo*
Please bring a \$5 wrapped gift/prize and a treat to share.
Dec 18 *Ornament Show & Tell*
Bring a favorite ornament and share your story about it.

RSVP to Heather C. Holdridge at 404.240.8302 or heatherch@prumc.org if you plan to attend.

MEN

Men's Breakfast with Ron Greer: "Faith and Fidelity"

Friday, **December 6**, 7:00 - 8:00 am, Heritage Hall
Our focus will be on how we intentionally honor fidelity in all of our living and, specifically, in our marriages. RSVP at prumc.org/events.

2025 Men's Spiritual Retreat at Camp Glisson

Friday, **February 28**, 6:00 pm, to Sunday, **March 2**, 10:00 am
Join Rev. Bill Britt and Rev. Geoff Beakley for PRUMC's first men's spiritual retreat in the North Georgia mountains. Led by Dr. Brent Strawn, the preeminent Old Testament professor from Duke University, this retreat offers a chance to deepen your faith and strengthen bonds with other PRUMC men. Details and registration at prumc.org/events.

CENTENNIAL EVENTS

An Evening with Kate Bowler

Sunday, **January 26, 2025**, 5:00 pm, Sanctuary
Kate Bowler is a New York Times best-selling author, a Duke Divinity theologian, and the persona behind the popular podcast "Everything Happens." Together, we will explore what it means to live through the best of days, the worst of days, and all the in-betweens. RSVP at prumc.org/events.

Mississippi Mass Choir

Friday, **February 7**, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary
This Grammy-nominated gospel powerhouse will fill our sanctuary with their incredible vocals and spirit! This is gospel music at its finest - "a masterclass in inspirational music." \$15 suggested donation.

Bishop Will Willimon

Sunday, **February 16**, 8:45 & 11:15 am, Sanctuary
Bishop Will Willimon is a renowned Methodist leader, theologian, and author, celebrated for connecting deep theology with everyday Christian living.

To make a secure online gift, scan this QR code with your smartphone camera to be directed to our giving web page. There, you can easily complete your contribution. Thank you!

