



PEACHTREE ROAD  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS  
THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY *of* DECEMBER, 2024

ELEVEN FIFTEEN O'CLOCK

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# MORNING WORSHIP

DECEMBER 29, 2024 . 11:15 AM

## THE GATHERING

CARILLON PRELUDE

Sally Westmoreland

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*What Child is This*

Robert Elmore

(1913-1945)

## 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 246 \*

*Joy to the World*

Antioch

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
 2. Joy to the world, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs em -  
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness,

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and  
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 and

sing, and heaven, and heaven, and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
 peat the sound - ing joy,  
 as the curse is found,  
 won - ders of his love,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION \*

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

*Minister and People:* Saving God, we praise you for sending light into this world. But we confess that we live as though the light has never defeated the darkness. We confess that we often ignore the Savior you sent to be among us and to live in us. We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season and we do not yearn for his coming each moment in our waiting hearts. Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus. Prepare us for His return. Help us rejoice in the light this day and always so that your grace can illumine the darkened places of our hearts.

*Minister:* Hear the good news: Jesus is the light of the world! And the light of the world is alive in you. 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.*

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S 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 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

*Gloria in excelsis*

Louie L. White  
(1921-1979)

*Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus, bonae voluntatis.* Glory to God  
in the highest, and on earth, peace to men of good will.

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 GOSPEL LESSON \*

Matthew 5:14-16

*† following the reading:*

*Minister:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God!

### SERMON

*Let Your Light Shine*

### THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

### RESPONSE

*This little light of mine*

Cyril V. Taylor 1941

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*Jeffery Rowthorn, 1978*

# SENDING FORTH

HYMN 251


*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

African American Spiritual

*Refrain*

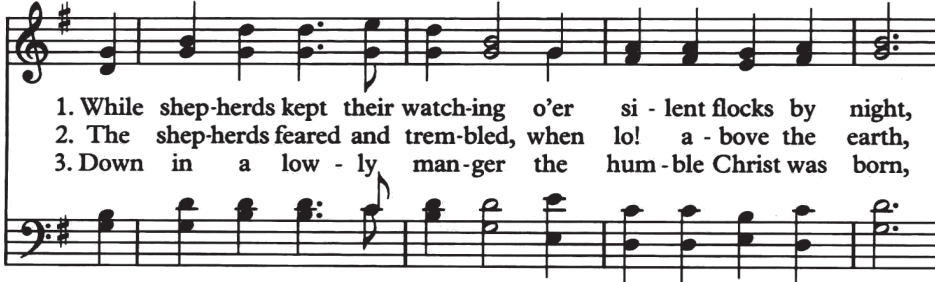


Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev-ery-where;

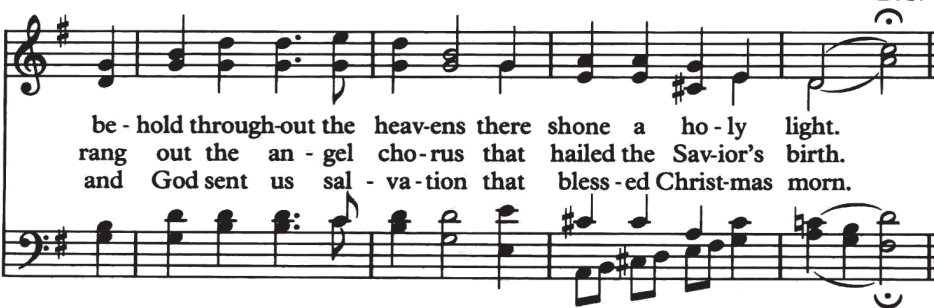


go, tell it on the moun-tain, that Je-sus Christ is born.

*Fine*



1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si-lent flocks by night,  
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled, when lo! a-bove the earth,  
3. Down in a low-ly man-ger the hum-ble Christ was born,



be-hold through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho-ly light.  
rang out the an-gel cho-rus that hailed the Sav-ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal-va-tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

*D.C.*

BENEDICTION \*

PEACE \*

*Minister:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

RESPONSE \*

Tune: *Houston*

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Choir and Congregation

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Von Himmel hoch, da komm ich her*, BWV 769a, III

J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

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\* 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:** Belle and George Kirkpatrick by their daughters, Annabelle Socha and Mary Scott Vaughn.

**In Loving Memory of:** Margaret Jane Gibson honoring her December birthday by her grandchildren Kristy and Jamil Favors and great grandchild Khai Favors.

**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. Elizabeth Byrd, *Associate Minister*  
Matthew 5:14-16

**Liturgists:** Rev. Jamie Jenkins, *Minister of Visitation*  
Rev. Mace Hall

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

**Music:** Oak Martin, *Organ Scholar*  
The Chancel Choir

*For information on upcoming worship services please visit [www.prumc.org](http://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



DECEMBER 29, 2024

### IF YOU ARE NEW

#### Joining Day in Worship

Sunday, **January 12**, 11:15 am, Sanctuary

We are excited to welcome new members during the 11:15 worship service. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Brittany Charron at [brittanyc@prumc.org](mailto:brittanyc@prumc.org).

#### Tea with the Clergy

Sunday, **January 26**, 12:30 - 2:00 pm, Hospitality Suite

Get to know our church and ministers better at this casual afternoon gathering. Rev. Bill Britt, Rev. Elizabeth Byrd, and Rev. Josh Miles 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](mailto:brittanyc@prumc.org).

### FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

#### New Year's Kick-off Luncheon

Sunday, **January 12**, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Grace Hall

Join us for a delicious meal and warm fellowship with your church family. Enjoy hearty chili, toasty grilled cheese sandwiches, a green salad, and brownies for dessert. This meal is complimentary. We look forward to seeing you!

### 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](mailto:cristink@prumc.org).

### MUSIC & ARTS

#### A New Season with PRUMC Youth & Children's Choirs!

Sign up by **January 15** at [prumc.org](http://prumc.org)

A wonderful new season of choir fun is waiting for your family! Children's choirs will prepare for the spring musical *Oh, Jonah*; Doxology Youth Choir will gear up for special Centennial activities; and all will sing in worship. Join us! Rehearsals begin January 8 for children's choir and January 12 for youth choir. Register at [prumc.org/events](http://prumc.org/events).

### YEAR END GIVING

#### Consider a Year-End Gift to Support Our Church's Mission

As the calendar year draws to a close, we invite you to consider making a special one-time financial gift to Peachtree Road United Methodist Church. Your generosity at this pivotal time of year will not only help us finish 2024 on a strong financial footing but will also provide a vital foundation for the opportunities and ministries we plan to pursue in 2025. This has been an extraordinary year for our church family as we've celebrated our 100th anniversary. Together, we've worshiped, served, and grown, honoring the legacy of those who built this congregation while looking forward to the future. Through your gifts, we've been able to expand our ministries, welcome new members, host inspiring events, and continue offering meaningful programs that reflect Christ's love in our community and beyond.

You can make your gift online at [www.prumc.org/give](http://www.prumc.org/give), by mail, or by dropping it off at the church office. Gifts must be received by December 31 to count toward this year's tax deductions. Thank you for being a part of the Peachtree Road family and for all the ways you contribute to the life of our church. Together, we are making an impact today, tomorrow, and for generations to come.



## CENTENNIAL EVENTS

### **An Evening with Kate Bowler**

#### ***A Centennial Speaker Presented by One Lamb***

Sunday, **January 26, 2025**, 5:00 pm, Sanctuary

Kate Bowler, New York Times best-selling author, Duke Divinity theologian, and host of the popular podcast "Everything Happens," is known for her profound wisdom, humor, and honesty in embracing life's joys and struggles. Having faced a devastating cancer diagnosis, she speaks with unmatched authenticity about finding hope, grace, and meaning in every season of life. Together, we will reflect on what it means to live through the best of days, the worst of days, and all the in-betweens. Brought to PRUMC by the One Lamb Mental Wellness Initiative. \$30 per person. Tickets available at [prumc.org/events](http://prumc.org/events).

### **Gospel Night with The Mississippi Mass Choir**

#### ***A Centennial Concert***

Friday, **February 7, 2025**, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Mississippi Mass Choir has inspired millions with their powerful gospel music, blending resilience, hope, and unwavering faith in Christ. Founded in 1988 by the late Frank Williams, their debut album topped Billboard's gospel charts for 45 weeks—a record in any genre. With 11 albums, 2 Grammy nominations, and a Stellar Gospel Music Lifetime Achievement Award, they continue to uplift audiences worldwide. "A treasure to the gospel world, their music is both a celebration and a ministry." Complimentary tickets available at [prumc.org/events](http://prumc.org/events).

### **Bishop Will Willimon**

#### ***A Centennial Speaker***

Sunday, **February 16, 2025**, 8:45 & 11:15 am, Sanctuary

Bishop Will Willimon is a renowned Methodist leader, theologian, and author who is celebrated for connecting deep theology with everyday Christian living. Come be inspired to live out your faith with passion and authenticity.

### **Women's Fashion Show**

Sunday, **March 16**, 5:00 pm, Grace Hall

Join us to experience a century of style - from the elegance of the Roaring Twenties to the bold looks of the 1980s and beyond. Enjoy a lively runway presentation, light refreshments, and a chance to connect with fellow fashion enthusiasts. Don't miss this unique celebration of history, culture, and community spirit.

### **Centennial Golf Tournament**

Monday, **May 5**, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Bear's Best Golf Course, Suwanee, GA

Tee off with us at our Centennial Golf Tournament, a fun-filled event to celebrate 100 years of faith and fellowship! Whether you're a seasoned golfer or just enjoy a friendly game, this tournament promises a day of camaraderie on the green. Join us for a round of golf, followed by a delicious luncheon and prizes. \$100 per person. Details and registration at [prumc.org/events](http://prumc.org/events).

## PASTORAL CARE

### **Movers and Shakers Parkinson's Support Group**

Wednesdays, **Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 12**, 12:00 pm, B158

If you or someone you know has Parkinson's disease, we have a support group at the church for you! Please join us on the second Wednesday of every month for lunch, sharing, and support on your journey. Contact Rosemary Josey at [rosemary.josey@gmail.com](mailto:rosemary.josey@gmail.com).

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

### ***No Cure for Being Human* Book Study**

Tuesdays, **January 7 - 21**, 6:30 pm, Zoom

Join Rev. Emily Miles for a 3-week book study on Kate Bowler's best-selling book *No Cure for Being Human: (And Other Truths I Need to Hear)*. This will be a great read for the Kate Bowler speaking event on January 26. Sign up for the event and the book study at [prumc.org/events](http://prumc.org/events).

### **NAMI Family-to-Family 8-Week Course**

Sundays, **starting January 12**, 2:00 - 4:30 pm, C106 & Zoom

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 self-care, support resources, crisis management, treatment, and more. For more information, contact Diane Sitton at [sittonnami@gmail.com](mailto:sittonnami@gmail.com).

### **Midweek Yoga - New Session!**

Wednesdays, **January 15 - February 19**, 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](http://prumc.org/events). For more information, please contact Rev. Emily Miles at [emilym@prumc.org](mailto:emilym@prumc.org).

### **Save the Date for 2025 "Let's Talk: Anxiety" Series**

**Feb 16** Managing Anxiety

**Feb 20** Raising Resilience Parenting Workshop

**Mar 2** Aging and Social Wellbeing

## PASTORAL COUNSELING

**The Pastoral Counseling Service (PCS)** 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 with Ron Greer or Andrea Dewalt by contacting Heather Hart at 404.240.8219.

## CHILDREN

### **UMKF - Winter Olympics!**

Sunday, **January 12**, 5:00 - 6:30 pm, The Loft

Join your friends as we celebrate the spirit of the Olympics with a night of fun activities and friendly competition! Kids will form teams and participate in a variety of Olympic-themed games. From snowball fights to thrilling relay races, everyone will have the chance to cheer each other on and experience the joy of teamwork and fellowship.

## YOUTH

### **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](http://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 on this retreat. Join us! RSVP at [prumc.org/events](http://prumc.org/events).

### **Belize Mission Trip 2025**

**June 15-22**

High schoolers (current 9th-12th graders) are invited to join our incredible mission trip to Corozal, Belize, with Praying Pelicans. We'll serve alongside the same communities we've partnered with in past years. Scholarships and payment plans are available. For more information and to sign up, contact Ryan Holder at [ryanh@prumc.org](mailto:ryanh@prumc.org).

## WOMEN

### **More Than Sparrows Women's Bible Study**

Wednesdays, starting **January 15**, 9:30 am, Harp Center

Join us for a 10-week study exploring how Christ quenches us. Dive into the New Testament with weekly scripture emails, guest speakers, and inspiring connections. This welcoming class equips you with God's word for the week ahead and anchors you for years to come. All are welcome to build authentic relationships with loving women. Zoom option available, with firm start and stop times for a smooth transition to your day. For more information and sign up, contact Sarah Crossman Sullivan at [sarahcrossmansullivan@outlook.com](mailto:sarahcrossmansullivan@outlook.com).

## MEN

### **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](http://prumc.org/events).

### **Men's Quail Hunt**

**March 27**, 6:00 pm - **March 28**, 2:00 pm, The Burge Club

Join the men of PRUMC for a Quail Hunt. All skill levels are welcome, and The Burge Club staff will offer a two-hour training session for novice hunters. Minors are welcome if they accompany their parent and partner with their dad during the hunt. Meals and stories around the firepit included. Details and registration at [prumc.org/events](http://prumc.org/events).

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