



PEACHTREE ROAD  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
THE NINETEENTH DAY *of* JANUARY, 2025

EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN FIFTEEN O'CLOCK

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# MORNING WORSHIP

JANUARY 19, 2025 . 8:45 AM & 11:15 AM

## THE GATHERING

CARILLON PRELUDE

Sally Westmoreland

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Alle menschen müssen sterben*, BWV 643

J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

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 519

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Lift Every Voice

1. Lift ev-ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the  
2. Ston-y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the  
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, thou who hast

har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; let our re-joic-ing rise high as the  
days when hope un - born had died; yet with a stead-y beat, have not our  
brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might led us in-

lis - tening skies, let it re-sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
wea - ry feet come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?  
to the light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought  
we have come, tread - ing our path thru the blood of the slaugh -  
lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -  
tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at  
thee; shad-owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

*James W. Johnson, 1921*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION \*

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

*People:* **God, redirect our thoughts to you.**

*Minister:* In this week as we walk your path and sometimes stumble,

*People:* **God, make your way clear.**

*Minister:* In our lives when we choose sin and we turn our backs on you,

*People:* **God, forgive us we pray.**

*Minister:* In our communities where we have sometimes remained silent,

*People:* **God, open our lips to speak for justice.**

*Minister:* In this world where there is much hurt; hurt that we sometimes cause,

*People:* **God, make us agents of healing.**

*Minister and People:* **In this time when there is much sorrow and grief, God, send us out to be ambassadors of hope and joy so that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

*Minister:* Hear the good news: God's promises are never forgotten! Our hope is in the Lord who conquered the grave. 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.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS WITH THE MINISTER

HYMN 147

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Royal Oak

(stanza one)

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.

*Refrain*

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

*God of grace and God of glory*

Paul T. Langston  
(Twentieth Century)

God of grace and God of glory on Thy people pour Thy power. Crown Thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage, for the facing of this hour. Lo! The hosts of evil round us. Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways. Fears and doubts too long have bound us. Free our hearts to work and praise. Set our feet on lofty places. Gird our lives that they may be armored with all Christ-like graces in the fight to set men free. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage that we fail not man nor Thee. Amen.

*Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930*

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

Thessalonians 4:13-18

† following the reading:

*Minister:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God!

SERMON

*The Battle Within: Coming to Grips with Grief*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH \*

*United Church of Canada*

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

# SENDING FORTH

HYMN 474\*

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932

1. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
2. When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near,  
3. When the dark-ness ap-pears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
when my life is al-most gone,  
and the day is past and gone,

through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fail:  
at the riv-er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

*Refrain*  
Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

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

*Toccata* on "Lift Every Voice"

Mark Miller

(b. 1958)

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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:** O. Holden Thompson, Jr and daughter Katherine I. Thompson by Elsie Thompson and family.

**In Loving Memory of:** John Francis McMullan by his wife Marilyn; son Tom; son Ted and his wife Catherine and their children: Madeline, William, Jack, and Buckley.

**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*  
Thessalonians 4:13-18

**Liturgists:** Rev. Geoff Beakley, *Associate Minister*  
Rev. Leslie Lyons Watkins, *Associate Minister*

**Verger:** Linus Djokoto

**Music:** Scott Atchison, *Director of Music and Organist*  
Jonathan Easter, *Guest Organist*  
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



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## SPECIAL EVENT

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

*Living our Beautiful, Terrible Days*

Sunday, **January 26**, 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. Through her cancer diagnosis, prognosis, and battle for a cure, Kate understands the fragility of life—something that unites us all. Kate knows what it means to be human, and she gives us permission to be human, too. Don’t miss out on this uplifting and empowering evening of authenticity! Brought to PRUMC by the One Lamb Mental Wellness Initiative. \$30 tickets available at [prumc.org/events](http://prumc.org/events).

## IF YOU ARE NEW

### **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).

### **Take a Tour of Peachtree Road**

Sunday, **February 2**, 10:00 am, Heritage Hall

Whether you are new or still trying to find your way around, please join us for a tour of the campus and a brief overview of the ministries and offerings at Peachtree Road. For more information, please contact Brittany Charron at [brittanyc@prumc.org](mailto:brittanyc@prumc.org).

## WORSHIP

### **Bishop Will Willimon to Preach at PRUMC**

Sunday, **February 16**, 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 by his words to live out your faith with passion and authenticity.

## WORSHIP GUILDS

### **Flower Guild Lunch & Learn**

Sunday, **February 9**, 12:30 pm, Hospitality Suite

Have you admired the stunning arrangements that enhance our worship spaces each week? They are the work of our talented Flower Guild—a warm and welcoming group of friends who serve the church with creativity and care. You are invited to a luncheon to learn more about this rewarding ministry. Whether you are experienced or new to floral design, the Flower Guild is ready to inspire you and help you share your gifts. Join us! All are welcome and no RSVP is necessary.

### **Honor Our Worship Spaces through the Sanctuary Guild**

Start 2025 with a meaningful way to serve the Lord by joining the Sanctuary Guild. This dedicated team helps maintain the beauty and order of our sanctuary, ensuring that every pew is welcoming for worshipers and guests alike. The time commitment is minimal—about one hour a month—and you can work on your section of the sanctuary at a time that fits your schedule. It is a simple but deeply rewarding way to honor God and contribute to your church. If you would like to be part of this fulfilling ministry, contact Peter Morelli at [morellipj2@hotmail.com](mailto:morellipj2@hotmail.com) or Gail Smith at [gsmith9726@bellsouth.net](mailto:gsmith9726@bellsouth.net).

## CHILDREN

### VBS "Egypt" - Registration Now Open!

June 9 - 12, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Children's Building

Join us this summer for an unforgettable VBS adventure through Egypt! Kids aged four (as of 9/1/2024) through fifth grade will explore Joseph's incredible journey "from prison to palace." Through exciting games, crafts, and lessons, they will learn about dreams, forgiveness, and God's plan, while making new friends and discovering ancient Egyptian culture. Don't miss this faith-filled summer fun! Register at [prumc.org/events](http://prumc.org/events).

## YOUTH

### Renovatus Youth Retreat

January 31 - February 2, 2025

On this favorite weekend, youth 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).

### Youth Sunday

Sunday, February 9, 2025

PRUMC's incredible youth will lead us in worship, song and prayer on this special day. Please plan to be present to witness how God has been at work through the faithful young people of our church.

### High School Summer Mission Trip to Belize

High schoolers (current 9th-12th graders) are invited to join our mission trip to Corozal, Belize, June 15-22, 2025. We will serve alongside Praying Pelicans and communities we have 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).

## YOUNG ADULTS

### Young Adult Happy Hour

Thursday, January 30, 6:30 pm, Politan Row, Colony Square  
Avery Bottom and Joseph Benken invite young adults aged 22 to 39 to join them for happy hour in midtown Atlanta with drinks and dinner at Politan Row. It will be a great time to make some new friends from PRUMC! Please RSVP at [prumc.org/events](http://prumc.org/events). Contact Rev. Geoff Beakley with any questions at [geoffb@prumc.org](mailto:geoffb@prumc.org).

### Young Adult Galantine's Ladies Lunch

Saturday, February 15, 12:00 pm, Swan Coach House  
Leigh Beakley and Avery Bottom invite women aged 22 to 39 to join them for a PRUMC Young Adult "Galantine's" lunch at the Swan Coach House. This will be an excellent opportunity to connect with new friends! Please register by February 7 at [prumc.org/events](http://prumc.org/events). Contact Rev. Geoff Beakley with any questions at [geoffb@prumc.org](mailto:geoffb@prumc.org).

## SENIOR ADULTS

### Seasoned Saints: New Beginnings for 2025

Wednesday, January 22, 1:00 pm, C106

How do you make New Year resolutions in the later years of life? Join us to learn how to set challenges and goals for yourself and why it is important to do them no matter your age. Envision where God is calling you to break out of the old and welcome the new. Led by Rev. Leslie Watkins and Lucretia DuBose, LCSW. RSVP to Heather C. Holdridge at [heatherch@prumc.org](mailto:heatherch@prumc.org) or 404.240.8302.

### Seasoned Saints Tour: Discovering the World of Jesus

Wednesday, January 29, 11:00 am departure, Rollins Center

Join us to explore an incredible exhibit of Jesus' life. In this national tour, hundreds of ancient artifacts and modern science unite to bring the New Testament and the world of Jesus to life like never before! We will take the church bus to lunch and then to Pullman Yards for the tour. \$25 plus cost of lunch on your own. RSVP to Heather C. Holdridge at [heatherch@prumc.org](mailto:heatherch@prumc.org) or 404.240.8302.

## WOMEN

### Morning Light Women's Bible Study: Heaven

Wednesdays, starting January 22, 10:00 am, C104

We will study *Heaven* by Jennifer Rothchild, facilitated by Jan Bilthouse. For more information, contact Jan Bilthouse at [janbilthouse@gmail.com](mailto:janbilthouse@gmail.com) or 404.915.6873.

### Grace Point Women's Bible Study: Luke

Thursdays, starting January 23, 9:30 am, Harp Center

Grace Point is a community of women who support one another while discovering God's love and hope through scripture. Rev. Elizabeth Byrd and Laura Davis will offer a brief study lecture followed by small group discussion. Register at [prumc.org/events](http://prumc.org/events).

## 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 fire pit included! Details and registration at [prumc.org/events](http://prumc.org/events).

## CENTENNIAL EVENTS

### **SOLD OUT! Gospel Night with The Mississippi Mass Choir**

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

In-person tickets are sold out and we are at capacity for Gospel Night! An online livestream of the event will be available for viewing at [prumc.org](http://prumc.org).

### **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).

### **Explore the Story of Peachtree Road UMC**

Explore 100 years of faith and community on our centennial website [PeachtreeRoadStorybook.org](http://PeachtreeRoadStorybook.org). Discover how Peachtree Road UMC has grown from a small gathering to a thriving congregation. Through personal reflections, photos, and pivotal moments, the site brings our rich history to life. Learn how we have served our neighbors, celebrated milestones, and stayed rooted in faith during a century of change. Visit [PeachtreeRoadStorybook.org](http://PeachtreeRoadStorybook.org) to celebrate 100 years of ministry - one story at a time!

### **Sanctuary Dove Tours**

**Wednesdays**, 1:15 and 2:00 pm

**Sundays**, 12:45 and 1:30 pm, Sanctuary

Our 45-minute docent-led tour will give you a unique, insider perspective into our extraordinary Dove exhibit. Tour space is limited, so please be sure to reserve space at [prumc.org](http://prumc.org). For more information, contact Heather C. Holdridge at 404.240.8302 or [heatherch@prumc.org](mailto:heatherch@prumc.org).

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

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

Sundays, **starting January 19**, 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).

### **Rev. Mace Hall: The Dreaded "C" Word**

Tuesday, **February 4**, 11:00 am, Hospitality Suite

In November 2021, Rev. Mace Hall received the life-altering news of a cancer diagnosis. Cancer impacts so many lives, bringing fear and uncertainty. Join an intimate conversation for those touched by this difficult journey. For more information or to RSVP, contact Rev. Mace Hall at [prumconelamb@gmail.com](mailto:prumconelamb@gmail.com).

### **Managing Anxiety in an Anxious World**

Sunday, **February 16**, 10:00 am, Heritage Hall

Dr. Ben Hunter, Chief Medical Officer at Skyland Trail, will offer an insightful presentation on anxiety, exploring how social factors and avoidance behaviors contribute to it. Learn how building resilience, learning strategies, and challenging these patterns can promote personal growth. All are welcome; no RSVP needed.

### **Raising Resilience: Parenting Anxious Kids**

Thursday, **February 20**, 6:30 pm, The Loft, 3rd Floor Rollins

Join clinical therapist Marti Munford to explore how anxiety forms in children and discover tools to break the cycle. With humor and compassion, learn when to push through fears and when to rest. Recommended for parents of children through 5th grade. Register at [prumc.org/events](http://prumc.org/events).

### **Making Connections: Aging and Social Wellbeing**

Sunday, **March 2**, 12:15 pm, Heritage Hall

Come for an honest conversation on aging, resilience, and well-being. Discover strategies for adapting to life's challenges and enhancing your health. Lunch provided for registered attendees. Register at [prumc.org/events](http://prumc.org/events).

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