



PEACHTREE ROAD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY *of* JANUARY, 2025

EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN FIFTEEN O'CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

JANUARY 26, 2025 . 8:45 AM & 11:15 AM

THE GATHERING

CARILLON PRELUDE

Sally Westmoreland

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Nimrod, Enigma Variations

Edward Elgar
(1857-1934)

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

H. Hamilton Smith
(Twentieth Century)

He shall rule from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the earth. Alleluia!

*Psalms 71:8, 11
Daniel 7: 14*

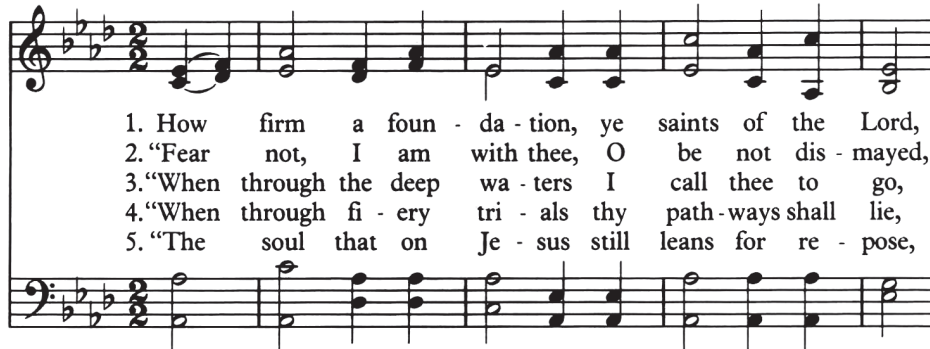
PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

AT THE PROCESSION, *

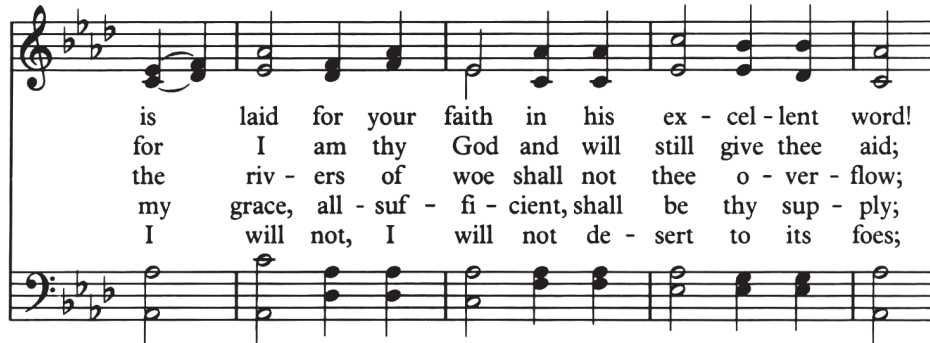
HYMN 529

How Firm a Foundation

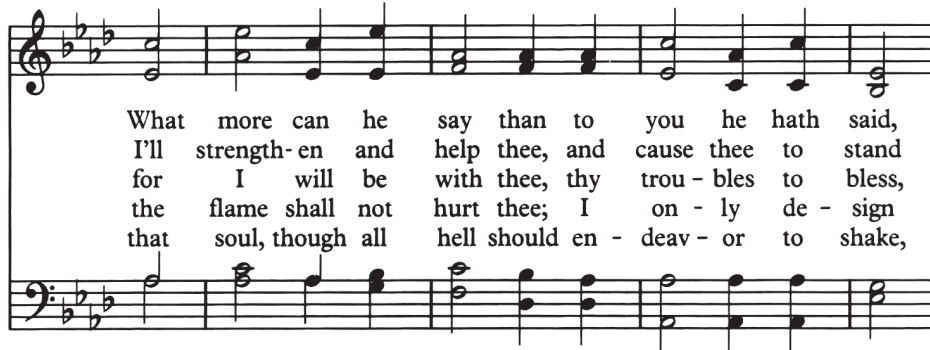
Early USA Melody



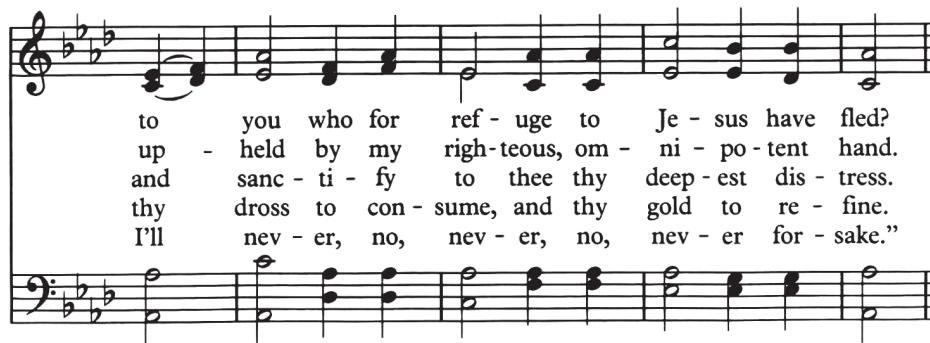
1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - ways shall lie,
5. "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,



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."

"K" in Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *

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

Minister and People: Gracious God, you promise to set us free from paths of fear, doubt, and denial. Yet we resist your invitation, seeing only what we must give up if we are to follow the path of Jesus. You call us to have faith in your sustaining presence and power, but your call takes us beyond anything we can see or touch. We confess our fear to put trust in things beyond our control. We doubt that you can bring water to the dry places of our lives or replace our suffering with joy. Forgive us when we turn away from your promise of abundant life. Heal us and lead us home.

Minister: Hear the good news: We are the children of God's compassion and mercy. You can put all your trust in God. 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

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.

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE CENTENNIAL SCULPTURE

Most loving God, without you neither our words nor our works have meaning. Accept the gift of our hands as a symbol of our devotion. As we celebrate our centennial, may this sculpture be an enduring witness to this congregation's faith in Jesus Christ, hope for the future, and love for one another. We make this prayer in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

Taizé

Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.

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

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion

Malcolm Boyle
(1902–1976)

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion, and unto Thee shall the vow be perform'd in Jerusalem. Thou that hearest the prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come. Blessed is the man whom Thou chooseth and receivest unto Thee. He shall dwell in Thy courts and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of Thy house, e'en of Thy holy temple. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stay'd on Thee. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace because he trusteth in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. Let the people praise Thee, O God, yea, let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God shall give us his blessing.

Psalm 65:1, 2, 4; Isaiah 23:3,4; Psalm 67:3,6,7

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

Philippians 3:12-17

† *following the reading:*

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Battle Within: Haunted by Regrets

RESPONSE OF THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *

The Apostles' Creed

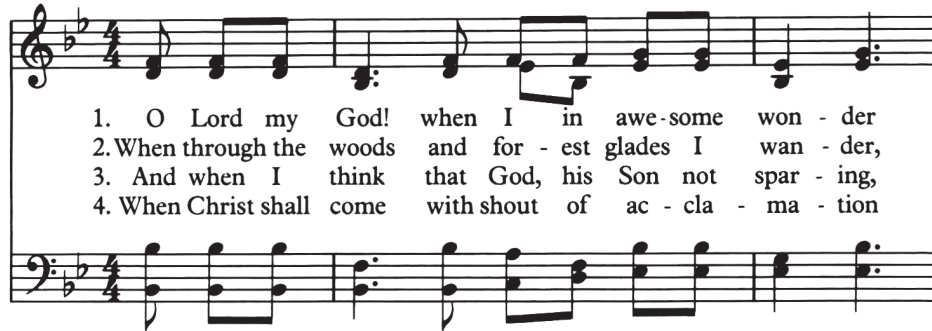
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

HYMN 77 *

How Great Thou Art

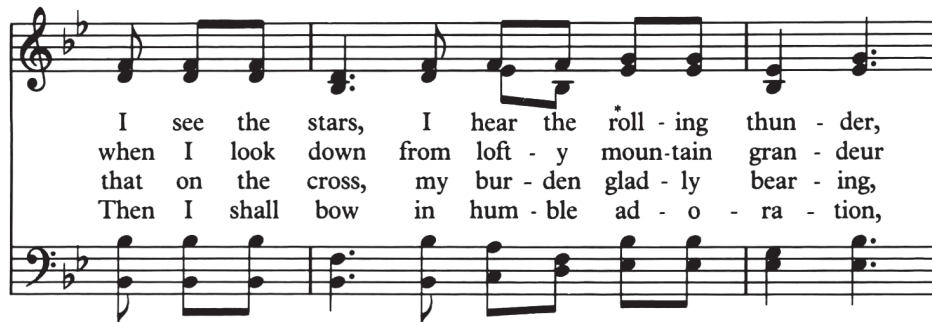
Stuart K. Hine, 1953



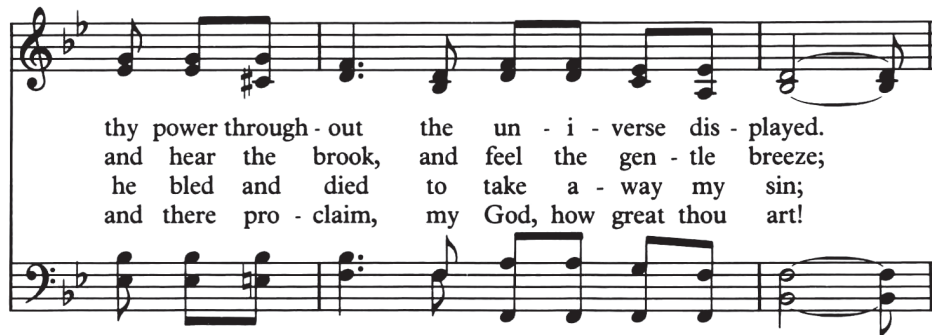
1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won - der
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der,
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion



con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made,
and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.



I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,
when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur
that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,
Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,



thy power through - out the un - i - verse dis - played.
and hear the brook, and feel the gen - tle breeze;
he bled and died, to take a - way my sin;
and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art!

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God to thee;

how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my

soul, my Sav-ior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

BENEDICTION *

PEACE *

Minister: The peace of the 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

Festival Toccata

Percy Fletcher

(1879-1932)

* 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: Byrdie Josephine Apollo, born September 2, 2024, daughter of Callie and Tony Apollo; William Maxwell Mowry, born May 30, 2024, son of Ellie and Blake Mowry, and grandson of Ann and Bill Boydston; and William Lawrence Young, born September 28, 2024, son of Sarah and Jack Young, and grandson of Tara and Mark Widener.

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

In Loving Memory of: Palacia Seaman in remembrance of her January 30th birthday and the many gifts she gave to PRUMC and to us by Gail and Stephen Ostermann.

In Honor of: the baptism of William Lawrence Young by his grandparents, Tara and Mark Widener and LeeAnn and Jay Young.

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*
Philippians 3:12-17

Liturgists: Rev. Elizabeth Byrd, *Associate Minister*
Rev. Darren Hensley, *Deacon*

Verger: Jennifer Evans

Music: Juliaña Bolano, *Guest Conductor*
Jonathan Easter, *Guest 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



JANUARY 26, 2025

TODAY

Tea with the Clergy

Today, 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.

An Evening with Kate Bowler

Living our Beautiful, Terrible Days

Today, 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.

IF YOU ARE NEW

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.

WORSHIP

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.

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

Join us to learn about this warm, welcoming ministry who serve the church with creativity and care. 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

This dedicated team helps maintain the beauty and order of our sanctuary, ensuring that every pew is welcoming for worshipers and guests alike. Serve one hour a month 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 or Gail Smith at gsmith9726@bellsouth.net.

SENIOR ADULTS

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 or 404.240.8302.

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. Contact Rev. Geoff Beakley with any questions at 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. Contact Rev. Geoff Beakley with any questions at geoffb@prumc.org.

CHILDREN

VBS "Egypt" - Registration Now Open!

June 9 - 12, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Children's Building
Through exciting games, crafts, and lessons, we will journey through Egypt and explore Joseph's incredible journey "from prison to palace." Kids aged four (as of 9/1/2024) through fifth grade will learn about dreams, forgiveness, and God's plan, while making new friends and discovering ancient Egyptian culture! Register at prumc.org/events.

YOUTH

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.

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.

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.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Explore the Story of Peachtree Road UMC

Explore 100 years of faith and community on our centennial website 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 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. For more information, contact Heather C. Holdridge at 404.240.8302 or heatherch@prumc.org.

PASTORAL CARE

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

Movers and Shakers Parkinson's Support Group

Wednesdays, **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.

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Congregational Fellowship Luncheon

Sunday, **February 23**, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Grace Hall

Warm up this winter over good food and great company with your church family. We'll enjoy white chicken enchiladas, Tex-Mex chopped salad, jalapeno-cheddar cornbread, and tres leches cake. This lunch is complimentary; we look forward to seeing you!

GLOBAL MISSIONS

Sponsor a Child: A Commitment of Compassion

Sunday, **February 23**, Grace Hall

PRUMC's Sponsor a Child program brings critical support to vulnerable children in the country of Georgia. This initiative helps break the cycle of poverty through year-round food, medical care, and education for over 400 students in four schools, including one for special needs children. For many, the hot meals, winter coats, and health check-ups provided are life-changing essentials they wouldn't otherwise receive. Learn more or get involved at www.GeorgiaForGeorgia.org or contact Lynn Banks at lynnbanks05@gmail.com.

Shop & Support PRUMC Missions

The Dogwood Shop, located on the PRUMC campus, is filled with beautiful, intentional gifts, and knowledgeable, friendly volunteers. All profits of the Dogwood Shop go to support our Global Mission initiatives. We are open six days a week. Come see us or shop online at thedogwoodshop.org.

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