



PEACHTREE ROAD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
THE SIXTEENTH DAY *of* FEBRUARY, 2025

EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN FIFTEEN O'CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 16, 2025 . 8:45 AM & 11:15 AM

THE GATHERING

CARILLON PRELUDE

Sally Westmoreland

CHORAL PRELUDE

A Psalm of Life

James Mulholland

(b. 1935)

If any little word of ours can make our life the brighter; If any little song of ours can make our heart the lighter: If any little love of ours can make our life the sweeter: If any little care of ours can make one step the fleeter; if any little help may ease the burden of another; God give us love and care and strength to help along each other. If any little thought of ours can make one life the stronger; if any cheery smile of ours can make its brightness longer; God help us speak that little word and take our bit of singing and drop it in some lonely vale to set the echoes ringing. Then let us speak that thought today, with tender eyes a-glowing, so God may grant some weary one shall reap from our glad sowing.

Anonymous

The Georgia Boy Choir

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.*

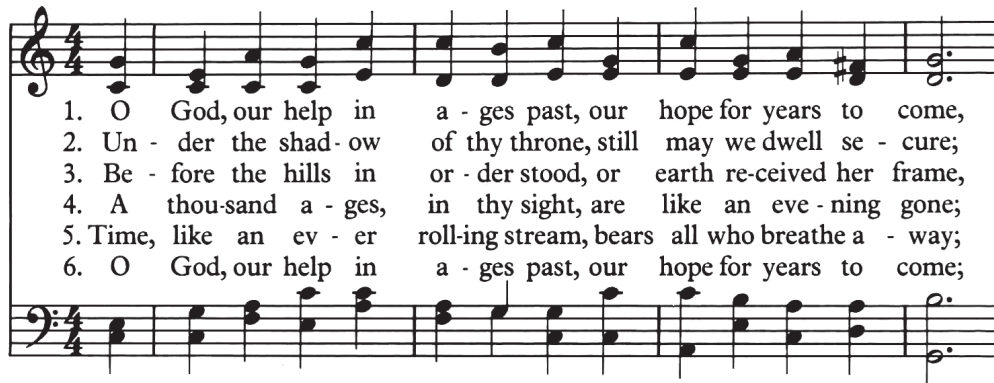
PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

AT THE PROCESSION, *

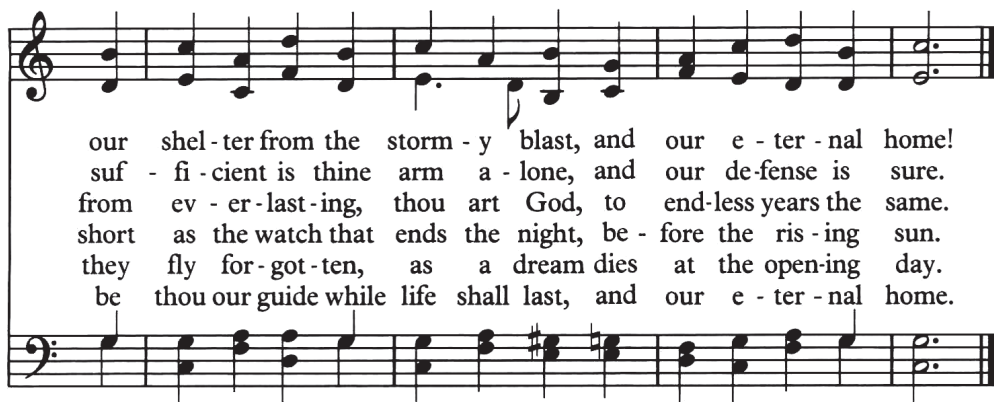
HYMN 117

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne



1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne, still may we dwell se - cure;
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4. A thou - sand a - ges, in thy sight, are like an eve - ning gone;
5. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, bears all who breathe a - way;
6. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come;



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!
suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing, thou art God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night, be - fore the ris - ing sun.
they fly for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the open - ing day.
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

Isaac Watts, 1719

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *

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

Minister and People: God of Love, we await your promised vision. Come to us in our need, for we are weary and heavy laden. We confess that we are losing hope. We are worried about the activities in the world around us, and fear consumes us day by day. As we await your reply to our pleas for mercy, respond to our longing with your grace. Zeal for your endless love consumes us, even as we await the promise of our salvation. Come to our homes this day, and abide in our hearts this hour, through the glory of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Minister: Hear the good news: Christ came to save the least and the lost, the hopeful and the hopeless, and all who long for fullness of life. 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.*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Jesus Loves Me

William Bradbury
Arr. John Ferguson
(b. 1941)

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so; Little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so. Jesus loves me, He Who died heaven's gate to open wide; He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in. Jesus loves me, He will stay close beside me all the way. He calls children to His side, saying, "Come with me abide."

Anna B. Warner

The Georgia Boy Choir

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (11:15 am)

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.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

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 pad in your pew. Let us know if you are new, would like to become a member or are interested in more information about Peachtree Road.

PRAYER

ANTHEM

Jubilate Deo

Simon Johnson
(b. 1975)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves, we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation. 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.

Psalm 100

The Chancel Choir
The Georgia Boy 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!

THE LESSON

Habakkuk 2:1-4

† following the reading:

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Waiting for the Vision's Time

SENDING FORTH

HYMN 733 *
Marching to Zion

Robert Lowry, 1867

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2. Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
3. The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets
4. Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - ery tear be dry;

join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
but chil - dren of the heav - en - ly King, but chil - dren of the
be - fore we reach the heav - en - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
we're march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Em -

sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and
heav - en - ly King may speak their joys a - broad, may
heav - en - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or
man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to

thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur -
speak their joys a - broad, may speak their
walk the gold - en streets, to walk the
fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er

Refrain

thus sur-round the throne. We're march - ing to Zi - on,
 speak their joys a - broad.
 walk the gold - en streets. We're march - ing on to Zi - on,
 fair - er worlds on high.

round the throne.
 joys a - broad.
 gold - en streets.
 worlds on high.

beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on; we're march - ing up - ward to

Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.
 Zi - on, Zi - on, the

BENEDICTION *

PEACE *

Liturgist: 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

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

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.

Please Welcome to our Church Community These Children Being Baptized Today: Charles Ransom Haywood, III, born June 11, 2024, son of Sally and Ransom Haywood; and Hazel Louise Herro, born July 30, 2024, daughter of Nicole and Anthony Herro.

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

In Loving Memory of: Ward Nelson Hill and Harold Nelson Hill, Jr. by Jane Hill, Douglas and Kim Hill and Nancy, Talley and Andrew Mills.

In Loving Memory of: Reese William Davis in honor of his 3rd birthday and the 3rd anniversary of his passing by his parents, Sudie and Ross Davis, and his little brother, Baker.

In Loving Memory of: Mardi Glass by her family.

In Loving Memory of: John Charron by his wife, Brittany, and his daughters, Aubrey and Cecile.

In Loving Memory of: Michele Trivigno Runningen who passed away on this date, February 16, 2004, by her daughter's family, Nicole and Andrew Gladden, and her husband, John Runningen.

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: Bishop Will Willimon

Liturgists: Rev. Bill Britt, *Senior Minister*
Rev. Elizabeth Byrd, *Associate Minister*

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

Music: David R. White, *Guest Conductor*
Jonathan Easter, *Guest Organist*
The Chancel Choir
The Georgia Boy Choir
The Atlanta Brassworks

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



FEBRUARY 16, 2025

TODAY

Special Worship with Bishop Will Willimon

Today, we warmly welcome Bishop Will Willimon, one of the most influential voices in Methodism today. Bishop Willimon has inspired generations with his thought-provoking sermons and writings. A prolific author, he has penned more than 80 books on theology, ministry, and Christian life, and has been named one of the 12 most effective preachers in the English-speaking world by Baylor University.

Today's worship services will feature music presented by the Georgia Boy Choir and the Atlanta Brassworks, with the premiere of a new anthem, "Jubilate Deo" by composer Simon Johnson.

Managing Anxiety in an Anxious World

Today, 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.

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 will 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!

HEALTH & WELLNESS

The following programs are designed by the One Lamb Initiative for Mental Wellness.

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 Well-being

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.

ADULT EDUCATION

Churchwide Lenten Study: Romans - The Way to Salvation

Wednesdays, March 12 - April 16, 6:30 pm, Grace Hall

As we enter the Lenten season of reflection and spiritual growth, we invite you to join us for a churchwide Bible study on Romans, one of the most powerful works in the New Testament. Written by the Apostle Paul, Romans explores themes of grace, faith, and transformation. It challenges us to examine our hearts, realign our lives to God's purpose, and reflect on our relationship with God and one another. Our hope is that together, we deepen our faith, strengthen our community, and live fully into the vision God has for us all. Details and registration at prumc.org/events.

CHILDREN

UMKF - Valentine's Game Night

Sunday, **February 23**, 5:00 - 6:30 pm, The Loft
3rd, 4th, and 5th graders come dressed in Valentine colors and join us for fun, laughter, dinner, and exciting games! Register at prumc.org/events.

Third - Fifth Grade Lenten Bible Study

Sundays, **March 2 - April 13**, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm, The Loft
3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will explore the significance of Lent and Easter. Through interactive lessons, discussions, and activities, they will reflect on themes of sacrifice, forgiveness, and hope. Details and registration at prumc.org/events.

VBS "Egypt" - Registration Now Open!

June 9 - 12, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Children's Building
Kids aged four (as of 9/1/2024) through fifth grade will learn about dreams, forgiveness, God's plan, and ancient Egyptian culture through exciting games, crafts, and lessons! 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.

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Lenten Bible Study: The Screwtape Letters

Thursdays, **March 11 - April 15**, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, C207
Young adults aged 22 to 39 are invited to a Lenten study of C.S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*, exploring themes of temptation, resistance, and repentance in preparation for Easter. This engaging discussion will inspire and challenge you. Book and dinner will be provided. Register by March 5 at prumc.org/events.

PASTORAL CARE

Movers and Shakers Parkinson's Support Group

Wednesday, **March 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.

MEN

2025 Men's Spiritual Retreat at Glisson Retreat Center

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
All skill levels are welcome, and The Burge Club staff will offer a two-hour training session for novice hunters. Minors are welcome with parent. Meals and stories around the fire pit included! Details and registration at prumc.org/events.

WOMEN

Women's Centennial Fashion Show

Sunday, **March 16**, 5:00 pm, Grace Hall
Join us to experience a century of style! 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. \$15/person, or \$100/table of 8. RSVP at prumc.org/events.

Women's Spiritual Retreat

Saturday, **March 29**, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Hospitality Suite
Pause, reflect, and refresh your spirit with God's guidance this Lent. Join our women's half-day retreat of prayer and discernment led by Betsy Orr, a lifelong Christian and Atlanta native. Betsy has led Bible studies for over 30 years and is part of a team creating a faith-centered GA district complete with church, retreat center and working farm. All women welcome; lunch provided. RSVP at prumc.org/events.

SENIOR ADULTS

Seasoned Saints: Brain Health

Wednesday, **February 19**, 1:00 pm, C106
Learn the top 10 warning signs of cognitive decline, recognize when to get a baseline, and gain prevention tips on daily exercises that reduce brain aging and maximize thinking capacity. Presented by Darby Tracey, CDP, CTRS, of Senior Provisions. RSVP to Heather C. Holdridge at heatherch@prumc.org or 404.240.8302.

Church Bus Transportation Available

The church bus will be available for Peachtree Road Buckhead residents for select church events. Please contact Heather C. Holdridge at heatherch@prumc.org.

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, these hot meals, winter coats, and health check-ups provide life-changing essentials the children would not otherwise receive. Learn more or get involved at www.GeorgiaForGeorgia.org or contact Lynn Banks at lynnbanks05@gmail.com.

LOCAL OUTREACH

The Season of Service Begins March 5

This season, we come together to serve others as the body of Christ. Join us this Lent to make a big impact in a million small ways. We have outreach opportunities for all ages and stages that will make this time meaningful for you and those you help. Details and registration coming soon to prumc.org/events.

RACIAL JUSTICE

Birmingham Civil Rights Experience

Saturday, **April 26**, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Cascade UMC and Peachtree Road UMC invite you to a powerful group experience to learn, discern, fellowship, and grow together. We will travel by charter bus to visit:

- Birmingham Civil Rights Institute
- 16th Street Baptist Church
- Kelly Ingram Park

This trip offers an opportunity for reflection, unity, and reconciliation. Space is limited to 52 participants. \$50/person includes tours and catered lunch. Register at prumc.org/events.

LENT

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, **March 5**, 2025

Ash Wednesday marks the start of the Lenten season of reflection and repentance. The traditional feature of our Lenten services is the imposition of ashes, signifying the spirit of humility with which we enter this season of penitence and prayer.

Imposition of Ashes

7:00 - 9:00 am, Rollins Turnaround

Midday Service & Imposition of Ashes

12:00 pm, Moore Chapel, Rev. Elizabeth Byrd

Ash Wednesday Family Service

5:00 pm, Moore Chapel, Rev. Josh Miles

Children and families learn about Lent through song, scripture, and the imposition of ashes.

Ash Wednesday Evening Service

7:00 pm, Sanctuary, Rev. Elizabeth Byrd

The PRUMC Chancel Choir & Chamber Singers

MUSIC & ARTS

Children's Choir Musical - Oh, Jonah!

Saturday, **March 29**, 11:00 am, Harp Center

A stubborn man, a firm God, a scene-stealing whale, and a Greek Chorus of rhyming lesson teachers – what could go wrong (or be funnier)? *Oh, Jonah!* is the latest musical from our wonderful PRUMC children's choirs. They've been working hard and can't wait to show it to you, so please plan to join us! Admission is complimentary.

Three Choirs Festival

Thursday, **March 27**, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Enjoy a collaborative, diverse, and inspiring music exchange featuring the choral programs from Georgia State University, Emory University, and the UGA Hodgson Singers. Reception sponsored by the PRUMC Friends of Music following the concert. \$15/\$5 suggested donation.

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