THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
THE EIGHTEENTH DAY of FEBRUARY, 2018
THE GATHERING

Carillon Prelude

Opening Voluntary  Passacaglia in D minor, BuxWV 161

The Greeting

At the sound of the bells, please prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

The Call to Worship

from Psalm 121

Minister: God of all that is here and all that is beyond, stir our passion. Deepen our compassion.
People: May your grace be to us a drenching rain of new life. May your compassion be with us like the rising sun. May we sense the living, moving, and stirring presence of your Spirit with us now.
Minister: Help us know we are loved and receive your grace with humility this day.
People: Empower us to live lives rich with compassion, in the name of Christ. Amen.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

At the Procession,*

Hymn 61  Come, Thou Almighty King

Prayer of Confession*

Minister: Let us confess our sins to God.
Minister and People: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your loving kindness; according to the multitude of your tender mercies blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Cantor: Let us pray to the Lord.
Choir: Lord, have mercy.
Minister: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.
Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

† The people are seated.

Ritual of Christian Fellowship*

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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

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 (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

Ministry Moment

Juliann McCaleb, Agape Volunteer

Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Response † Please join the choir in singing the response.
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.

Hymn 269*   Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days   Land of Rest

Prayer

Anthem   Love bade me welcome   David Hurd (b. 1991)

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Choir and Congregation

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*

Mark 1:9-15

† following the reading

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Compassion: To Be Loved Is To Be Empowered

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

At the Invitation,*

Hymn 536   Precious Name   William H. Doane, 1871

SENDING FORTH

Benediction*

Peace*

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Response*   Tune: Hamburg

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Choir and Congregation
Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available in the Narthex from any member of our usher team.

* Following the service, Stephen Ministers are available in the chapel for prayer and support.

Please Welcome to our Church Community These Children Being Baptized Today:

The Flowers on the Altar are Given to the Glory of God
In Loving Memory of: Mardi Glass by her family.

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.

Closing Voluntary

Introduction-Choral, Suite Gothique, Op. 25
Léon Boëllmann
(1862-1897)

* 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.

For information on upcoming worship services please visit www.prumc.org.
Ron Greer Forum & Book Signing Today  
**The Path of Compassion**  
*Forum* | 10:00 am, Sanctuary  
*Book Signing* | 11 am - 1 pm, Dogwood Shop  
Ron Greer’s new book is both a call and a guide to make a difference through caring - and in doing so, to become all that we are meant to be. How can we best channel our empathy to help others while deepening our human response to care? The answer is a synergy of heart, soul and mind that creates compassion. Join Ron in the Sanctuary for a special forum, and then in the Dogwood for a book signing. Proceeds of book sales through the Dogwood will provide water filters to the people of Rongai.

New! Prayer Walls  
Explore a creative and meaningful way to engage in prayer with, and for, each other. We have prayer walls throughout the church campus and a virtual prayer wall on the PRUMC mobile app. Share a prayer of need or one of thanksgiving. Take the requests of others and keep them in your heart. In this way, our entire faith community can be a part of giving and receiving compassion.

**LEARN**

Studies  
**The Way** by Adam Hamilton  
Thursdays, starting **February 22**, 7:00 pm, C104  
Follow Jesus’ life journey from his baptism to the temptations, to the heart of his ministry as we journey to the cross. Deidra Harrell, facilitator. Register at prumc.org/events.

Forums  
The Hoffmann Memorial Lecture Series presents  
**Repentance as the Church’s Public Witness**  
Sunday, **March 11**, 5:30 pm, Grace Hall  
During the season of Lent we are called to repent from our sinful ways and reflect upon our commitment to God. Join Dr. Jennifer McBride, Associate Dean at McCormick Theological Seminar, as she shares the Church’s role in offering hope and redemption. Register at prumc.org/events.

**WORSHIP**

Services  
**Lenten Sermon Series | Compassion**  
Sundays, 8:45 & 11:15 am, 5:00 pm  
Each week we will gather together in worship to praise God, repent of our sins, pray for one another, and experience life-giving grace. Please join with your church family each Sunday for a special time of spiritual growth.  
**Feb 18** | To Be Loved Is To Be Empowered  
**Feb 25** | Never Beyond the Reach of Grace  
**Mar 4** | Stay in Bounds  
**Mar 11** | Forgive Yourself as God Forgives  
**Mar 18** | God’s Invitation and Your Response  
**Mar 25** | The Cross: Journey to Compassion

Music & Arts  
**Peter and the Wolf Concert**  
Thursday, **February 22**, 10:00 am, Sanctuary  
This unique and delightful concert for all ages tells the classic tale of young Peter through orchestral sounds on the organ that represent each of the characters. This is an incredible learning and community outreach experience. Nicole Marane, organ; John Lemley, narrator; John Lawless, percussion. $5/child (ages 5-12), $10/adult, $20 family max. Under 5 free, group rates available. Tickets at prumc.org/events.

**Rising Stars! Eastman Organists’ Recital**  
Tuesday, **February 27**, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary  
Through our partnership with the Eastman School of Music, the premier music school in the U.S. for organists, we are proud to present Ivan Bosnar and Jacob Taylor! $15 suggested donation.

**Passion of the Christ: The Musical Stations of the Cross**  
Sunday, **March 18**, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary  
“Stations of the Cross” refers to a series of images depicting Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion - also known as The Passion of the Christ. Take this spiritual Journey with us and find the sacred in Gregorian chant, organ improvisation, the spoken word and candlelight. $15 suggested donation/$5 suggested for students.
Local Outreach

Volunteers Needed for Annual Habitat Build
Saturdays, Now through April 14, 7:30 am-3:30 pm
We’d like everyone to be a part of our next Habitat Build as part of our Lenten commitment to Compassion. No construction experience is necessary. Volunteers of all skill levels partner with Habitat leaders to construct a home in just 8 weekends! Sign up link at prumc.org/events.

Great Day of Service Registration
Join us on Saturday, March 24 for The Great Day of Service, as we head out to serve others knowing that our actions not only make an impact, but honor our faith as well. Details and registration at our tables each Sunday and online at www.prumc.org/greatday.

Adult Age Books Needed
PRUMC is revamping the library at Wesley Woods/Asbury Harris Towers on the Great Day of Service. Please donate books of all genres to be included in their new library. Drop off at Rollins front desk or contact Beth Spencer at beths@prumc.org.

Global Missions

UMVIM Disaster Relief trip to Puerto Rico
March 24 - 31, 2018
PRUMC has a special mission trip opportunity in partnership with Canterbury UMC, Birmingham AL. Rachel Estes will head up a team to do clean up and light construction work. Cost is $1000 for lodging and flight and spaces are limited. For more information or to join the team, contact Anne French at annef@prumc.org.

Rongai, Kenya Water Filter Update
In March, a PRUMC mission team of 28 will begin the distribution of 12,000 UZima water filters to the people of Rongai, Kenya. Over 72,000 people will receive clean, safe water to drink for the first time.

The Dogwood Gift Shop: Save the Dates!

Spring Opening
Sunday, March 11, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm
Come shop our exciting new inventory! All proceeds benefit PRUMC Global Missions.

Winston Wiant Trunk Show
Sunday, March 18, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm
Winston Wiant is a local Atlanta artist and her work is marked by bold colors, texture, and layers. Don’t miss a chance to select a piece for your home!

Food & Fellowship

Special Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, February 25, 9:30 - 11:00 am, Grace Hall
Come enjoy a hot stack of pancakes served with maple syrup or berry compote, and sausage or bacon. $5/adults, $3 children under 10. Gluten-free options available on this day.

Wednesday Lunches
11:30 am – 1:00 pm, Grace Hall, $7
Feb 21  Turkey chili, coleslaw, cornbread
Feb 28  Beef or vegetable lasagna, salad

Wednesday Night Dinners
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Grace Hall
$9/adults – $6/children under 10
Feb 21  Baked potato bar, chili, cornbread
Feb 28  Beef or vegetable lasagna, salad

Children & Families

Kid’s Worship
Sunday, February 25, 11:15 am, The Loft
1st – 5th graders worship with energy and excitement in a once-a-month experience filled with cool music, a relevant message, and friends!

UMKF: Pajama Party and Movie Night!
Sunday, February 25, 5:00 pm, The Loft
3rd, 4th and 5th graders – come join us for pizza, popcorn and The Emperor’s New Groove. Don’t forget your sleeping bag! $5 per child includes dinner. Register at prumc.org/events.

Spring and Summer Save the Dates
S.C.R.E.A.M. Retreat | April 13 - 15
Mission Camp | June 4 - 6
Vacation Bible School | June 25 - 28
Summer Camp Registration Opens March 1.

Sunday Nursery Volunteers Needed
The PRUMC Nursery is in need of volunteers to serve once a month (from 8:30 - 10:30 am, or 10:30 am - 12:15 pm). Please contact Jordan Black at 404.240.8255 or jordanb@prumc.org.

Young Adults

Atlanta United Soccer Game
Sunday, March 11, 3:00 pm, Mercedes Benz Stadium
Join us as we watch Atlanta United take on DC United! We’ll meet at PRUMC at 3:00 pm to carpool or MARTA together. Tickets are $10, register at prumc.org/events.
Welcome to Peachtree Road United Methodist
Thank you for worshiping with us today! We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, program and service life here at Peachtree Road. Our hope is to make a warm, caring community that you can call home. To keep up with PRUMC events, services and more we invite you to visit us at www.prumc.org or download the PRUMC App on your mobile device.

Welcome New Members!
A warm Peachtree Road welcome to all those who recently joined our church family. Photos can be found in our online gallery at prumc.org/photos or on the PRUMC App.

Joining Peachtree Road
New Members are welcomed into the congregation during our Sunday morning worship services at 8:45 or 11:15 am. You may transfer from another Methodist church, transfer from another denomination or join for the first time on Profession of Faith. For more information please contact Mimi Brunson at 404.240.8221 or mimib@prumc.org.

Worship Services
Traditional Worship | 8:45 & 11:15 am, Sanctuary
Holy Communion | 9:00 am, Moore Chapel
New! The Road | 11:15 am, Heritage Hall
Sundays @ 5 | 5:00 pm, Moore Chapel

CALENDAR

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10:00 am  Peter & the Wolf Concert
7:00 pm  The Way class begins

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**March 11**
Dogwood Shop Opens for Spring
Hoffmann Lecture Series
Kenya Mission & Filter Distribution
Musical Stations of the Cross
Tour of Governor’s Mansion
The Great Day of Service
Palm Sunday
Holy Week
Good Friday
Easter Egg Hunt