THE GATHERING

Carillon Prelude
Sally Westmoreland

Opening Voluntary  Fugue, Sonata No. 6
Felix Mendelssohn
(1890-1847)

The Greeting
We welcome each of you to this service! 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. 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 Call to Worship
Minister: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
People: My vows I will pay before those who worship the Lord.
Minister: The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
People: Those who seek the Lord shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever.
Minister: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
People: And all the families of the nations shall worship before the Lord.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

At the Procession,*
Hymn 159  Lift High the Cross
Crucifer

Prayer of Confession*
Minister: Let us confess our sins to God.

Minister and People: Gracious and loving God, we have often forgotten what love and forgiveness mean in our lives. We have been reluctant to respond to our neighbors with compassion. Often, we have not even taken the time to find out their needs. We have talked behind their back when they could not defend themselves. We have held on selfishly to spiritual and material idols when we knew better. Forgive us again, Lord. Help us to see and create a joyful tomorrow, where we will work together for this thing you call mercy.

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.
The Response*
Hymn 482  
Lord, Have Mercy  
Kriewald Kyrie

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

† Each section is first sung by the cantor, then repeated by the choir and congregation.

Ritual of Christian Fellowship*

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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

Ministry Moment  
Jack Hardin

Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s 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 369*                      Blessed Assurance                      Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

Prayer

Anthem                      Pilgrims’ hymn                      Stephen Paulus (1949-2015)

Even before we call on Your name to ask you, O God, When we seek for the words to glorify You, You hear our prayer; unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Even with the darkness sealing us in, we breathe your name, and through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in You; Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace, beyond all mortal dream. Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages, Amen.

Michael Dennis Browne (b. 1940)

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

Romans 4:13-25

† following the reading

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon                      Compassion: Never Beyond the Reach of Grace

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

At the Invitation,

Hymn 374*                          Standing on the Promises                          R. Kelso Carter, 1886

SENDING FORTH

Benediction*

Peace*

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

People: And also with you.
Please Welcome to our Church Community: These Children Being Baptized Today:

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

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
Romans 4:13-25

Liturgists: Rev. Carolyn Stephens, Associate Minister; Rev. Julie Wright, Associate Minister; Geoff Beakley, Student Minister; Chris Mucha, Director of Youth and Their Families

Music: Nicole Marane, Associate Director of Music and Associate Organist, David White, Interim Choirmaster; The Chancel Choir

For information on upcoming worship services please visit www.prumc.org.
TODAY

The Path of Compassion by Ron Greer
Today, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm, Narthex
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. The Path of Compassion will be available for purchase today in the Narthex in partnership with the Dogwood Shop. Proceeds of sales today will provide water filters to the people of Rongai.

Special Pancake Breakfast
Today, 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.

Kid’s Worship
Today, 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!
Today, 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.

WORSHIP

Music & Arts

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
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.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday Festival Worship
Sunday, March 25, 2018, Sanctuary
8:45 & 11:15 am Festival Worship
9:45 -10:30 am Meet Jerusalem the Donkey
11 am - 1 pm Congregational Luncheon

Festival worship will feature an outdoor procession, guest musicians and special joining day. Between services, enjoy a chance to meet our Palm Sunday donkey on the front lawn.

Holy Week Worship Services
March 26 - March 29, 12:05 pm, Moore Chapel
Meaningful services led by PRUMC clergy. Lunch in Grace Hall available after worship.

Maundy Thursday Choral Eucharist
Thursday, March 29, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary
Remember the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper at this special communion service. Choir and chamber ensemble present selections from Handel and Lotti. Rev. Carolyn Stephens preaching.

Good Friday Worship Service
Friday, March 30, 12:00 pm, Christ the King
2699 Peachtree Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30305
Gather together with Buckhead’s congregations to honor Jesus’ sacrifice at this community-wide worship service. Mark Wilbanks of Wieuca Road Baptist preaching.

LEARN

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.
Local Outreach

The Great Day of Service
Saturday, March 24, PRUMC & Atlanta
Join us in giving back to the Atlanta community on our congregation-wide service day! Projects for all ages, abilities and time commitments. BBQ party afterwards. Details and registration at our tables each Sunday and at www.prumc.org/greatday.

Shutterbugs Needed!
Snap photos of your Great Day team at work and post to Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram with #prumcgsd. If you have a DSLR camera and would like to be a roving photographer please email communications@prumc.org by March 9.

Spring Habitat Build
Saturdays, Now - Apr 14, 7:30 am - 3:30 pm
House leaders guide volunteers of all skill levels to build a home in 8 Saturdays. For details and to volunteer, visit www.prumc.org/habitat.

Adult Age Books Needed
Please donate books of all genres to be included in the new Wesley Woods library – to be stocked on the Great Day of Service! Drop off at Rollins front desk or contact Beth Spencer at beths@prumc.org.

Global Missions

UMVM Disaster Relief trip to Puerto Rico
March 24 - 31, 2018
In partnership with Canterbury UMC (AL), PRUMC will head to Puerto Rico to do clean up and light construction work. $1000 for lodging and flight. For more information or to join the team, contact Anne French at annef@prumc.org.

Rongai, Kenya Water Filter Mission
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 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, Dogwood
Winston Wiant is a local artist whose work is marked by bold colors, texture, and layers. Don’t miss a chance to select an original for your home!

CONNECT

If You Are New

Palm Sunday Special Joining Day
March 25, 8:45 & 11:15 am, Sanctuary
Become a part of the Peachtree Road family by joining with other new members as part of our Palm Sunday Special Joining Day. Contact Mimi Brunson at 404.240.8221 or mimib@prumc.org.

Children & Families

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 31, 10:00 am, The Hill’s Home
Egg hunts, pony rides, inflatable slides and more! Age-appropriate hunts begin at 10:30 am. To volunteer, contact Martha Christopher at 404.240.8243 or marthac@prumc.org.

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.

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.

Adults

Governor’s Mansion Tour
Tuesday, March 20, 10:00 am departure
Join us to tour the governor's mansion and then enjoy a (self-pay) lunch at a local restaurant. RSVP to Julie Wright at 404.240.8203 or juliew@prumc.org.

Men

Father/Child Camping Trip
April 21 - April 22, Camp Glisson, Dahlonega
 Fathers, grandpas and kids are all invited to enjoy a great weekend of fellowship in the mountains! Hikes, campfires, games, worship and more! $35 per person includes meals and fees. Bring your gear or borrow some of ours. Details and sign up at prumc.org/events.
Welcome!
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
Our sanctuary worship services follow a traditional liturgy, featuring familiar hymns and prayers. Rev. Bill Britt delivers the message and worshipers are surrounded by the warmth of our congregation.

Holy Communion | 9:00 am, Moore Chapel
In this intimate service celebrating the gift of the Eucharist, worship is led by members of the PRUMC clergy, organist Jack Mitchener and guest musicians.

New! The Road | 11:15 am, Heritage Hall
Rev. Julie Schendel, Rev. Carolyn Stephens and the PRUMC Worship Band provide a current and comfortable alternative to sanctuary worship. Fresh music, relevant message, and an engaging atmosphere make The Road approachable no matter where you are on your journey.

Sundays @ 5 | 5:00 pm, Moore Chapel
Evening worship is a great option if your weekend fills up before you know it. Refocus and recenter before Monday arrives. Come as you are and make a great beginning to a new week.

Today, February 25
11:15 am  Kid's Worship (1st - 5th)
5:00 pm    UMKF

Thursday, February 27
7:00 pm    Eastman Organists’ Recital

Saturday, March 3, 10, 17 & 24
7:30 am    Habitat Build

Sunday, March 11
Daylight Savings Begins
Summer Camp Registration Begins
9:30 am    Dogwood Shop Open
5:30 pm    Hoffmann Lecture & Dinner

Monday, March 12
6:30 pm    Admin Board Meeting

March 15 - 25    Kenya Adult Mission Trip

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12:05 pm    Service in Chapel
Mon / Rev. Leslie Watkins
Tue / Darren Hensley
Wed / Rev. Julie Wright
Thu / Geoff Beakley
12:35 pm    Lunch after each service

Maundy Thursday, March 29
12:00 am    Prayer Vigil begins
7:00 pm    Evening Worship Service

Good Friday, March 30
12:00 pm    Community Worship Service
12:00 pm    Offices Closing Early

Saturday, March 31
10:00 am    Easter Egg Hunt at the Hill's