THE GATHERING

Carillon Prelude
Sally Westmoreland

Opening Voluntary
(ii) Adagio e dolce, Trio Sonata in D minor, BWV 527
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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: By grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God.
People: For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
Minister: Let us worship God.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

At the Procession,*
Hymn 103 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise St. Denio

Prayer of Confession*
Minister: Let us confess our sins to God.
Minister and People: Most merciful God, we your church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial. 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.
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

(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

Susan Bixler, Habitat Board Member

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 365*  
Grace Greater Than Our Sin  
Moody

Prayer*

Anthem  
Let nothing ever grieve thee  
Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
Let nothing ever grieve thee, distress thee, nor fret thee, heed God’s good will, my soul be still, compose thee. Why brood all day in sorrow? Tomorrow will bring thee God’s help benign and grace sublime in mercy. Be true in all endeavor and ever ply bravely; what God decrees brings joy and peace, He’ll stay thee. Amen.

Paul Flemming (1609-1640)
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  
Numbers 21:4-9
† following the reading
Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon  
Compassion: Forgiven and Forgiving

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

At the Invitation,  
Hymn 378*  
Amazing Grace  
19th century USA melody

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning of Kenya Adult Mission Team (11:15 am)

Benediction*

Peace*

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

Response*  
Tune: Hamburg
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
Preaching: Rev. Bill Britt, Senior Minister  
Numbers 21:4-9 

Liturgists: Rev. Carolyn Stephens, Associate Minister, Rev. Julie Wright, Associate Minister, Rev. Julie Schendel, Associate Minister, Rev. Jamie Jenkins, Minister of Visitation, Geoff Beakley, Student Minister, Anne French, Director of Global Missions 

Music: Nicole Marane, Associate Director of Music and Associate Organist, Alison Mann, Guest Conductor, The Chancel Choir 

Holy Communion 
Moore Chapel, 9:00 am  
Rev. Leslie Lyons Watkins, Associate Minister  
David R. Thomas, Guest Organist 

The Road 
Heritage Hall, 11:15 am  
Rev. Julie Schendel, Associate Minister  
Amy Little, Worship Leader 

Sundays @ 5 
Moore Chapel, 5:00 pm  
Rev. Julie Schendel, Associate Minister  
Elizabeth Byrd, Worship Leader 

For information on upcoming worship services please visit www.prumc.org.
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Complete details at www.prumc.org. Join us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Sign up to receive our weekly E.newsletter by using the red pads in your row.

TODAY

The Dogwood Gift Shop Spring Opening
Today, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm, Lower Level Sanctuary
Come shop our exciting new spring inventory – including new signature candles. All proceeds benefit PRUMC global missions. Next Sunday we’ll host our Winston Wiant trunk show.

VBS Registration Now Open!
Registration for VBS 2018 – Rolling River Rampage – is now online! VBS will take place June 25-28, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Children ages 4 (as of 6/1/18) through completed 4th grade will enjoy 4 awesome days of incredible activities! 5th grade helpers and many adult volunteers are needed. Visit prumc.org/events to save your spot!

Young Adults Atlanta United Soccer Game
Today, 3:00 pm, Mercedes Benz Stadium
Join us as we watch Atlanta United take on DC United! Meet here at 3:00 pm to carpool or MARTA together. $10, register at prumc.org/events.

The Hoffmann Memorial Lecture Series
Today, 5:30 pm, Grace Hall
Dr. Jennifer McBride, Associate Dean at McCormick Theological Seminary, discusses the Church’s role in offering hope and redemption as she presents Repentance as the Church’s Public Witness. Registration for this event has ended.

Fill the Pantry for BCM
Help stock BCM’s food pantry for the working poor of Atlanta. Pick up a bag and list from volunteers after worship, or go to the Serve menu of prumc.org to download a pdf. Bring grocery items to bins located in Grace Hall and the Rollins reception area.

Global Missions

Rongai, Kenya Water Filter Mission
Thanks to your generosity to the PRUMC Christmas Eve Offering, over 72,000 people will receive clean, safe water to drink for the first time. On March 15, a PRUMC mission team of 28 will begin the distribution of 12,000 UZima water filters to the people of Rongai, Kenya. Thank you!

UMVIM 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.

Get Your Cans to Church!
Bring aluminum beverage cans (only aluminum please!) to our collection cage located in the back Blue Lot near the kitchen. For every 1 million cans collected, Novelis will donate a house to Atlanta Habitat for Humanity! Can we donate a million by Easter?! We think we “CAN!”

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!
Children & Families

Kid's Worship
Sunday, March 18, 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!

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.

Young Adults

Brews and Bible
Sunday, March 18, 6:00 pm, Ann Lassiter’s
Join us for pizza, local brews, sweet tea and Bible study with Leslie Watkins. RSVP at prumc.org/events.

Young Adult Social
Thursday, March 22, 6:00 pm, Tin Lizzy’s Buckhead
Catch up with your friends during the work week. Appetizers and nibbles provided. Contact Lindsey Rogers at lindseyyoungrogers@gmail.com.

Adults

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

Wednesday Seasoned Saints
Thursday, April 5, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary
Powerhouse performances by Georgia State Singers, University of Georgia Hodgson Singers and Emory University Concert Choir with a combined finale of Grace Before Sleep. $15/$5 donations.

Food & Fellowship

St. Patrick’s Day Dinner
Wednesday, March 14, 5 - 7 pm, Grace Hall
Corned beef & cabbage, parsley potatoes & dessert. $9/adults, $6/under 10.

Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, March 18, 9:30 – 11:00 am, Grace Hall

Palm Sunday Congregational Luncheon
Sunday, March 25, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Grace Hall
Enjoy ham, BBQ chicken, mac & cheese, roasted broccoli, strawberry-spinach salad, biscuits, and coconut cake. Complimentary (first come, first-served). We hope you will be a part!

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.
HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday Festival Worship
Sunday, March 25, Sanctuary
8:45 & 11:15 am Festival Worship
9:45 - 10:30 am Meet Jerusalem the Donkey
11:00 am - 1:00 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. Be our guest for lunch on this day - first come, first served.

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.

Holy Week

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. Chancel Choir and Chamber Singers 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. Rev. Mark Wilbanks of Wieuca Road Baptist preaching.

EASTER

Easter Day Services
Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

6:30 am Sunrise Service
Join us in the Columbarium for the Great Vigil:
+ Kindling of the New Fire
+ Lighting of the Paschal Candle
+ Procession and First Service of the Resurrection

8:15, 9:45 and 11:15 am Festival Worship
Festival worship celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, with glorious music and message!
Rev. Bill Britt preaching. The Chancel Choir, Atlanta Brassworks, the Peachtree Carillon & Great Organ.

Easter Cross of Flowers
Join in a beautiful tradition! Bring flowers and branches to decorate our Easter Cross of Flowers on the front lawn of the church on Easter Sunday.

Lenten Offering

PRUMC has the opportunity to support sixteen agencies vital to the transformation of our community. Each of our outreach partners works from the ground up to create sustainable change for people in crisis. Our vision is our agencies' mission. Together, we can make a huge impact on our town. Join us on Easter Day, April 1, 2018 to present your Lenten offering in the compassion of Christ. To learn more, see the insert in today’s bulletin or visit prumc.org/lenten-offering.