THE GATHERING

Carillon Prelude

Sally Westmoreland

The Great Litany in Procession for Palm Sunday (10:55 am)

† The procession arrives at the door to the nave.

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 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 Blessing of the Palms*

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.
Minister: It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us in triumph, and for your Son, who was proclaimed as King of Kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along His way. Let these branches be for us signs of His victory, and grant that we who bear them in His name may ever hail Him as our King, and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life, who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
People: Hosanna in the highest!

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

At the Great Procession, Hymn 280* All Glory, Laud, and Honor St. Theodulph (stanzas one, two, and three)

† The procession pauses for the Lesson.
Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation

Ministry Moment

John Ethridge, Lay Leader and Lenten Offering Chair

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

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 278*  

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ellacombe

Prayer*
Anthem  
*Lift up your heads, Messiah*  
G.F. Handel  
(1685-1759)

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory.

Doxology Youth Choir  
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 15:33-39  
† following the reading

Minister  
The Gospel of the Lord.

People  
Thanks be to God!

Sermon  
The Cross: Journey Toward Compassion

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

At the Invitation,*  
Hymn 297  
*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*  
St. Christopher

Benediction*

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

SENDING FORTH

† There will be no concluding voluntary;  
The people are asked to leave the church in an attitude of prayer.
Following the service, Stephen Ministers are available in the chapel for prayer and support.

The crosses given out today are made in villages near Masai, Tanzania, as a cottage industry done by subsistence farmers and their families at home or while guarding the cashew crop from baboons. Beyond use on Palm Sunday, the crosses can be used as bookmarks and shared as reminders of this sacred season. Proceeds from the sale of the palm crosses are returned to these people in the form of non-denominational, self-help grants for meeting basic needs through African Palms USA.

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

Palm Sunday Congregational Luncheon
Today, 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 up to 500 guests).

Lenten Prayer Walls
Be a part of practicing compassion by visiting the prayer walls throughout the church. Share a prayer of need or one of thanksgiving. Take the requests of others and keep them in your heart.

Holy Week

Holy Week Worship Services
March 26 - 29, 12:05 pm, Moore Chapel
Meaningful services led by PRUMC clergy.
Mon Rev. Leslie Watkins | Peter MacKenzie
Tue Rev. Darren Hensley | Melanie Burbules
Wed Rev. Geoff Beakley | William Green
Thu Rev. Julie Wright | Clarke Harris

Holy Week Lunches
March 26 - 29, 12:35 pm, Grace Hall
Join us for lunch after each midday service this week. Entree, sides, dessert & beverage - full menus at prumc.org/food-fellowship.

Holy Week Prayer Vigil
Maundy Thursday - Good Friday
Through great suffering, Jesus showed great love for humanity. Honor this time through intentional prayer and meditation. Together we will reflect, wait and hope. Join the vigil at prumc.org/events.

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. Rev. Mark Wilbanks of Wieuca Road Baptist preaching.

PRUMC will close at Noon on Good Friday.

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
We will 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. Together, we can make a huge impact on Atlanta. Learn more and give at prumc.org/lenten-offering.

Music & Arts

Three Choirs Festival
Thursday, April 5, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary
Powerhouse performances by Georgia State Singers and University of Georgia Hodgson Singers with a combined finale of Grace Before Sleep. $15/$5 suggested donation.

First Annual PRUMC Youth Music Festival
April 14 - 15, 2018
PRUMC’s Doxology Youth Choir will host Athens First UMC for a weekend of music and fellowship! Both choirs will sing a special program of anthems in worship that Sunday.

Children’s Musical: Step Right Up!
Saturday, April 28, 6:00 pm, Harp Center
Join PRUMC’s five children’s choirs for daring feats of strength and skill – with clowns, muscle men, jugglers, tumblers, riders and more! Free admission under the Big Top. Join us for a fun evening!
If You Are New

Methodism 101
Sunday, April 15, 10:00 am, Hospitality Suite
If you are new to PRUMC or have been here for many years this is an opportunity to learn more about Methodism, its history, and traditions. A light breakfast will be served. RSVP to Mimi Brunson at mimib@prumc.org, or 404.240.8221.

Children & Families

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 31, 10:00 am, The Hill’s Home
Egg hunts, bunnies, 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.

Baby Day
Sunday, April 22, 11:15 am, Sanctuary
All babies born to church members between March 1, 2017 and February 28, 2018 will be honored during 11:15 am worship. Afterwards, families enjoy a brunch and program in Grace Hall (11:40 am). Visit prumc.org/events to check the baby name list, and register for presentation and brunch.

Summer Camp Registration Now Open!
Registration now online at prumc.org/events for:

Mission Camp | June 4 - 6, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm
Children (completed K-5th) and their parents are blessed to serve others in the Atlanta community.

VBS | June 25 - 28, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Children (4 yrs as of 6/1/18 - 4th grade) enjoy 4 awesome days of incredible activities! 5th grade helpers and many adult volunteers are needed.

Travel

Where in the World is Wesley?! U.K. Tour
July 24 - August 2, 2018
Discover the world of John Wesley! With stops in York, Epworth, Bath, Bristol, Stratford-upon-Avon, Gloucester, Oxford and London, this trip is an excellent comprehensive tour of England and the foundations of Methodism. For more information, email Jamie Jenkins at jamiej@prumc.org.

Young Adults

Crafting for a Cause
Sunday, April 8, 5:00 pm, Harp Center Art Room
Join the Abundant Life class to make works of art that will be donated to the residents of Beloved. $15 includes supplies and dinner. No experience necessary! Register at prumc.org/events.

Adults

Oakland Cemetery Tour
Sunday, April 15, 2:00 pm departure, $15
Self-pay lunch at Six Feet Under. RSVP to Julie Wright at 404.240.8203 or juliew@prumc.org.

Wednesday Seasoned Saints
12:00 pm Lunch, 1:00 pm Program*, C104
* Movies begin at 12:30 pm. On Bingo days, please bring a $5 wrapped gift/prize. Contact Julie Wright at 404.240.8203 or juliew@prumc.org.

Mar 28 Movie - “So Help Us God”
Apr 4 Spring Bingo
Apr 11 Rose Fleming, Librarian

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.

Wednesday Morning Coffee
Wednesdays, 7:00 am, C105
A midweek gathering of men to encourage one another in the faith. Discussion is topical and no preparation is necessary. For more information, contact Geoff Beakley at geoffb@prumc.org.
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.

SERVE

Local Outreach

Spring Habitat Build - 2 Saturdays Left!
Saturdays, April 7 & 14, 7:30 am-3:30 pm
Be a part of our Habitat Build as part of PRUMC’s commitment to Compassion. No construction experience necessary. Volunteers partner with Habitat leaders to construct a home for a deserving family. Sign up at prumc.org/events.

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.

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

Sponsor a Child, Change a Life
April 29 & May 6, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm, Grace Hall
Make a lasting change in a child’s life by providing the essentials of food, clothing, education and medical care. A $330 sponsorship will sustain a child for an entire year in the nation of Georgia. Join us in Grace Hall on April 29 and May 6 to select your child. You can view photos, hear stories, read information and talk to our mission team members. For more information or to renew your sponsorship ahead of time please contact Lynn Banks at lynnsbanks@mindspring.com.

2018 International Mission Trips
Join us for a life-changing experience! Go global and be transformed by the incredible mission opportunities we offer for all ages. For more information, contact Anne French at 404.240.8205 or annef@prumc.org.

May 25-Jun 3 Georgia / Adult
Jun 2-10 Belize / Young Adult