SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
FALL KICKOFF
THE NINTH DAY of SEPTEMBER, 2018
THE GATHERING

Carillon Prelude   Sally Westmoreland
Opening Voluntary  My spirit be joyful             J.S.Bach  (1685-1750)
                   The Atlanta Brassworks

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.

Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him for his excellent greatness. Praise him with the blast of the ram’s horn; praise with lyre and harp. Praise him with timbrel and dance; praise him with strings and pipe. Praise him with resounding cymbals; praise him with loud clanging cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

(sung in procession)

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

At the Procession,*  Hymn 139  Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  Lobe Den Herren

Invocation*

Affirmation of Faith*  The Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
Pastoral Prayer
Reception of New Members
Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

At the Gospel Procession,*
Hymn 529  How Firm a Foundation  Early USA Melody

† before the reading
Cantor:  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.
Choir:  Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
People:  Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
† following the reading
Minister:  The Gospel of the Lord.
People:  Thanks be to God!
† The Alleluia is repeated.

Sermon  Joy: The Fruit of Gratitude

Ritual of Christian Fellowship *

† The people are seated.

The First Lesson  Nehemiah 8:9-12
† following the reading
Minister:  The Word of God for the people of God.
People:  Thanks be to God!

Reception of New Members

Introduction of Andrea Petsche, Director of The Preschool

Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Gloria Patri *
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.

Charles Meineke
RESPONSE TO 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.

Prayer

Anthem  
O be joyful in the Lord  
Charles Beaudrot  
(b. 1951)

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, the sheep of His pasture. O go your way into His gates, 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 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!

SENDING FORTH

At the Invitation,*  
Hymn 155  
All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name  
Diadem  
(stanzas one, three and six)

Benediction*

Peace*

Minister: The peace of the Lord 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
Preaching: Rev. Bill Britt, Senior Minister  
Nehemiah 8:9-12, Luke 17:12-19

Liturgists:  
Rev. Carolyn Stephens, Associate Minister, Rev. Elizabeth Byrd, Associate Minister, Rev. Leslie Lyons Watkins, Associate Minister, Rev. Geoff Beakley, Associate Minister, Mimi Brunson, Director of Evangelism

Music: Scott H. Atchison, Director of Music and Organist, Nicole Marane, Associate Director of Music and Associate Organist, The Chancel Choir, The Atlanta Brassworks

Holy Communion  
Moore Chapel, 9:00 am  
Rev. Leslie Lyons Watkins, Associate Minister  
Robin Hensley, Guest Organist

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

Sundays @ 5  
Moore Chapel, 5:00 pm  
Rev. Bill Britt, Senior Minister  
Elizabeth Byrd, Worship Leader

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

Fruitful Worship Series
Join us each Sunday this fall to consider the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5). How can we cultivate these characteristics in ourselves to bless the lives of others?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Today</th>
<th>Sep</th>
<th>Oct</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Joy</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Peace</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Patience</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kindness</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Children and Youth Choirs!
Today 9:00 am Doxology Parent Meeting
3:15 pm Doxology Chorale Auditions
Sep 12 Most Children's Choirs Begin
Sep 13 Thursday Cherub Choir Begins
Music is important for all ages - don't miss out on a new season of music-making, friendship, worship, service and adventure! Sign up by September 15 at prumc.org/events.

Dogwood Fall Grand Opening Today!
Sundays, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm
Mondays, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Wednesdays, 9:30 am to 6:30 pm
We are excited to bring you new, beautiful and intentional gifts for fall. Every purchase helps someone in need. Sales and stock volunteers are needed to continue this great ministry! Contact Tracy Noble at tracyn@prumc.org.

Young Professionals Class Kickoff
Today, 10:00 am, C210

Kenya Team Meeting
Today, 10:00 am, B153
Information session about our March 7 - 17, 2019 adult mission trip.

Kids' Worship
Today, 11:15 am, The Loft
1st – 5th graders enjoy engaging worship, cool music, a relevant message, and friends!

LOCAL OUTREACH

September Outreach Drives
Bring items here, or order and deliver via Amazon, using the links at prumc.org/outreach-drive.

- Donate diapers and formula to the Children's Lobby bin for families in need.
- Donate new, white underwear and socks to Rollins or Grace Hall bins for Hollis boys and girls ages 6-8.

PRAYER

New! Midweek Prayer Service
Wednesdays, starting September 12
12:00 pm, Moore Chapel
Each Wednesday we invite you to join us for special moments of reflection and devotion. Lunch will be available immediately afterward.

Prayer: The Essentials
Practical Theologians on Prayer
Sundays, Sanctuary & Moore Chapel
Candler School of Theology faculty share about the importance of prayer on the journey of life.

- Sep 16 10:00 am - Bishop Larry Goodpaster
- Sep 23 6:30 pm - Rev. Ellen Shepard
- Sep 30 6:30 pm - Rev. Tom Elliott
- Oct 14 6:30 pm - Bishop Woodie White

Fall Intercessory Prayer Ministry
September 9 - November 17
Share one hour of your week praying for the needs of others. Volunteers pray for each request and write notes of encouragement, hope, and support. Contact Brittany Charron at 404.240.8260 or brittanyc@prumc.org.

MEN

Men’s Breakfast with Charlie Paparelli
Tuesday, September 25, 7:00 am, Heritage Hall
As an entrepreneur, father, angel investor, and disciple of Christ, Charlie Paparelli does not compromise any of his roles. In this demanding age, learn how he thrives in faith, business and life. RSVP at prumc.org/events.
**FOOD & FELLOWSHIP**

**Wednesday Meals Begin**
Wednesday, September 12

**Lunch** - 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, Grace Hall
**Dinner** - 5:00 to 7:00 pm, Grace Hall

Kick off a great new season of food and fellowship with church friends. Visit prumc.org/food-fellowship for complete menus.

*Sep 12*  Taco Salad Bar

---

**BIBLE STUDIES**

**Fall Bible Studies**
No matter how much or how little you already know of the Bible, studying God's word can be transformative. Study and engage with your church family this fall! Registration and complete details online at prumc.org/bible-studies. Classes starting this week include:

**Today - Sep 9**
- 10:00 am Disciple 4 (Sunday School)
- 6:00 pm Disciple 2 - Fast Track
- 6:00 pm Margin

**Mon - Sep 10**
- 12:00 pm Psalms
- 6:30 pm Biblical Poetry

**Wed - Sep 12**
- 10:00 am Morning Light
- 6:30 pm Breathing Room
- 6:30 pm Evening Light

---

**MUSIC & ARTS**

**American Harp Society - Georgia Chapter**
Sunday, September 16, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

**Peter and the Wolf**
Sunday, September 23, 4:00 pm, Sanctuary
Nicole Marane, John Lemley and John Lawless present a delightful concert for all ages telling the classic tale of young Peter through orchestral instruments. $10 adults / $5 ages 5-12 (under 5 free) / Family max/$20. Tickets at prumc.org/events.

**Coro Vocati: To the Field of Stars**
Sunday, September 30, 3:00 pm, Moore Chapel
This ensemble of professional singers presents Gabriel Jackson's "To the Field of Stars" featuring Atlanta cellist, Guang Wang. $15 suggested donation / $5 students. Visit corovocati.com.

---

**CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

**Third Grade Bible Sunday**
Sunday, September 16

- 8:45 am Bible presentation, Sanctuary
- 9:45 am, Parent meeting, Moore Chapel

Our third graders receive the gift of a Bible and embark on an exciting journey exploring how to use and understand God’s Word.

**Fall Family Picnic**
Sunday, September 30, 5:00 to 7:00 pm
Bob and Becky Hill's
Children and Youth families are invited for a casual Sunday afternoon of fun and fellowship! Enjoy outdoor games, an awesome DJ, delicious BBQ, and a special prize. $5 per person. Ages 2 and under no charge. RSVP at prumc.org/events.

**Intentional Parenting**
Sunday, October 14, 4:00 to 6:00 pm, Grace Hall
Sissy Goff and David Thomas lead this seminar with humor, truth and grace. RSVP at prumc.org/events.

---

**YOUTH**

**Parents of 6th Graders!**
As we begin a new school year, we want to make sure you are receiving emails from us. If you have not received any information regarding the 6th grade Confirmation Class this year, please contact Grace Nadeau at gracen@prumc.org.

**Confirmation Retreat**
October 19 – 21, Camp Glisson, Dahlonega, GA
This will be a great opportunity to get to know each other and our amazing confirmation leaders! Activities will include zip lining, climbing towers, ropes courses, daily devotions, and more. Registration coming soon.

---

**YOUNG ADULTS**

**Young Adult Bible & Brews**
Today, 6:00 pm, Ann Lassiter’s
You won’t want to miss our fun Bible studies this fall! Pizza, local brews and sweet tea provided once a month.

**Top Golf**
Sunday, September 30, 1:00 pm, Top Golf Atlanta
No golfing ability? No problem! Everyone plays and wins at this fun outing.
ADULTS

Wednesday Seasoned Saints
12:00 pm Lunch, 1:00 pm Program, C104
On Bingo days, please bring a $5 wrapped gift/prize. Movies begin at 12:30 pm.
Sep 12 Marian Scopa, Canine Companions
Sep 19 Service Project
Sep 26 Movie: Forever Young

IF YOU ARE NEW

Coffee with the Clergy
Sunday, Sept 30, 10:00 am, Hospitality Suite
Meet ministers and staff, as well as long-time and new members. Ask any question and learn ways to connect in the church community!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

New! Respite Care Atlanta
Respite Care Atlanta is a safe weekday place for those with mild cognitive impairment. We provide vital interaction for clients and self-care time to caregivers. Respite Care Atlanta is now accepting participant applications and volunteers are needed now to make this endeavor happen! Visit our new website at www.respitecareatlanta.org. For more information, contact Julie Wright at 404.240.8203 or juliew@prumc.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings
Mondays, 7:00 am, C210
Discover strength and hope through the fellowship of those recovering from alcoholism. For more information, contact Carolyn Stephens at 404.240.8207 or carolyns@prumc.org.

GriefShare
Tuesdays, starting September 18, 6:30 pm, C105
For those who have lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend. Led by Carol Thurman & Lindley Small. Guidebook $10. RSVP at prumc.org/events.

Pastoral Care
For the most current information, please visit our Pastoral Care page at prumc.org/pastoral-care.

Congratulations To
Laura and Ben Beacham on the birth of their child.
Kristen and Harrison Merrill on the birth of their child.
Kristina and Dyer Kennedy on the birth of their child.

Sympathy To
The family of Betty Morgan on her death.

WELCOME!

Welcome to Peachtree Road United Methodist Church
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.

Traditional Worship
8:45 & 11:15 am, Sanctuary
Traditional liturgy, familiar hymns and prayers.

Holy Communion
9:00 am, Moore Chapel
Traditional service of Holy Communion.

The Road
11:15 am, Heritage Hall
Fresh music, engaging message & atmosphere.

Sundays @ 5
5:00 pm, Moore Chapel
Come-as-you-are evening worship.