COMMITMENT SUNDAY
HARVEST SUNDAY
THE EIGHTEENTH DAY of NOVEMBER, 2018
THE GATHERING

Carillon Prelude
Sally Westmoreland

Opening Voluntary  Canzona Bergamasca
Samuel Scheidt  (1587-1654)
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.

The Choral Introit  (sung in procession)  Chant: George S. Talbot  (1875-1918)
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!

Psalm 150

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

At the Procession*
Hymn 131  We Gather Together  Martin

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.

Gloria Patri  Charles Meineke
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.
O sing a song unto the Lord our God. Let all generations give honor and praise! Make joyful music to the Lord our God. With voices and instruments join in our chorus of praise. Miriam played her tambourine and danced before the Lord; David played his harp and sang a psalm. The disciples sang a praise hymn at the table of the Lord; Paul and Silas sang together all night long. We sing our heritage of music. Let everyone join with the saints through the ages and sing.

Celebration Singers

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader:   Gracious God, creator of all things, you have given us much to be thankful for: this place of worship, the blessings of this day, the world around us.

People: With grateful hearts, we give thanks.

Leader: Apart from you, we can do nothing. With you, we can do everything. By the power of your Holy Spirit, we live and serve you at home, at work, and at play.

People: With grateful hearts, we give thanks.

Leader: We remember how much we have, in the face of a world that says we need more. We are reminded of your graciousness as we see those who go without. Yet in the face of little, you give us much.

People: With grateful hearts, we give thanks.

Leader: The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Give us the courage and strength to put our hands to plow your fields. As we do, help us remember the laborers who first shared with us the good news.

People: With grateful hearts, we give thanks.

Leader: As we prepare to gather with family to give thanks and feast upon the blessings of a day set apart for rest, Bread of Heaven, Water of Life, fill us until we want for nothing. Pour out yourself for us. Let us take, eat, and see that the Lord is good.

People: With grateful hearts, we give thanks.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

At the Gospel Procession,* 
Hymn 694 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come St. George’s Windsor

Ritual of Christian Fellowship*

† The people are seated.
The Gospel Lesson* Matthew 6:25-34
† before the reading
Cantor: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.
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.

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 I was glad C. Hubert H. Parry (1843-1918)

I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet
shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in
itself. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper that love thee. Peace be
within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.
Psalm 122:1-3,6,7

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!

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

At the Invitation,*
Hymn 102 Now Thank We All Our God Nan Dunket

SENDING FORTH

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

In Loving Memory of: Barbara Stephens by her husband, Richard Stephens, and family.

In Celebration of the Wedding of: Regan Bercher and T.J. Harlin.

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
Matthew 6:25-34

Liturgists: Rev. Carolyn Stephens, Associate Minister, Rev. Julie Schendel, Associate Minister, Rev. Leslie Lyons Watkins, Associate Minister, Mimi Brunson, Director of Evangelism

Music: Scott Atchison, Director of Music and Organist, Nicole Marane, Associate Director of Music and Associate Organist, Kathy Fletcher, Director of Children’s and Youth Music, Robin Hensley, Music Associate, Celebration Singers, The Chancel Choir, The Atlanta Brassworks

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.

Now thank we all our God
S. Karg-Elert
(1837-1911)

The Atlanta Brassworks
Scott H. Atchison, organ

* 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.

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TODAY

Harvest Sunday
Today we come together as a church family to give thanks for our many blessings. We are especially grateful for your presence within our community. Please extend a warm welcome to all those joining today. Photos of today’s new members and highlights can be found midweek in our online gallery at prumc.org/photos.

Congregational Thanksgiving Luncheon
Today, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Grace Hall
Enjoy a festive luncheon with your church friends and family as we share a traditional thanksgiving meal together. Roast turkey and gravy, corn bread dressing, sweet potato casserole, green beans, cranberry relish and pumpkin pie. We hope you will be a part!

Many Moods Tickets Now Available
Complimentary tickets for our Christmas classic available today in Grace Hall and The Dogwood Shop. After today, tickets will be available in The Dogwood Shop and the church offices.

Advent Workshop: The Wonder of Christmas!
Today, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, Grace Hall
Bring your family and enjoy fellowship, food, fun and crafts galore to kick off the Advent season! We’ll make gingerbread houses, family Advent wreaths, and much more! Bring children's hats, gloves and scarves to donate to Christmas Kindness. Workshop - $30/family. Spaghetti Dinner - $7/adults, $5/child (under 10). RSVP at prumc.org/events.

Thanksgiving Holiday Hours
The church offices will close at 2:00 pm this Wednesday, November 21 and remain closed through the Thanksgiving Holiday. Please join us again for worship on Sunday, November 25.

Thank You for Missions Market Success!
The 2018 Mission Market was a huge success, generating over $40,000 in gross sales in just 4 hours. Thank you to all who came and supported this cause. The joy and laughter inside Grace Hall last Sunday will bring hope to those less fortunate around the world. Thank you PRUMC, your generosity is amazing!

MUSIC & ARTS

The Great Tree Lighting
Sunday, December 2, 5:30 pm, Sanctuary
PRUMC Children’s and Youth Choirs present joyous music and the lighting of the great Chrismon trees at PRUMC! Cocoa and cookies in Grace Hall. No RSVP necessary.

The Many Moods of Christmas
Sunday, December 9, 5:30 pm, Sanctuary
PRUMC Chancel Choir, Georgia Boy Choir, Soloists and Orchestra present PRUMC’s Christmas classic! Complimentary tickets available today.

Christmas with The Georgia Boy Choir
Friday, December 14, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary
Saturday, December 15, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary
The Georgia Boy Choir with Orchestra present holiday favorites including their signature piece. Tickets available at georgiaboychoir.org.

Carols by Candlelight
Sunday, December 16, 5:30 pm, Sanctuary
PRUMC Choirs, Peachtree Carillon present a sacred carol sing for the church and community appropriate for all ages. Come join the Candlelight Choir! Rehearsals begin soon. For more information, contact Nicole Marane at 404.240.8206 or nicolem@prumc.org.

For concert childcare for Dec 2 (ages 3 and under), 9 or 16 (ages 4 and under) email eveningchildcare@prumc.org by the Wednesday prior to event.

Children & Youth Choirs in Worship
Today Celebration Singers
Dec 9 Doxology Chorale in The Road
Dec 16 Doxology Choir in Traditional Worship
Dec 24 Cherub, Carol, Covenant, Celebration, Doxology & alumni on Christmas Eve

PRAYER

Advent Devotional Available Next Sunday
This year's devotional will helps us to “be still, look inward and find wonder.” Please pick up a copy and prepare your hearts for the season. Available beginning Sunday, November 25 in The Dogwood Shop.
Lectio Divina with Betsy Orr  
Saturday, December 8, 9:30 am - 11:30 am  
Grace / Heritage Hall  
Lectio Divina is a way of praying the Scriptures whereby we gradually let go of our own agenda and open ourselves to what God says to us through the Word. RSVP at prumc.org/events.

Advent Intercessory Prayer Ministry  
December 2 - 30  
Bring God's comfort and peace to those who need it most. Pray one hour each week during Advent. To volunteer, contact Brittany Charron at 404.240.8305 or brittanyc@prumc.org.

COMMUNITY

Neighborhood Movie Night  
Thursday, November 29, 7:00 pm, Green Lot  
Bring your lawn chair and blanket to kick off the Christmas season with seasonal refreshments and Elf! RSVP at prumc.org/events.

The Great Cookie Giveaway!  
On Christmas Eve, we will deliver homemade cookies to our neighborhood businesses with a special invitation to worship with us. Volunteers are invited to join in the fun. Sign up at prumc.org/events or contact Brittany Charron at 404.240.8305 or brittanyc@prumc.org.

Dec 21-23 Bring homemade cookies to PRUMC  
Dec 23 Help package cookies at PRUMC  
Dec 24 Deliver cookies to businesses

LOCAL OUTREACH

Christmas Kindness is Almost Here!  
Please see today's insert to learn about our local Christmas Outreach initiative. Shifts are still available for this festive and rewarding opportunity. Volunteer at prumc.org/events. If you would like to donate refreshments please contact Beth Spencer for requested items at 404.240.8234 or beths@prumc.org. Thank you!

Save the Date! Christmas Kindness Open House  
Sunday, Dec 2, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Harp Center

Winter Coat Drive  
We are now collecting new or gently used heavy winter coats for men and women for our daily outreach ministry. Large and extra-large sizes are preferred so sweaters can be layered underneath. Also collecting sweaters of all sizes.

GLOBAL MISSIONS

Water for Kenya: Clean Water is Coming!  
Virtual Reality Movie Experience  
December 9, 16, & 23, 10:00 am, Grace Hall  
This Christmas we'll celebrate becoming part of a global solution of bringing safe water to Africa. Our previous efforts of water filter distribution have significantly and positively impacted almost a quarter of a million people. We'll kick off our 2018 initiative with a new virtual reality experience! Join us to learn more.

EDUCATION

Canticles of Christmas  
Mondays, December 3, 10 & 17, 6:30 pm, C104  
The Christmas story comes to life in the Gospel of Luke through what is known as the Canticles of Christmas. Join Elizabeth Byrd to read, listen and discuss The Magnificat, Benedictus, Gloria and Nunc Dimittis. RSVP at prumc.org/events.

WORSHIP

The Wonder of Christmas Sermon Series  
Sundays, 8:45 & 11:15 am, Sanctuary  
Bill Britt helps us to slow down, remember the true meaning of this season, and rediscover the wonder of Christmas. Join us!

Dec 2 Hope: Expect a Miracle  
Dec 9 Peace: Giving Up on Perfect  
Dec 16 Love: Treasuring Christ  
Dec 23 Joy: Gifts for Christ

The Longest Night Prayer Service  
Sunday, December 23, 7:00 pm, Moore Chapel  
Join us for a reflective candlelight service on the longest night of the year. Experience the hope that God intended through the coming of Christ.

Christmas Eve Worship Services  
Monday, December 24, 2018  
Come celebrate this glorious night with us! Our beautiful services will offer meaningful messages and magnificent music. Complimentary childcare for ages 3 and under for the 4:00 & 6:00 pm service.

12:00 pm Christmas Service of Holy Communion  
4:00 pm Family Candlelight & Pageant  
6:00 pm Family Candlelight & Pageant  
8:00 pm Festival of Lessons & Carols  
10:30 pm Festival Choral Eucharist
CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Advent Homebound Visitation
Share Christmas cheer with our homebound adults. On Sundays in December, select a member’s card from the altar rail. Bring a treat, send a note or make a special visit. Let them know they are not forgotten this time of year.

Respite Care Atlanta
Weekday care for those with cognitive challenges. Self-care time for caregivers. For information or to volunteer, contact Julie Wright at juliew@prumc.org or visit www.respitecareatlanta.org.

THE DOGWOOD

Holiday Shopping at The Dogwood
Sundays, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm | Mondays 10:00 am - 2:00 pm | Wednesdays 9:30 am - 6:30 pm
Come shop our beautiful holiday inventory of gifts with good intention through December 16! For the person who has everything, gift cards are available supporting local and global projects for those in need.

Darden’s Delights Trunk Show
Sunday, December 9, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm
Come stock up on delicious pies for the holidays! The Glass Family, PRUMC members, will have tastings of their “Pies with Purpose”. Great teacher and holiday gifts!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Nursery Volunteers Needed Once a Month
8:30 - 10:30 am or 10:30 am - 12:15 pm
Working alongside our Nursery staff, volunteers provide a safe, nurturing environment for our children from birth to age two. Contact Laurie Spivey at 404.240.8255 or lauries@prumc.org.

Teachers Needed
11:15 am, Sunday Opportunities
Please consider joining our team and sharing God’s amazing story with our young children. Contact Martha Christopher at 404.240.8243 or marthac@prumc.org.

Drop In Childcare Open During Holidays
Thanksgiving Week
November 19 - 21, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Ornament-Palooza Week!
December 17 - 21, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

YOUTH

High School Christmas Party
Friday, December 7, 7:30 pm, Harp Center

Middle School Christmas Party
Friday, December 14, 7:30 pm, Harp Center

YOUNG ADULTS

Christmas Brunch
Sunday, Dec 16, 10:00 am, Hospitality Suite
Join us for a festive brunch and a Christmas message from Ben Fletcher! RSVP at prumc.org/events.

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.
Nov 28 Movie: Lifted
Dec 5 Joyful Bingo!

Movie Clips and Commentary with Dr. Ken Boa
Thursday, December 6, 7:00 pm, Grace Hall
View compelling film clips from a theological perspective as Ken Boa discusses the aesthetic and moral narratives of Dead Poets Society. All are welcome. RSVP at prumc.org/events.

Holiday Lights of Hope at Hobgood Park
Tuesday, December 11, 4:30 pm departure, $15
Walk through millions of holiday lights and animated displays. Followed by self-pay dinner at Tuscany Italian Restaurant. Proceeds benefit Anna Crawford Children’s Center. RSVP to Julie Wright at 404.240.8203 or juliew@prumc.org.

MEN

Men’s Breakfast with Professor John Cressler
Wednesday, December 5, 7:00 am, Heritage Hall
Georgia Tech’s Dr. John Cressler will help us come to a deeper understanding of the symbiotic relationship between faith and science, and how they live in harmony in our world. RSVP at prumc.org/events.

Men’s Weekly Fellowship and Bible Studies
Led by Geoff Beakley. No preparation necessary. For information, contact geoffb@prumc.org.