Morning Worship
December 2, 2018 . 8:45 & 11:15 AM

The Gathering
Carillon Prelude
Sally Westmoreland

Opening Voluntary
Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599
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 Choral Introit
Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland
Savior of the nations, come; Virgin’s Son here make thy home! Marvel now, O heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

Praise and Thanksgiving
At the Procession,*
Hymn 213
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
Truro

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.
Sacrament of Christian Baptism (11:15 am)

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

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit’s sign; with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer
PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

At the Gospel Procession,*

Hymn 196  

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus  

Hyfrydol

The Gospel Lesson*

Matthew 1:18-25

† 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.

Sermon

Hope: Expect a Miracle

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 come, O come, Immanuel  

15th Century French Melody  

arr. Roderick Elms

O come, O come, Immanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear: Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. O come, thou rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan’s tyranny; From depths of hell thy people save, and give them victory o’er the grave. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here. Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight. O come thou key of David, come, and open wide our heav’nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai’s height, in ancient times did give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.

The Chancel Choir

Matthew Boatwright, tenor, André Peele, bass

At the Presentation,*

Hymn 95  

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.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

At the Retiring Procession,*

Hymn 206  

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light  

Houston

SENING FORTH

Benediction*

Peace*

Minister  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People  
And also with you.
Response*  
Tune: Houston  
I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine on my heart, Lord Jesus.  
Choir and Congregation  

Closing Voluntary  
Toccata on ‘Veni, redemptor gentium’  
Paul Manz  
(1919-2009)

* 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.

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.

Please Welcome to our Church Community These Children Being Baptized Today:  

The Flowers on the Altar are Given to the Glory of God  
In Loving Memory of: Frank Smith honoring his December 5th birthday by his daughter, Martha Tate, and granddaughters, Laura Tate Yellig and Anne Tate Pearce.  
In Loving Memory of: Their fathers, George E. Sikes and Scott Sizemore, their grandmother, Katherine M. Edenfield, and their grandparents, Charles and June Falls and their friend, Kim McCarty by Denee, Garrett and Grace Sizemore.

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 1:18-25

Liturgists:  
Rev. Carolyn Stephens, Associate Minister; Rev. Julie Wright, Associate Minister; Rev. Geoff Beakley, Associate Minister; Rev. Leslie Lyons Watkins, Associate Minister

Music:  
Scott Atchison, Director of Music and Organist, Nicole Marane, Associate Director of Music and Associate Organist, The Chancel Choir

Lighting the Advent Candles Today:  
8:45 am – Ricardo and Courtney Moreno and Ricky  
9:00 am – Dayton and Raul Velarde, Jack and Henry  
11:15 am – Josh and Mary Katherine Aronson, Anna Kate, Walt and Mary Pearl

Holy Communion  
Moore Chapel, 9:00 am  
Rev. Darren Hensley, Deacon  
Robin Hensley, Guest Organist

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

The Great Tree Lighting  
Sanctuary, 5:30 pm  
No Sundays@5

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

Advent Devotional: The Wonder of Christmas
Prepare your hearts for Christmas with a special Advent Devotional written by members and staff of Peachtree Road. Daily readings will remind us to "be still, look inward and find wonder." Devotionals are now available in the Dogwood Shop! For those with limited mobility, copies are reserved and available throughout the church.

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.

Special Offering for Christmas Kindness
Each December Peachtree Road is privileged to host Christmas Kindness. We provide a shop full of new coats, household items and toys so the working poor of our city may select gifts for their families with dignity at no cost to them. A special offering will be held for this favorite outreach program today. You may make a gift using the card and envelope in today's bulletin, using the PRUMC app, or by visiting prumc.org/give. Learn more at www.prumc.org/christmaskindness. Thank you!

Christmas Kindness Open House
Today, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Harp Center
Come see your love and faith in action this season by touring our shop filled with warm coats, delightful toys and helpful appliances for our guests. "Sleighs" will carry you from Grace Hall to the Harp Center throughout the morning.

The Great Tree Lighting!
Today, 5:30 pm, Sanctuary
Please join all 200 members of the youth and children’s choirs for a glorious music program and the lighting of the great Chrismon trees! After the program, we’ll gather in Grace Hall for hot cocoa and treats from CParks Catering (peppermint bark snowflake cookies, snickerdoodles, rocky road chocolate chip cookies!)

MUSIC & ARTS

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! From traditional Christmas hymns to moving new settings of familiar carols, this concert will open your hearts and souls to the miraculous story of Jesus’ birth. Reception in Grace Hall following the concert. Complimentary tickets available in The Dogwood Shop.

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. Use discount code PRUMC for 50% off tickets.

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. This unique Advent service combines the Australian Carols by Candlelight with the tradition of Lessons and Carols. Come join the Candlelight Choir! For more information, contact Nicole Marane at 404.240.8206 or nicolem@prumc.org.

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

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, 5:30 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 4:00 & 6:00 pm service.

12:00 pm Christmas Service of Holy Communion  
A celebration of the Eucharist

4:00 pm Family Candlelight & Pageant  
Children's choirs & pageant

6:00 pm Family Candlelight & Pageant  
Children's choirs & pageant

8:00 pm Festival of Lessons & Carols  
Chancel Choir and Brass

10:30 pm Festival Choral Eucharist  
Chancel Choir and Brass, Eucharist

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.

PRAYER

Lectio Divina with Betsy Orr  
Saturday, December 8, 9:30 - 11:30 am  
Grace / Heritage Hall
Betsy Orr, one of Atlanta's leading Bible Study facilitators and teachers, will lead a special prayer workshop on Lectio Divina. This is the simple practice of meditating on, and praying the scripture. Dress comfortably and enjoy the opportunity to center yourself and listen to God. 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 and write notes of encouragement, hope, and support. To volunteer, contact Brittany Charron at 404.240.8305 or brittanyc@prumc.org.

COMMUNITY

The Great Cookie Giveaway!  
Help spread love one cookie at a time. We are looking for volunteers to help bake homemade Christmas cookies, package them with an invitation to worship, and deliver them to those working nearby on Christmas Eve. Many opportunities and times are available starting on December 21 through Christmas Eve. Sign up at prumc.org/events or contact Brittany Charron at 404.240.8305 or brittanyc@prumc.org.

LOCAL OUTREACH

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 2019 initiative with a new virtual reality experience! Join us to learn more.

THE DOGWOOD

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!

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. Tickets for The Many Moods of Christmas concert can be found here as well!
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.

  Wednesdays, 7:00 am, C105
  Topical discussion to encourage your faith.
  Fridays, 7:00 am, C106
  Discussion of scripture for the Sunday ahead.

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
Drop In Childcare at PRUMC offers flexible, faith-based childcare that includes enrichment and social engagement for children 4 months to 6 years. For more information, contact Michele Ellis at drop-in@prumc.org or visit prumc.org/drop-in. Save the date for: Ornament-Palooza! December 17 - 21, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

SPORTS & RECREATION

Holiday Camps
During the winter holidays, PRUMC Sports & Recreation will offer single and multi-day camps for ages 3-14. And don’t forget - we are now registering for great winter programs including after-preschool and Youth Rugby. For more information, visit prumcsports.org.

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
RSVP at prumc.org/events.

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.

Young Professionals New Year Kickoff Brunch
Sunday, January 6, 10:00 am, C210
Start 2019 with an inspirational message from Reverend Ron Greer hosted by the Young Professionals Sunday School Class. Contact Leslie Watkins at lesliew@prumc.org.

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.
Dec 5   Joyful Bingo!
Dec 12  Jesse Tree with Leslie Watkins

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 Tuscani Italian Restaurant. Proceeds benefit Anna Crawford Children's Center. RSVP to Julie Wright at 404.240.8203 or juliew@prumc.org.

Save the Date for Ron Greer Retreat
March 15 & 16, Legacy Lodge, Lake Lanier
Explore connection and new boundaries as our children move into adulthood. Contact Julie Wright at juliew@prumc.org.