THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
THE SIXTEENTH DAY of DECEMBER, 2018
THE GATHERING

Carillon Prelude
Sally Westmoreland

Opening Voluntary
The Holly and the Ivy
Herbert Sumison (1899-1995)

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 211
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Veni Emmanuel (stanzas one, two, six, and seven)

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.

Ritual of Christian Fellowship*

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Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation

The Lighting of The Advent Candle

Choir: O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Leader: God’s chosen people often turned away from the Law and were less than faithful, yet, they were still God’s chosen people.

People: Long before Christ was born, God made a promise to King David that his throne would be established forever through God’s faithful love.

Leader: On the night Christ came to earth, that promise was fulfilled – out of the house of David, the savior arose, a savior given to redeem the whole world.

People: God’s love for us truly does endure forever, and in remembrance of God’s mighty acts through Jesus Christ we light the Candle of Love.

† The Lighting of the Candle

Leader: Let us pray.

People: Lord, help us always to remember that we are redeemed through our faith in your Son. No matter how far we stray, you’re always right there waiting for us, loving us. We rejoice in your steadfast love for all the people of the world, fulfilled in the birth of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

People (all sing): Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Doxology Youth Choir

† The people are seated.
† 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  Love: Treasuring Christ

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  All bells in paradise  John Rutter
(b. 1945)

Deep in the cold of winter, darkness and silence were ev’rywhere; softly and clearly, there came through the stillness a wonderful sound, a wonderful sound to hear: All bells in paradise I heard them ring, sounding in majesty the news that they bring; all bells in paradise I heard them ring, welcoming our Savior, born on earth a heavenly King. All bells in paradise I heard them ring: ‘Glory to God on high’; the angel voices sing. Lost in awe and wonder, doubting, I asked what this sign might be: Christ our Messiah revealed in a stable, a marvelous sight, a marvelous sight to see. He comes down in peace, a child in humility, the keys to his kingdom belong to the poor, before him shall kneel the kings with their treasures, gold incense and myrrh.

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.

At the Retiring Procession,*
Hymn 238  Angels We Have Heard on High  Gloria

SENDING 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 in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Choir and Congregation
Closing Voluntary

Noel Etranger

Louis-Claude Daquin
(1594-1772)

* 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.

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

In Loving Memory of: Bob E. Noble by Robert A. Noble and family.
Honoring the 50th Anniversary of: Lena and Jamie Jenkins by Jane Hill.

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
Luke 2:8-14

Liturgists:
Rev. Carolyn Stephens, Associate Minister, Rev. Leslie Lyons Watkins, Associate Minister,
Rev. Julie Schendel, Associate Minister, Rev. Elizabeth Byrd, Associate Minister,
Rev. Lindsay Geist, Deacon

Music:
Scott Atchison, Director of Music and Organist, Nicole Marane, Associate Director of Music and Associate Organist, Kathy Fletcher, Director of Youth and Children’s Music, Robin Hensley, Associate Musician, The Chancel Choir, Doxology Youth Choir

Lighting the Advent Candles Today:
8:45 am – Joe and Ali Davis and Ward and George
9:00 am – Jack and Karen Norton
11:15 am – Kyle and Emily Wingfield and Charlie and Owen

Holy Communion
Moore Chapel, 9:00 am
Rev. Julie Wright, Associate Minister
Joel Trekell, Guest Organist

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

Carols By Candlelight
Sanctuary, 5:30 pm
No Sundays@5

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

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.

Pancake Breakfast!
Today, 9:30 - 11:00 am, Grace Hall
Come enjoy a hot stack of pancakes served with maple syrup or berry compote, and sausage or bacon. $5/adults, $3 children under 10. Gluten-free options available on this day.

Water for Kenya Virtual Reality Experience
December 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 today in Grace Hall!

Young Adult Christmas Brunch
Today, 10:00 am, Hospitality Suite
Join us for a festive brunch and a Christmas message from Ben Fletcher.

New Flower Guild Note Cards
The Flower Guild has created several new versions of their note cards in time for Christmas! You can purchase them after the 8:45 & 11:15 am services today in the Narthex.

Last Day to Shop at The Dogwood
Come shop our beautiful holiday inventory of gifts with good intention! For the person who has everything, gift cards are available supporting local and global projects for those in need.

Carols by Candlelight
Today, 5:30 pm, Sanctuary
PRUMC Choirs, Peachtree Carillon present a sacred carol sing for the church and community appropriate for all ages. This unique and meaningful Advent service combines the Australian Carols by Candlelight with the tradition of Lessons and Carols.

WORSHIP

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. Rev. Julie Wright preaching.

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 and Christmas pageant with nativity characters

6:00 pm Family Candlelight & Pageant
Children’s choirs and Christmas pageant with nativity characters

8:00 pm Festival of Lessons & Carols
PRUMC Chancel Choir and Brass herald in this most Holy Night

10:30 pm Festival Choral Eucharist
PRUMC Chancel Choir and Brass with a celebration of the Eucharist

Christmas Eve Volunteer Chorus
Monday, December 24, 12:00 pm, Sanctuary
Sing with the choir at our first Christmas Eve service! We will have one rehearsal in the Music Suite at 11:00 am on the same day. Contact Ruth at 404.240.8212 or ruths@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 December 21-24. Sign up at prumc.org/events or email brittanycc@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 Christmas Offering
PRUMC has provided over 39,000 in-home water filters to areas afflicted with contaminated water. Our 2019 project will take us to Kabazi, Kenya where the precarious water supply was further complicated by a dam break. Our Christmas campaign will provide 12,000 filters to the families of Kabazi. Visit prumc.org/cleanwater or give in worship on Christmas Eve.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Please note special hours during the Christmas and New Year holidays.
Dec 24  Open for Christmas Eve Services  
See Worship for times  
Dec 25  Campus closed  
Dec 31  Campus closed  
Jan 1  Campus closed

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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. We are now accepting participant applications. Great volunteers are needed now to make this endeavor happen! Visit www.respitecareatlanta.org.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS

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.

YOUTH

A Conversation with Bill Curry
Sunday, January 13, 5:00-7:30 pm, Harp Center  
Legendary football coach and inspirational speaker Bill Curry will talk with youth and their families about “The Greatness of Spirit.” He will continue our ongoing lessons and conversations by showing us how to locate, develop and give purpose to the great spirit within each of us. Sign up at prumc.org/events.

PRUMC High School Ski Trip
January 18-21, 2019, Snowshoe, WV
Join us for a great weekend of skiing, devotions, and hanging out with your friends! The trip is open to 9th-12th graders. Sign up at prumc.org/events.

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. Join us for Ornament-Palooza!
December 17 - 21, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.
MEN

Habitat for Humanity Brush with Kindness
Saturday, January 26, 2019, 9:00 am, Westside
The Men of Peachtree Road will join together to paint a Habitat for Humanity home. We need 25 volunteers – no materials necessary and lunch will be provided. Please join us for this outreach and fellowship opportunity among the men of Peachtree Road! For more information, contact Geoff Beakley at geoffb@prumc.org.

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.

ADULTS

Chick-fil-A Headquarters Tour
Tuesday, January 29, 10:00 am
Learn about the history and core value of the company and visit Truett Cathy's office which is just as he left it. For more information, please contact Brittany Charron at brittanyc@prumc.org or 404.240.8305.

Save the Date for Ron Greer Retreat
March 15 & 16, 2019, Legacy Lodge, Lake Lanier
As our children move into adulthood our relationship changes. On this retreat we will consider new boundaries, different ways of connecting, but with just as much love. Led by Ron Greer. For more information, contact Julie Wright at juliew@prumc.org.

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP

ALL IN Annual Campaign
Join us in supporting the ministries of this great church! Your pledge strengthens the programs and builds the community of PRUMC. Please prayerfully consider how you will shape our church in 2019. Every promise builds our future and every pledge counts. That's what being “All In” is all about. Information and budgeting tools available at www.prumc.org/all-in. You can make your pledge online, through the PRUMC app, or by using the All-In pledge cards in the church kiosks. Thank you for your continued support!

2019 WINTER BIBLE STUDIES

Sign up at prumc.org/events for upcoming studies!

Morality, Ethics, and the Bible
Wednesdays, starting January 9, 6:30 pm, C208
Learn what many great thinkers have to say about everyday moral and ethical challenges, how we individually might consider these challenges, and how the Bible speaks to these issues. Led by Sonny Deriso.

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations
Wednesdays, starting January 9, 10:30 am, C104
Let’s look at a different posture toward our community, a deliberate outward focus, and a willingness to carry Christ's love to where people already live, work, and play, rather than hoping people will come to us. Led by Rev. Julie Wright.

Three Gifts, One Christ
Fridays, starting January 11, 12:00 pm, C104
More than gold, frankincense, and myrrh, the gifts the magi offered represent the intermingling of light and darkness, truth and falsehood, life and death. Look further, and discover what Jesus offered us. Led by Rev. Elizabeth Byrd.

Almost Everything: Notes on Hope
Mondays, starting January 28, 6:30 pm, C104
Despite the despair and uncertainty that surrounds us in the news, in our families, and in ourselves, Anne Lamott's writing helps us find hope buried deep within us to plant seeds of rejuvenation. Led by Rev. Darren Hensley.

Coffee Break for Women
Thursdays, 7:00 - 7:45 am, Dancing Goats
All women are invited to join this casual group for fellowship, a brief devotional and prayer. Contact Leslie Watkins for more information at lesliew@prumc.org.

Lenten Study: Simon Peter
Thursdays, starting March 7, 7:00 pm, C104
This Lent spend time with one of the most faithful but humanly flawed disciples – Simon Peter. Learn how an ordinary guy heard and followed God's extraordinary call, and how we can do the same. Led by Deidra Harrell.

2019 Hoffmann Memorial Lecture
Sunday, March 24, Grace Hall
Our 3rd Annual Lecture will feature Rev. Dr. Robert M. Franklin, Laney Professor of Moral Theology at Emory University. Save the date and join us for dinner and a discussion on Moral Leadership.