THE GATHERING

Carillon Prelude

Sally Westmoreland

Opening Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in D Major, BWV 532

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 240 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Mendelsshon

Invocation*

Affirmation of Faith*

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.
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 245  The First Noel  Traditional English Carol
The Gospel Lesson* Matthew 2:1-12
† 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 Blessings: A Gift for 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 This Christmastide Donald Fraser (Twentieth Century)

Green and silver, red and gold, and a story born of old. Holly, ivy, mistletoe, and the gently falling snow. From a simple ox’s stall came the greatest gift of all. Children sing of hope and joy at the birth of one small boy. Let the bells ring loud and clear, ring out now for all to hear. Trumpets sound and voices raise in an endless stream of praise. Green and silver, red and gold and a story born of old: peace and love and hope abide, this Christmastide.

Jane McCulloch

The Chancel Choir
Jeanné Brown, soloist
Betsy Stuart, oboe, Chandler Stuart, bassoon, Matthieu Clavé, flute

SENDING FORTH

Benediction*

Peace*

Minister The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Response* 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.

Tune: Houston

Choir and Congregation

Closing Voluntary Rhapsody in C minor, No. 3 Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

* 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:
Harrison Elliott Greiner, born July 24, 2018, son of Rebecca and Joe Greiner; and Luca Alexander Peinhardt, born May 28, 2018, son of Charlotte and Bobby Peinhardt.

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

In Loving Memory of: Jerry B. Blackstock by his family, Margaret, Towner, Holly, Mary Molloy, and Byron; Michael, Tara, Jennings, and Colter; and Kendrick.

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 2:1-12


Music: Scott Atchison, *Director of Music and Organist*, Nicole Marane, *Associate Director of Music and Associate Organist*, Oak Martin, *Guest Organist*, The Chancel Choir

Lighting the Advent Candles Today:
8:45 am – Eric and Terilyn Johnson, Brooks and Abigail
9:00 am – Kirk and Ashley Moss
11:15 am – Brian and Sunni Ammons, Sydney and Quinn

Holy Communion
Moore Chapel, 9:00 am
Rev. Leslie Lyons Watkins, *Associate Minister*
Oak Martin, *Guest Organist*

The Longest Night Service
Sanctuary, 5:30 pm

*No Sundays@5*

For information on upcoming worship services please visit www.prumc.org.
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Sign up to receive our weekly E.newsletter by using the red pads in your row.

TODAY

**Water for Kenya Virtual Reality Experience**  
**Today, 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!

**The Longest Night Prayer Service**  
**Today, 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

**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.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

**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 we will distribute 12,000 filters to the families there. Each filter given will produce ten years of clean water for an entire household. Your generosity has now positively changed the lives of almost a quarter of a million people. Let’s make another miracle! Let our love and grace overflow and bring health and hope to Kabazi in the new year. Visit prumc.org/cleanwater or give in worship on Christmas Eve.

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. Can you help share our Christmas cheer? There are still spots available. Sign up at prumc.org/events or contact Brittany Charon at brittanyc@prumc.org.

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

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.
2019 WINTER BIBLE STUDIES

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

Moral and Ethical Dilemmas
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.

WOMEN

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 devotion and prayer. Contact Leslie Watkins for more information at lesliew@prumc.org.

MEN

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.

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. Join us for this outreach and fellowship opportunity – no materials necessary and lunch will be provided! Contact Geoff Beakley at geoffb@prumc.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." Learn 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.

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 Rev. Ron Greer. For more information, contact Julie Wright at juliew@prumc.org.
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 with 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.

**Special Needs Opportunities**
If you have a special needs situation in your family and would like information about opportunities available, please contact Martha Christopher at marthac@prumc.org.

LOCAL OUTREACH

**Winter Coat Drive**
We are 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.

**New BCM Clothing Bin**
Donate gently used clothes and shoes to BCM's Buckhead Thriftique using the new bin in the Blue parking lot (near the Habitat can collection cage.) Clothing is purchased with dignity by the working poor or given free to the homeless.

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.

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
Transformative message, worshipful music, and life-changing experience.

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

JOINING

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.