EASTER DAY
THE RESURRECTION OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF APRIL IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN
April 21, 2019

Dear Peachtree Road Friends,

During the season of Lent, many of you engaged in spiritual disciplines such as fasting, prayer, study, and worship. Another spiritual discipline is simplicity. We tend to lead very busy lives and often feel like we are carrying the weight of the world on our shoulders. I like the way JB Phillips paraphrased the words of the Teacher:

“God made man simple; man’s complex problems are of his own devising.” – Ecclesiastes 7:29

The season of Lent comes along each year to help us simplify our lives, and we are challenged to “give up” things in order to make more room for Christ. This year I gave up my daily soft drinks and sweets and added a day of fasting each week in the season. I put the money I would have spent on those snacks toward our Lenten Offering, and today I invite you to do the same. This year’s offering will provide much needed funds for the agencies with whom Peachtree Road partners to transform the lives of others:

- Action Ministries
- Agape
- Atlanta Habitat for Humanity
- Atlanta Mission
- BeLoved
- Buckhead Christian Ministry (BCM)
- City of Refuge
- Covenant House
- Feed My Lambs
- Hollis STEM Academy
- HopeWorks
- Jerusalem House
- Mountain Top Boys Home
- Police Athletic League
- Restoration Prison Ministry
- Trinity Community Ministries
- Women’s Resource Center

Imagine, as a result of your gift, a child will have food to eat; a veteran struggling with addiction will find hope and help; a single dad trying to raise his family will have a place to call home; a woman will receive a job and life skills that will restore her self-esteem; and so much more.

Please join Wendie and me and give generously toward the Lenten Offering today. If each of us gives $60 ($1.50/day for the 40 days of the Lenten season), our offering would exceed our goal! I hope you will step up and join us in supporting our vision of a better Atlanta. Please make your check payable to Peachtree Road, mark it for “Lenten Offering,” and place it in the offering plate. You also may give online through the church app or through the website: www.prumc.org/give. Thank you for your generous support. Together, we are changing lives!

Grace and peace,

Bill Britt
Senior Minister
EASTER DAY
Service of Festival Worship
EIGHT FIFTEEN, NINE FORTY-FIVE & ELEVEN FIFTEEN O’CLOCK

Music Before the Service

THE CARILLON PRELUDE

Let the merry bells ring round
Christ, whose glory fills the skies

George F. Handel (1685-1759)
Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Sally Westmoreland, carillonneur

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

Salvum fac populum tuum, Op. 84

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Joel Trekell, organ
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.

** Interval for seating.
† Respectfully turn off all pagers, cellular phones, and similar devices while in the Sanctuary.
The Entrance Rite

*The People stand at the first note of the introduction and join the Choir in the following hymn.*

**AT THE GREAT PROCESSION, Hymn 302**

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
   Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
   Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
   Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2. Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
   Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
   Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
   Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
   Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
   Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
   Where’s thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

4. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
   Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
   Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
   Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

5. King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!
   Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!
   Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!
   Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

6. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
   Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
   Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
   Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

*Charles Wesley, 1739*

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*The People standing, a Minister says*

> Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People*

> The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*The Minister continues*

> Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life.”

*People*

> Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”

*The people remain standing and join the choir in*

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**THE GLORIA PATRI**

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. Amen.
RITUAL OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The People sit.

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CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Minister The Lord be with you,
People and also with you.
Minister Let us pray.

Minister

The Pastoral Prayer

Minister and People

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
And the glory forever. Amen.

Then the Choir sings

The Gradual

Jesus lives! Thy terrors now, can no longer, death, appall us. Jesus lives!
By this we know thou, O grave, cannot enthrall us. Alleluia!

Glenn Rudolph (b. 1951)

Christian F. Gellert (1715-1769)
The Word of God

The People stand at the first note of the introduction and join the Choir in the following hymn.

AT THE GOSPEL PROCESSION, Hymn

Unser Herrscher

1 He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice: he has burst his three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice: death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.

2 Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow! Death's long shadows have departed; Jesus' woes are over now, and the passion purple east, symbol of our Easter feast.

*3 Come, with high and holy hymning, hail our Lord's triumphant day; not one darksome cloud is dimming heaven's gate: we are free from sin's dark prison, yonder glorious morning ray, breaking o'er the risen to a holier state; and a brighter that he bore—sin and pain can vex no more. Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.

4 He is risen, he is risen! He hath opened
All remain standing as the Cantor intones the Gospel Citation.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

**Alleluia (The people sing Alleluia with the Choir)**


A Minister reads the Gospel.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

*Luke 24:1-12*

After the Gospel, the Minister says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People   Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Then the Alleluia is repeated.
The People sit for

THE SERMON

He Is Risen!

Rev. Bill Britt

Then, all standing, the People say

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
make 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.
We Respond to God’s Word

The People sit.

THE INVITATION TO GIVE

AT THE OFFERTORY

After the Minister begins the Offertory with a prayer, the Choir sings the anthem.

The Anthem

Sing ye to the Lord

Edward C. Bairstow (1874-1946)

Sing ye to the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously. Pharaoh’s chariots and his host hath He cast into the sea. Mighty Victim from the sky, hell’s fierce powers beneath Thee lie; Thou hast conquered in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light. Now no more can death appal, now no more the grave enthrall; Thou hast opened Paradise, and in Thee Thy Saints shall rise. Alleluia! Amen.

The Chancel Choir
The Atlanta Brassworks

The People stand and sing the following hymn while the offerings are presented.

Doxology with Alleluias

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!

- Thomas Ken, 1674, with alleluias
The following hymn is sung.

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;  
   Mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.  
   Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
   Rejoice; again, I say, rejoice.

2. His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
   The keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus given.  
   Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
   Rejoice; again, I say, rejoice.

3. Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,  
   And take his servants up to their eternal home.  
   We soon shall hear th' archangel's voice;  
   The trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

   - Charles Wesley (I Corinthians 15:51-52)

Then the Minister offers

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Then the Choir offers a response to the Charge

Hallelujah, Messiah

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!  
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord  
and of his Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever.  
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, Hallelujah!

   - Revelation 19:6, 11:15, 19:16

   The Chancel Choir  
   The Atlanta Brassworks

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata, Symphony No. 5

Scott H. Atchison, organ  
The Atlanta Brassworks
Worship Leaders in Today’s Services

Morning Worship

8:15 AM, 9:45 AM, and 11:15 AM, Sanctuary

Preaching

Rev. Bill Britt, Senior Minister

Liturgists

Rev. Elizabeth Byrd, Associate Minister
Rev. Carolyn Stephens, Associate Minister
Rev. Geoff Beakley, Associate Minister
Rev. Daniel Ogle, Associate Minister
Rev. Leslie Lyons Watkins, Associate Minister
Rev. Julie Wright, Associate Minister
Rev. Jamie Jenkins, Minister of Visitation
Beth Spencer, Director of Local Outreach and Lay Volunteer Service

Rev. Lindsay Geist, Deacon
Rev. Darren Hensley, Deacon

Music

Scott H. Atchison, Director of Music and Organist
Joel Trekell, Interim Associate Organist and Choirmaster
The Chancel Choir
The Atlanta Brassworks
The Peachtree Carillon
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Day - The Resurrection of Our Lord

Sunday, April 21, 2019
Peachtree Road United Methodist Church

WELCOME

At Peachtree Road, all are welcome to join in the worship of God, the fellowship of this community of faith, and the ministry of outreach with others. Regardless of whether you identify as young or old, rich or poor, gay or straight, married or single, conservative or progressive, black or white or brown, a committed Christian or just checking out church, or anywhere in between, you are welcome in this place. We are so glad you are here and hope you will discover a sense of belonging at Peachtree Road.

LENTEN OFFERING

What we do matters, and what we give makes a huge difference. We have the opportunity to make a positive impact across Atlanta through contributions to our partner agencies. Join us in giving to our brothers and sisters in need through the 2019 PRUMC Lenten Offering today. You may use the card and envelope in this bulletin to make your gift or give online through the PRUMC app or website (prumc.org/give.)

IF YOU ARE NEW TO PEACHTREE ROAD

Large print hymnals, hearing devices, wheelchairs, and on-site doctors are available through our ushers.

Childcare is available in our Nursery for children ages 6 weeks to 2 years each Sunday, and we hold Young Worshippers classes for children ages 3 years to Kindergarten. All children ages 1st grade and older are welcome to participate in worship.

Education for all ages is held at 10:00 am each Sunday. We have Adult Sunday School Classes as well as Youth Fellowship and Children's Sunday School. Please ask an Ambassador for more information.

We welcome new members into our church family each month. For information on joining the church, please contact Mimi Brunson at 404.240.8221 or mimib@prumc.org.

Our Sunday Schedule is as follows: Traditional Worship takes place in the Sanctuary at 8:45 am and 11:15 am. Communion takes place in the Chapel at 9:00 am. We have Sunday School for all ages at 10:00 am. We offer The Road service at 11:15 am in Heritage Hall and Sundays @ 5:00 pm in the Chapel. Join us!

For more information on PRUMC volunteer opportunities, please contact Beth Spencer at 404.240.8234 or beths@prumc.org.

Everyone is invited to participate in worship through song. If you are interested in joining one of our choirs, please contact Scott Atchison at 404.240.8231 or scotta@prumc.org.
Easter Cross of Flowers
Join in a beautiful tradition! Visit the Easter Cross of Flowers on the front lawn.

SMALL GROUPS
In a small group, you can experience friendship, support, and learning within the greater church community. Feel free to visit many classes and groups to find the one that is right for you.

- Adult Sunday School
  Sundays, 10:00 am, B & C Buildings
  Contact Elizabeth Byrd at elizabethb@prumc.org.

- Interest-Based Small Groups
  Contact Elizabeth Byrd at elizabethb@prumc.org.

- Men's Fellowship & Bible Study Groups
  Wednesdays & Fridays, 7:00 am, C105 & C106
  Contact Geoff Beakley at geoffb@prumc.org.

- Women's Coffee Break
  Thursdays, 7:00 am, Dancing Goats/Buckhead
  Contact Leslie Watkins at lesliew@prumc.org.

PRAYER
Midweek Prayer Service
Wednesdays, 12:00 pm, Moore Chapel
Each Wednesday, we offer special moments of reflection and devotion. Lunch is available immediately afterward.

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. Visit respitecareatlanta.org.

Movers and Shakers Parkinson’s Support Group
Second Wednesdays, 12:00 pm, B152
If you or someone you love has Parkinson’s Disease, we invite you to participate in this group. We meet for lunch and sharing. For more information, contact Carolyn Stephens at carolyns@prumc.org.

THE DOGWOOD GIFT SHOP
Sundays, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm | Mondays, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Wednesdays, 9:30 am - 6:30 pm
Find unique and beautiful gifts for Mother’s Day, graduation, birthdays, weddings, and baby! 100% of proceeds support our mission teams around the world.

CV Designs Trunk Show
Sunday, May 5, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm
Find modern, handmade jewelry from PRUMC member Chris Howell. Special Mother’s Day pieces will be available, so find that perfect one-of-a-kind gift for mom!

PRUMC TRAVEL
The Bible comes alive when you walk where Jesus and his followers walked! Join PRUMC as we embark on the travel opportunities below. Contact Jamie Jenkins at jamiej@prumc.org.

- Holy Land | February 15 - 26, 2020
  A life-changing tour of biblically significant sights.

- Oberammergau & European Capitals | June 3 - 12, 2020
  Attend the famous Passion Play and visit historic sites.

THE PRESCHOOL
Spring Fling!
Saturday, April 27, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, Harp Center
Join us for our biggest fundraising event of the year! Enjoy train rides, petting zoo, pony rides, bounce houses, face painting, games, crafts, delicious food, a silent auction, and more! Visit thepreschool.org for information or to RSVP.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES
Children’s Choirs End-of-Year Dinner Concert & Awards
Wednesday, May 1, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Grace Hall
Please join us for a Cinco de Mayo inspired dinner, joyful concert, and awards presentations to our children’s choir members as we celebrate a wonderful year.

Vacation Bible School
June 24 - 27 | 9:30 am - 12:30 pm | $35/child, $80 family max
For children ages 4 (as of 6/1/19) through completed 4th grade. 5th graders can be youth helpers. Join us for 4 days of fun based on our theme: To Mars and Beyond...Explore Where God’s Power Can Take You! Visit prumc.org/events to RSVP.

YOUNG ADULTS
Braves vs Brewers
Saturday, May 18, 7:20 pm, SunTrust Park, $25/person
Join us for a fun evening watching the Atlanta Braves take on the Milwaukee Brewers! Visit prumc.org/events to RSVP.

OLDER ADULTS
Atlanta Cyclorama & History Center
Tuesday, May 21, 10:00 am, $13 Tickets + Self-Pay Lunch
Join us to experience this newly restored Atlanta landmark! Contact brittanyc@prumc.org to RSVP.