



PEACHTREE ROAD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE EIGHTEENTH DAY *of* OCTOBER, 2020

MORNING WORSHIP

OCTOBER 18, 2020 . 11:15 AM

THE GATHERING

CARILLON PRELUDE

Sally Westmoreland

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Miniature Suite for Organ (Intrada)

John Ireland
(1919-1992)

THE GREETING

We welcome each of you to this service!
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

arr. Richard Proulx
(1937-2010)

Rise up in early morning; Sing of the risen Savior. Sing tidings of salvation with
alleluias ringing: *In cymbalis bene sonantibus.*

St. John Damascene
(676-749)

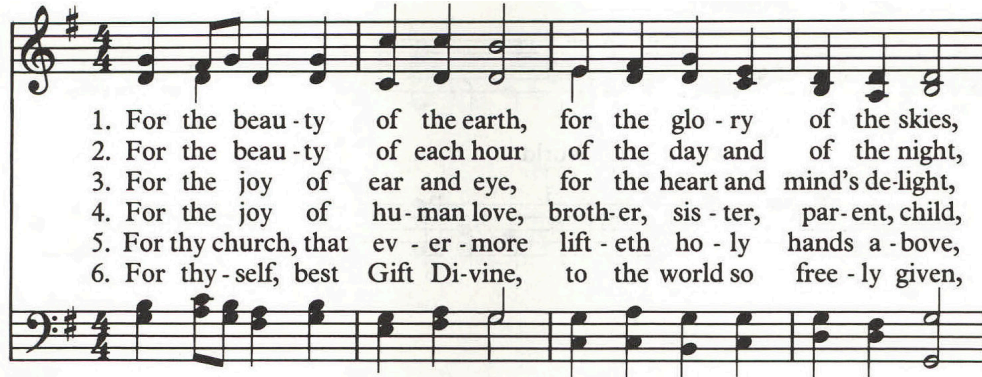
PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

AT THE PROCESSION,

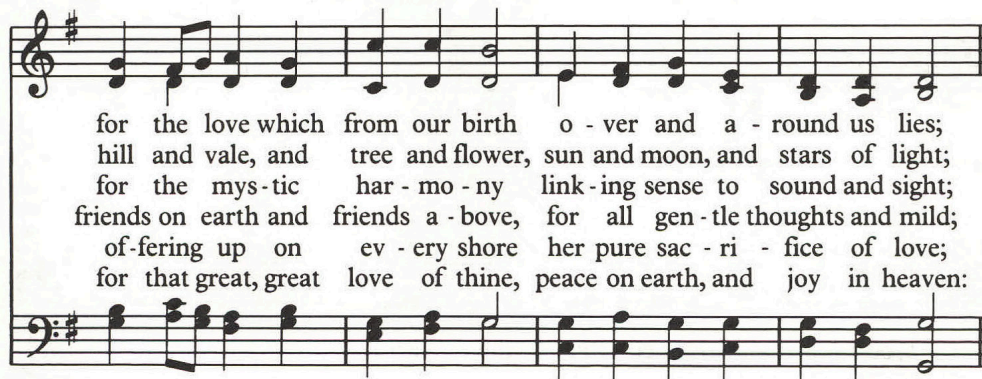
HYMN 92 *

For the Beauty of the Earth

Dix



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5. For thy church, that ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,
6. For thy - self, best Gift Di - vine, to the world so free - ly given,



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies;
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight;
friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild;
of - fer - ing up on ev - ery shore her pure sac - ri - fice of love;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.
* Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *

Let us confess our sins before God.

Meek and lowly Savior, you came to us in the humble form of a child, though you are a king. You chose the way of humility, and humbled your self even unto death on a cross. You have blessed those who are meek, declaring they shall inherit the earth. And you have called us into this way of living. But Lord we must confess that too often we are haughty and proud. We equate meekness with weakness, and spurn the thought of being humble. We give in to our egos that seek boasting, neglecting the advice to walk humbly with you.

Forgive we pray. Remind us again of your teaching that those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be lifted up by you.

Hear the good news: Christ our Lord has called us to a life of humility, and has equipped us with the Holy Spirit to live accordingly. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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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.

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† *The people are seated.*

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

RESPONSE: With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that this child, 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

Tune: *Stuttgart*

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS WITH THE MINISTER

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

PROCLAMATION OF 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

Saint Paul

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

Duetto: Now we are ambassadors of Christ

Now we are ambassadors in the name of Christ and God beseeches you by us in the
name of Christ.

William Green, *tenor*; Michael Lindsay, *bass*

2 *Corinthians* 5:20

Chorus: How lovely are the messengers

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace. To all the nations
is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands glad tidings.

Peachtree Road Staff Singers

Romans 10:15, 18

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.

THE LESSON

James 3:13-18

† following the reading

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Road to Character: Humility

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

But the Lord is mindful, Saint Paul

Felix Mendelssohn

But the Lord is mindful of His own, He remembers His children. Bow down before Him, ye mighty, for the Lord is near us.

Psalm 115:12

Clarke Harris, *countertenor*

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION*

PEACE*

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

RESPONSE*

St. Brendan's

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored: and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Choir and Congregation

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Old CXXXVIth Psalm

Charles Wood
(1866-1926)

* 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.

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

Ruth Gordon Blair, born April 6, 2020, daughter of Ann Hughston and Win Blair; and Kennedy Brooke Lee, born May 23, 2020, daughter of Elizabeth and Josh Lee.

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

In Loving Memory of: Katherine I. Thompson by Holden and Elsie Thompson, Terrace and Daron Pair, and Laura and Steve Bellomy.

In Loving Memory of: Marian M. Calloway by her children and grandchildren.

In Loving Memory of: Brett Peterman by Carolyn Hardwick.

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*
James 3:13-18

Liturgists: Rev. Elizabeth Byrd, *Associate Minister*
Rev. Geoff Beakley, *Associate Minister*

Music: Oliver Brett, *Associate Organist and Choirmaster*
Oak Martin, *Organ Scholar*
Peachtree Road Staff Singers
William York, *Crucifer, Director of the Acolyte Guild*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS . OCTOBER 18, 2020

Complete details at www.prumc.org. Join us on Facebook and Instagram.

Sign up to receive our weekly Enewsletter at prumc.org.

ELECTION SERIES

Politics & Peace Sermon Series

Sundays, 11:15 am, Sanctuary / prumc.org

Oct 25 *A Prayer for Guidance*

Nov 1 *An Attitude of Respect*

Nov 8 *A Life Lived in Harmony*

It is election time again in our nation, and you know what that means – emotions will be running high; patience will be running low; and social media will be filled with all kinds of unpleasantness. What is a disciple of Jesus Christ supposed to do during these days leading up to and following November 3? Join us for a series designed to help us know God's peace in the midst of divisive times. Together let us answer God's call to be a light to our community.

FALL SPECIAL EVENTS

Blessing of the Animals - Drive Through Edition!

NEXT Sunday, **October 25**

4:00 - 5:00 pm, Rollins Turn Around

Cruise up with your furry friends and receive a special blessing from our clergy. People and pets may remain in the car while receiving the blessing, and we ask that all non-furry friends who wish to participate wear a mask.

Halloween Extravaganza!

Drive-Through Experience

Wednesday, **October 28**

5:30 - 7:00 pm, Harp Center Parking Lot

Dress up, hop in your car, and head over to our new drive-through Halloween Experience! You will cruise by spooky castles, themed blowups, costumed characters, and then enjoy some candy treats. (You can even decorate your car to add to the fun!) If you'd like to help out at this event, you can to decorate your trunk and be a part of our spooky scenery. To volunteer, contact Brittany Charron at brittanyc@prumc.org.

PRAYER

Church Open for Personal Prayer

Mondays, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Sanctuary

You are invited to come pray in the sanctuary at the beginning of each week. Pray for your needs, or the needs of others, or just sit in the silent peace of our sacred space. Please enter through the Rollins Building to check in and observe current protocol.

Online Morning Prayer Group

Weekdays, 7:15 - 7:30 am, Zoom

This group began as a response to the pandemic and has become a steadfast team, praying for concerns of the day. We pray to bring hope, healing, and heart to each other and the world. Take 15 minutes one weekday morning and join us in prayer. It's a meaningful way to start the day. Visit prumc.org/prayer for details.

CAREER CONNECT

Tuesdays in the Boardroom Virtual Meet Up

Tuesdays, 12:30 - 1:30 pm, Zoom

Join our community and professional career coach weekly to learn how to navigate and succeed in the changing job landscape. PRUMC clergy will lead a prayer and devotion, and member Ken Christensen will guide post-session discussion. RSVP to Leslie Watkins at lesliew@prumc.org. Upcoming discussions include:

Oct 20 Researching Opportunities

Oct 27 Capabilities Statement

Nov 10 Activating Allies

Nov 17 Expanding Reach

Bill Curry Webinar Available to View

The Zoom recording of the Career Connect Kick-off webinar is available to view at prumc.org/career-connect. Special thanks to Bill Curry for generously sharing his message of encouragement, hope and determination.

MUSIC & ARTS

Children's Choirs Rehearsals Begin

Wednesday, **October 21**, 5:00 pm

Doxology Youth Choir Zoom Kick-off

Sunday, **October 25**, 4:00 pm

We are excited to begin rehearsals and performances in various formats! Registration has closed, but you may contact Kathy Fletcher at kathyf@prumc.org to be placed on a waiting list. For those already registered, please review your email for times, locations, procedures and protocol.

New! *The Wondrous Machine* Virtual Series

This fall, we proudly offer a series featuring the many treasured pipe organs of our church. You will learn the history, inner workings, and the power of these truly incredible creations.

The Wondrous Machine:

A Virtual Tour of the Great Organ

Sunday, **October 25**, 7:00 pm, prumc.org

We begin our new organ series with a tour of the Great Organ with Organ curator, Robert Coulter and narrator, John Lemley. They will take you behind the scenes to show how wondrous and unique the Great Organ of Peachtree Road has been since its debut in 2002.

Coming Soon to *The Wondrous Machine* Series:

Nov 8 PRUMC Organ Concert

Four organists, six organs

Nov 15 David Briggs at The Great Organ

Silent Movie Night!

Nov 22 PRUMC Organ Concert

Our magnificent instruments

WORSHIP

In-Person Worship

Sundays, 11:15 am, Sanctuary

We are glad to be back in safe numbers to worship in-person as well as online. Registration will open at 3:00 pm today for **October 25** in-person worship. Please RSVP to attend and plan on observing required protocol. Visit prumc.org for complete information.

The Feast of All Saints

Sunday, **November 1**, Sanctuary / prumc.org

4:30 pm Organ Recital,

Caroline Robinson, Cathedral of St. Philip

5:00 pm Choral Evensong

PRUMC Staff Singers

Music by Howells, Ayleward and Beaudrot

End the Lord's day with beautifully sung prayer by the Peachtree Road Staff Singers. The marriage of music and text reminds us "to remember thy servants, Lord." Due to limited capacity seating, registration will be required for this service. Please RSVP to attend and plan on observing required protocol. The service will also be streamed live. Visit prumc.org for complete information.

PASTORAL CARE & SUPPORT

GriefShare Support Group

Tuesdays, **starting November 3**

6:30 - 8:00 pm, B118

This friendly, caring group of people will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Join leaders Carol Thurman and Lindley Small for this life-changing course. Space limited to the appropriate number for the classroom; masks, social distancing expected. Email Carol at cthurma3@bellsouth.net to sign up.

Weekly Pastoral Care Update

View our daily pastoral care update at prumc.org/pastoral-care.

Congratulations to

Caroline and Tyler Grubbs on the birth of their child. Lisa Kelly is the proud grandmother.

In Hospital and Care Facilities

Al Clarke

Receiving Hospice Care

Ron Pfohl

Sympathy to

Nancy Ham and family on the death of her brother, Jim Dreger.

The family of Terry White on his death.

SEASONED SAINTS

Seasoned Saints - Beth Spencer & Outreach

Wednesday, **October 21**, 1:00 pm
C106 (by RSVP) or Zoom

Beth Spencer, Director of Local Outreach, discusses *Outreach at PRUMC During the Pandemic*. Join us! Due to COVID-19 protocols, we request that you contact Brittany Charron at brittanyc@prumc.org or Julie Wright at juliew@prumc.org if you plan to attend in person.

LOCAL OUTREACH

Support "Team Bill" and Homeless Youth! Make a Donation at prumc.org/give

Our own Bill Britt will be "taking one for our team" this year! Each fall, Covenant House holds their annual Sleep Out to raise awareness of the rapidly climbing number of homeless youth in Atlanta. Due to COVID-19, the Sleep Out must limit the number of participants, but that won't affect our support! Bill Britt will represent our church, congregation and community by sleeping outside on November 19. We can help by raising at least \$5000 this month for this incredible cause. Give online now at prumc.org/give or mail a check to PRUMC with "CH Sleep Out" in the memo field.

Recently, Kevin Ryan the President and CEO of Covenant House has been a guest on national news programs. He spoke about the rising crisis of hunger for homeless youth. Since many schools are closed due to the pandemic, these children do not have access to the meal programs once available to them. Please do what you can and give generously to the Sleep Out fundraiser. Thank you!

Cascade UMC Thanksgiving Giveaway

Monday, **November 23**

8:00 am – 12:00 pm, or 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Team up with the members of Cascade UMC to help deliver Thanksgiving food baskets to over 1400 low-income families. To volunteer for this annual event, contact Beth Spencer at beths@prumc.org. This 20-year tradition of feeding those in need is a meaningful way to begin your Thanksgiving week.

THE DOGWOOD SHOP

What's New at The Dogwood Shop?

Monday - Saturday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

We have a new line of cashmere ponchos and warm wraps. We also have new art pieces, pajamas, and jewelry. We have new flavors of take-home pies - Poppy seed Chicken and Dorito (with beef). You can shop in person Monday through Saturday, or online anytime at thedogwoodshop.org. 100% of all proceeds benefit PRUMC Global Missions! Thank you for your continued support.

DROP-IN CHILDCARE

Drop-In Childcare

Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Drop-In Childcare at PRUMC offers flexible, faith-based childcare that includes enrichment and social engagement for children 4 months to 6 years. For information, email Michele Ellis at drop-in@prumc.org or visit prumc.org/drop-in.

THE PRESCHOOL

Preschool Scholastic Book Fair

November 9 - 13

Each year, PRUMC participates in a wonderful book fair in which a portion of proceeds benefits our Preschool. This year, the location will be confirmed at a later date, but please mark your calendars and save the date for meaningful shopping just before the holidays.

YOUTH

Halloween Backlot Party

Friday, **October 30**, 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Harp Center Upper Green Lot

7th-12th graders are invited to put on your costume for an evening of games, treats, and music! We'll be practicing social distancing and masks are required. Register today at prumc.org/events. Contact Mary Allred at marya@prumc.org with questions.