



PEACHTREE ROAD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY *of* NOVEMBER, 2022

TEN O'CLOCK

MORNING WORSHIP

THE MOORE CHAPEL

NOVEMBER 27, 2022 . 10:00 AM

THE GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

THE GREETING

We welcome each of you to this service!

We pray that this time together will be a blessing in your life.

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.

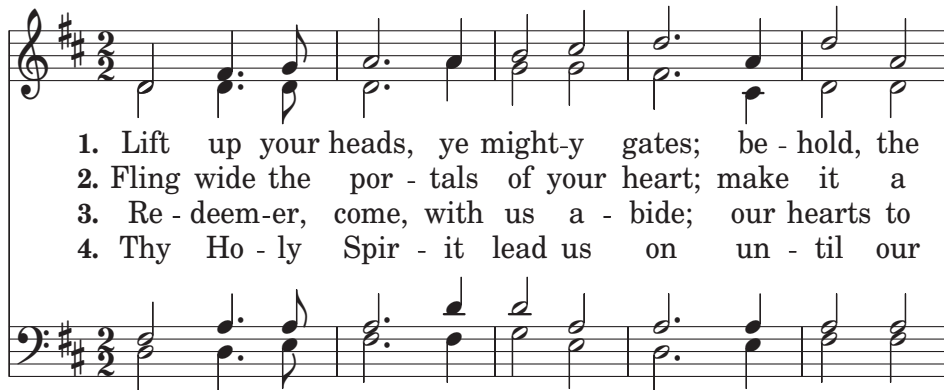
PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

AT THE PROCESSION, *

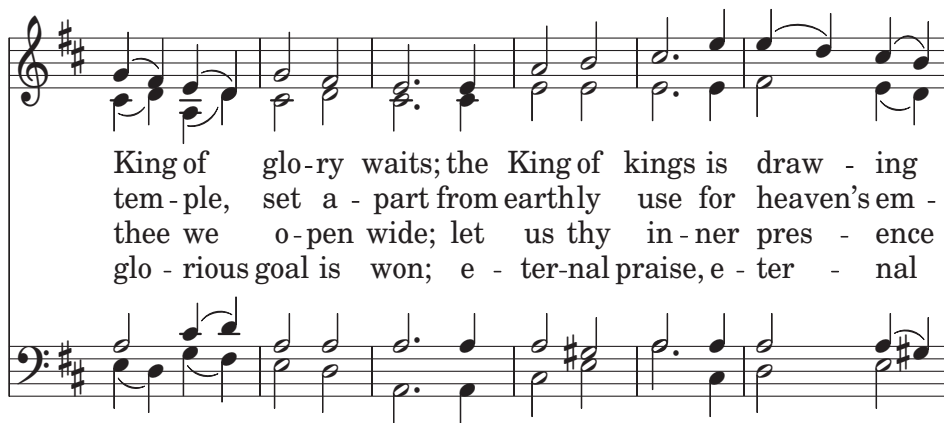
HYMN 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

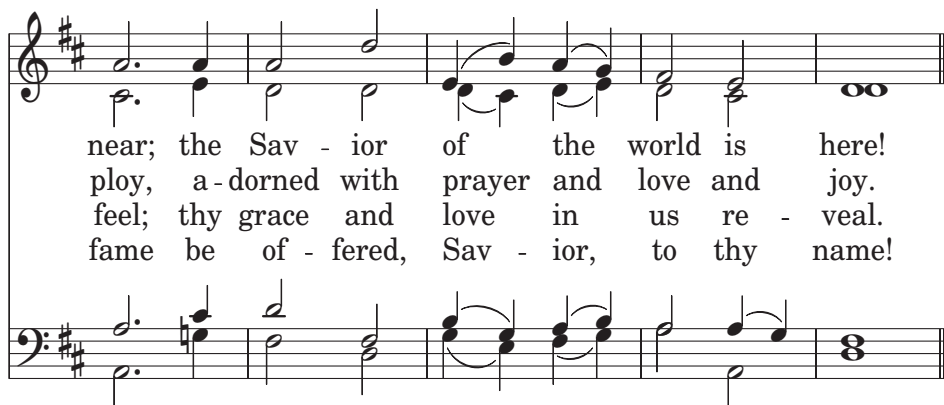
Truro



1. Lift up your heads, ye might-y gates; be - hold, the
2. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
3. Re - deem-er, come, with us a - bide; our hearts to
4. Thy Ho - ly Spir - it lead us on un - til our



King of glo-ry waits; the King of kings is draw - ing
tem - ple, set a - part from earthly use for heaven's em -
thee we o - pen wide; let us thy in - ner pres - ence
glo - rious goal is won; e - ter - nal praise, e - ter - nal



near; the Sav - ior of the world is here!
ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
feel; thy grace and love in us re - veal.
fame be of - fered, Sav - ior, to thy name!

George Weissel, 17th century

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *

Minister: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Minister and People: Mighty God, you shine light in the darkness of the world. But we confess there are times when we do not live as people of the light. We have failed to seek justice. We have struggled to love kindness. We have sought our own way, and felt inconvenienced by your way, your truth, and your light. Forgive us, we pray. Fan the flame of our faith. Ignite the light of Jesus in us.

Minister: Hear the good news: God is with us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Follow Jesus today. Live in the light. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. 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.

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† *The people are seated.*

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Veni Emmanuel

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: Jesus himself told us to be ready at any time.

People: So, today we remember that call – the call to look for God in unexpected places, at unexpected times. And even though we wait, we can expect our Savior to show.

Leader: We light this first candle of expectation. Let this light remind us that while we wait for the Lord, truly the Lord is already here. Hope is here. Love is here. Joy is here. We are home!

†The Lighting of the Candle

Leader: Fill us with your hope, Lord.

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

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

AT THE OFFERTORY,

*† An offering is collected to support the work of Peachtree Road
United Methodist Church sharing God's love with the world.*

ANTHEM

And the glory of the Lord, Messiah

G. F. Handel

(1685-1759)

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for
the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Isaiah 40:5

Schola Cantorum

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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE GOSPEL LESSON * Luke 1:57-66

† following the reading:

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Deck the Hall with Hope

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING FORTH

HYMN 206 *

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Houston

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear Sun of Righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The
 night and the day are both a - like. The
 Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.
 Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Kathleen Thomerson, 1966

BLESSING *

PEACE *

Minister: May the peace of Christ 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

* 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.

Preaching: Rev. Bill Britt, *Senior Minister*

Liturgists: Rev. Jamie Jenkins, *Minister of Visitation*

Music: Scott Atchison, *Director of Music and Organist*
Dr. Oliver Brett, *Associate Organist and Choirmaster*
Schola Cantorum

Lighting the Advent Candles Today:

10:00 – Wayne Bennett, Natalie Bennett, Quinn

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS . NOVEMBER 27, 2022

Learn more, opt-in to emails, register for events and give at www.prumc.org.

TODAY

The Great Tree Lighting

Today, 5:30 pm, Sanctuary

Join our children's and youth choirs for a beautiful Christmas music program based on the influences of France, Germany, Norway, Central Africa, Huron India and West India. Following the lighting of our Sanctuary's Great Tree, please gather with us in Grace Hall for delicious treats, hot cocoa and coffee! No RSVP necessary.

2022 Advent Online Devotional

In the busyness of the upcoming Advent season, would you like to deck the halls with *hope, peace, joy and love*? Opt-in at prumc.org/prayer to have daily Advent devotions emailed to you each day this season. If you are already receiving the Daily Prayers email, you do not need to sign up again.

Advent Homebound Visitation

Share Christmas cheer with our homebound adults. On Sundays in Advent, select a member's card from the altar rail. Take a treat, send a note or make a special visit. Let them know they are not forgotten this time of year.

Extended Dogwood Shopping Hours for the Holidays

The Dogwood will be open on **Saturdays** during the month of December. Keep us in mind for hostess gifts under \$15, perfect presents for guys, or a little Christmas treat for yourself! We are open Monday-Friday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, and Saturday-Sunday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Sanctuary Guild Volunteers Needed

The sanctuary guild keeps the pews in our sacred worship spaces tidied, refreshed and restocked for services. It is an important volunteer duty - but one that is flexible and enjoyable! Make a resolution to spend some extra time in the Sanctuary or Chapel in the new year as part of this dedicated team. The commitment is only an hour each month, your choice of day. To learn more or to volunteer in 2023, please contact Cathy Ward at ward2579@bellsouth.net. Thank you!

MUSIC & ARTS

Carols by Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 4, 5:30 pm, Sanctuary

Our Carols by Candlelight Singers, Doxology Youth Choir and Peachtree Carillon offer a service of Lessons and Carols culminating in a medley of beloved carols sung by candlelight. Kathy Fletcher and Oliver Brett, conductors. No RSVP needed for service or childcare.

The Many Moods of Christmas

Sunday, December 11, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

The PRUMC Chancel Choir, soloists and orchestra present their Christmas classic featuring Handel's *Messiah*, traditional Christmas hymns and moving new settings of familiar carols. Scott Atchison, conductor. Tickets are complimentary but necessary for seating. Reception in Grace Hall following the concert. Reserve tickets online or pick up tickets at the church office or Dogwood Shop.

Christmas with The Georgia Boy Choir

December 16 & 17, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

The Georgia Boy Choir with orchestra presents sacred classics, Christmas carols, and well-loved holiday tunes. Tickets available at georgiaboychoir.org.

Children and Youth Choirs in Worship

Dec 4 5:30 pm - Doxology Youth Chorale

Dec 18 8:45 & 11:15 am - Doxology Youth Choir

Dec 18 10:00 am - Doxology Youth Chorale

Christmas Eve, December 24

4:00 pm - Cherub Choir

6:00 pm - Covenant Choir and Celebration Singers

8:00 pm - Doxology Youth Choir and Alumni

Christmas Eve Noon Service Volunteer Choir

Saturday, December 24, 12:00 pm, Sanctuary

You are invited to sing with the choir at our first service of Christmas Eve. We will have one rehearsal in the Music Suite at 11:00 am on the same day. To join, contact Ruth Somerville at ruths@prumc.org or 404.240.8212.

WORSHIP

The Longest Night Prayer Service

Sunday, **December 18**, 5:30 pm, Moore Chapel

This time of year can be a reminder of who we are missing in our lives. Our Longest Night service provides the solace of God's assurance that we are not alone. God is with us, cares, and will see us through. Join us for this candlelight service and experience the hope that God intended through the coming of Christ. Rev. Darren Hensley, preaching.

Christmas Eve Worship Services

Saturday, **December 24**, Sanctuary

Come celebrate this glorious night with us! Our beautiful services offer meaningful messages and magnificent music. Childcare is available at our 4:00 and 6:00 pm services for ages 3 and under. No reservation needed. Childcare check-in will be in the Children's Building lobby.

12:00 pm Christmas Service of Holy Communion

A celebration of the Eucharist

4:00 pm Family Candlelight & Pageant

Children's choirs and pageant with nativity characters

6:00 pm Family Candlelight & Pageant

Children's choirs and pageant with nativity characters

8:00 pm Festival of Lessons & Carols

Chancel Choir & Brass herald in this most Holy Night

10:30 pm Festival Choral Eucharist

Chancel Choir & Brass with a celebration of the Eucharist

LOCAL OUTREACH

Harp's Christmas Kindness

At our unique shop, the working-poor of our city can select gifts for their families, with dignity, at no cost to them. During their time here, they are surrounded by the care of loving volunteers, who help them select and wrap their gifts. Harp's Christmas Kindness is only possible through your generous donations. To volunteer or give, please visit prumc.org/christmas-kindness today. (Please note: The latest Covid protocols will be followed.)

Christmas at Branran Towers

Thursday, **December 15**, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Serve Christmas lunch to the residents and enjoy a visit from Santa! To volunteer or for more information, contact Beth Spencer at beths@prumc.org.

GLOBAL MISSIONS

Kenya Adult Mission Trip & Open House

Sunday, **December 11**, 12:30 pm, Heritage Hall

PRUMC is sending an adult mission team to Kenya April 27 - May 6, 2023. If you are interested in this mission, or just curious about our service work in Kenya, please join us! Our ministry partners, Chat and Bill Coble of *Start with One Kenya* will be here as well as others who have served on previous trips.

Christmas Eve Offering: Water for Kenya

We give the gift of health and hope each Christmas by providing water filters to villages in Kenya. This year we will celebrate our partnerships and the gift of "living water" once again on December 24. More details coming soon.

2023 Mission Trip Registrations Now Open

Visit prumc.org/register for links to details and registration.

Feb 1-5 Guatemala Women's Trip (wait list)

Mar 18-25 Tech Wesley Guatemala Trip

Apr 27 - May 6 Adult Kenya Trip

Mid-May Adult Georgia Trip

ONE LAMB MENTAL WELLNESS

Jane Pauley to Speak at Peachtree Road

Monday, **January 23, 2023**, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary

In addition to her professional success, Jane Pauley is a powerful advocate in the field of mental health. In recent years, she has spoken candidly about being diagnosed with mental illness at the age of 50. Her subsequent journey of self-reflection and wellness will be the focus of this special evening presented by The One Lamb Mental Wellness Initiative. A donation of \$20 per person will benefit One Lamb. Online registration with complete details now available at prumc.org/register.

NAMI Family-to-Family 8 Week Course

Sundays, **Jan 22 - Mar 12**, 2:00 - 4:30 pm, C106 & Zoom

If you have family or friends with mental health conditions, NAMI provides a course to cope and problem-solve. Attendees learn self-care, support resources, crisis management, treatment and more. For more information, contact Susan Thigpen at thigpensusan@gmail.com.