



PEACHTREE ROAD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN-FIFTEEN O'CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 27 2022 . 8:45 AM & 11:15 AM

THE GATHERING

CARILLON PRELUDE

Sally Westmoreland

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.

*† 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.

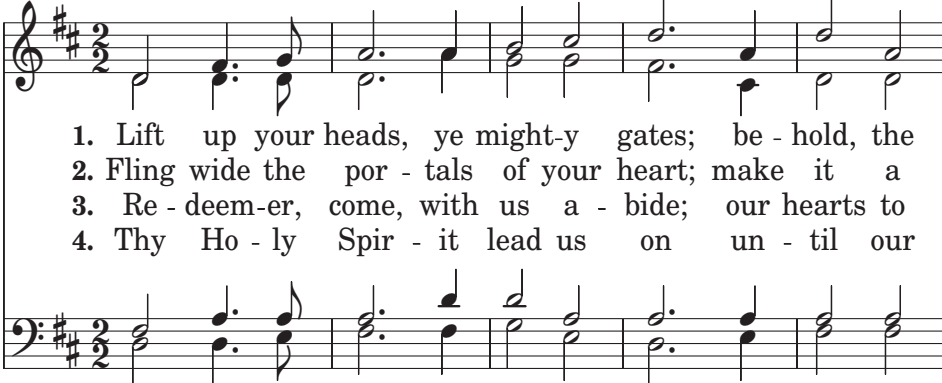
PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

AT THE PROCESSION, *

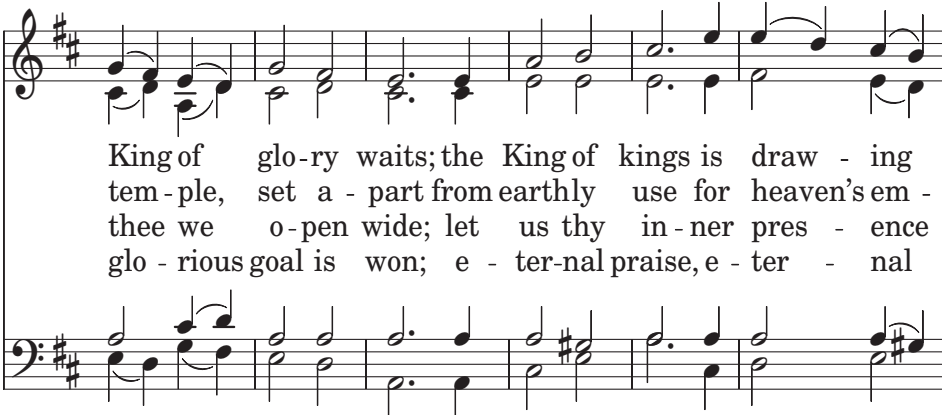
HYMN 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

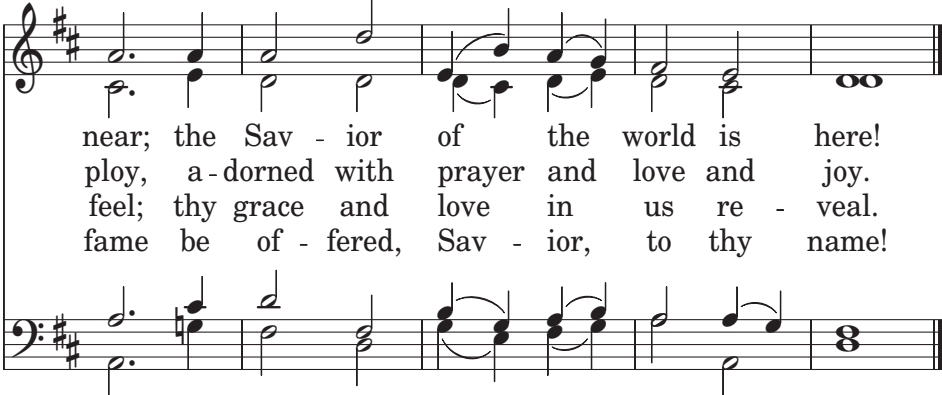
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1. Lift up your heads, ye might-y gates; be - hold, the
2. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
3. Re - deem-er, come, with us a - bide; our hearts to
4. Thy Ho - ly Spir - it lead us on un - til our



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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

AT THE GOSPEL PROCESSION, *

HYMN 196

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Hyfrydol

1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy
2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and

peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us,
yet a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er,

let us find our rest in thee. Is-rael's strength and con - so -
now thy gra-cious king-dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of
spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine all suf -

ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.
fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

Charles Wesley, 1774

THE GOSPEL LESSON * Luke 1:57-66

† 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

Deck The Halls with Hope

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.

AT THE OFFERTORY,

† An offering is collected to support the work of Peachtree Road United Methodist Church sharing God's love with the world. Please register your attendance in the Ritual of Christian Fellowship Folder. Let us know if you are new, would like to become a member or are interested in more information about Peachtree Road.

PRAYER

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

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 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 Right-ous-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

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

Toccata on 'Veni, redemptor gentium'

Paul Manz
(1919-2009)

* 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.

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 1:57-66

Liturgists: Rev. Julie Wright, *Associate Minister*

Rev. Darren Hensley, *Deacon*

Music: Scott Atchison, *Director of Music and Organist*

Dr. Oliver Brett, *Associate Organist and Choirmaster*

The Chancel Choir

Lighting the Advent Candles Today:

8:45 – Lezlie and Todd Welty, Gabriel, Mary Fran Willis

10:00 – Wayne Bennett, Natalie Bennett, Quinn

11:15 – Katherine and Stephen Beasley, Sallie

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.pumc.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 pumc.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 Sommerville at ruths@pumc.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 Branan 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.

MEN

PRUMC Men's Breakfast

Friday, **December 2**, 7:00 - 8:00 am, Heritage Hall

Join the men of PRUMC for breakfast, inspiration, and networking. Our guest speaker will be Gregory Washington of The City of Refuge. The City of Refuge is an Atlanta faith-based charity that helps individuals and families transition out of crisis. Gregory is the Director of Incarcerated Reentry Leadership Program. His message will come from the book of Luke 15:11-32, "Welcome home, my Prodigal Son," and he will tell his testimony through this powerful parable. For more information, contact Rev. Geoff Beakley at geoffb@prumc.org.

Men's Fellowship and Bible Study

Wednesdays and/or **Fridays**, 7:00 am, PRUMC

Find encouragement with other men on their faith journeys. No preparation is necessary and all are welcome. Contact Rev. Geoff Beakley at geoffb@prumc.org.

ADULTS

Seasoned Saints - Merry & Bright Bingo!

Wednesday, **December 7**, 1:00 pm, C106

Please RSVP to Brittany Charron brittanyc@prumc.org and bring a \$5 wrapped gift/prize.

Atlantic Station/Millennium Gate Museum Trip

Thursday, **December 15**, 9:30 am departure

\$10 plus self-pay lunch. We will leave from the Rollins turnaround.

YOUTH

2023 Youth Trip Registrations Open

Visit prumc.org/youth for trip details and to register.

Jan 13-16 Ski Trip, Snowshoe, WV

Feb 3-5 Renovatus Retreat, Hampton, GA

Jun 11-18 High School Mission, Belize

Jul 9-15 Middle School Mission, Kentucky

Serve at SafeHouse Outreach

Wednesday, **December 7**, 5:00 - 7:30 pm, SafeHouse

Youth and their parents will experience the incredible relationships and outreach of SafeHouse. We will serve dinner, get to know members of our community, and host worship outdoors (weather-permitting) for those attending. Questions? Contact Mary Allred at marya@prumc.org.

YOUNG ADULTS

New 30's Sunday School Class Christmas Party

Sunday, **December 4**, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, The Menendezes'

Join us for a festive social event to kick off the newly forming class for everyone in their 30's. We'll have heavy hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and desserts. Kids are welcome! Questions and RSVP to steven.h.menendez@gmail.com.

New Young Adult Classes Forming

Sundays beginning **January 8**, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Come find your place among the young adult community as we learn, grow, serve, and have fun together! Contact Leslie Watkins at lesliew@prumc.org.

ATTENDANCE

We are glad you are with us today! Please check in to help us keep in touch with our faith community. You can sign in using the red pads in your pew, scan the QR codes here, or check in with one click on the PRUMC App.

Guest Check-in



Member Check-in



ONLINE GIVING

You may give securely any time on the PRUMC App, or at prumc.org/give. Scan this QR code with your smart phone camera to be directed to our giving web page. There, you can easily complete your contribution.

Thank you!

