FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
THE FIRST DAY of JANUARY, 2023

ELEVEN FIFTEEN O’CLOCK
Morning Worship
January 1, 2023 . 11:15 am
Wesley’s Covenant Renewal Service

The Gathering

carillon prelude
Sally Westmoreland

opening voluntary
Sussex Carol
English Carol

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

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

Christina Rossetti, 1872
Praise and Thanksgiving

Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine

Kingsfold

Charles Wesley, 1762
PRAYER *

O God, Searcher of all our hearts, you have formed us as a people and claimed us for your own. As we come to acknowledge your sovereignty and grace, and to enter anew into covenant with you, reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us. Let your Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being, and receive us in mercy, for the sake of our Mediator, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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.

**
† The people are seated.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Let us give thanks for all of God’s mercies.

O God, our Covenant Friend, you have been gracious to us through all the years of our lives. We thank you for your loving care, which has filled our days and brought us to this time and place.

People: We praise your holy name, O God.

Leader: You have given us life and reason, and set us in a world filled with your glory. You have comforted us with family and friends, and ministered to us through the hands of our sisters and brothers.

People: We praise your holy name, O God.

Leader: You have filled our hearts with a hunger after you, and have given us your peace. You have redeemed us, and called us to a high calling in Christ Jesus. You have given us a place in the fellowship of your Spirit and the witness of your Church.

People: We praise your holy name, O God.

Leader: You have been our light in darkness and a rock of strength in adversity and temptation. You have been the very Spirit of joy in our joys and the all-sufficient reward in all our labors.

People: We praise your holy name, O God.

Leader: You remembered us when we forgot you. You followed us even when we tried to flee from you. You met us with forgiveness when we returned to you. For all your patience and overflowing grace,

People: We praise your holy name, O God.
Proclamation of The Word

THE GOSPEL LESSON * Matthew 2:1-12
† following the reading:
Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON
Living in the Light of Christmas

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION *
Commit yourselves to Christ as his servants. Give yourselves to him, that you may belong to him. Christ has many services to be done. Some are more easy and honorable, others are more difficult and disgraceful. Some are suitable to our inclinations and interests, others are contrary to both. In some we may please Christ and please ourselves. But then there are other works where we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. It is necessary, therefore, that we consider what it means to be a servant of Christ. Let us, therefore, make the covenant of God our own. Let us engage our hearts to the Lord, and resolve in his strength never to go back. Being thus prepared, let us now, in sincere dependence on his grace and trusting in his promises, yield ourselves to him, using the words of our ancestors in the faith:

I am no longer my own but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you; let me be full, let me be empty; let me have all things, let me have nothing; I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are mine, and I am yours. So be it. Let this covenant made on earth, be ratified in heaven. 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

*The Coventry Carol*

arr. Martin Shaw

(1875-1958)

Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child, by by, lully lullay. O sisters too, how may we do for to preserve this day, this poor youngling, for whom we do sing, by by, lully lullay? Herod, the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day, his men of might, in his own sight, all young children to slay. That woe is me, poor child for thee! And ever morn and day, for thy parting neither say nor sing, by by, lully, lullay!

*Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors, 15th century*

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. You made all things and called them good. You gave a season for everything and a time for renewal of the old. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS *

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heavn and earth are full of your glory.

Sanna in the high-est, hossa in the high-est.

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Sanna in the high-est, hossa in the high-est.
† The people are seated.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and taught a life of compassion. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE AGNUS DEI
THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

AT THE ADMINISTRATION:

CONGREGATIONAL CAROLS

HYMN 245
The First Noel
Traditional English Carol

HYMN 254
We Three Kings
John H. Hopkins, Jr. 1857

THE LORD’S PRAYERS

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.

SENDING FORTH

HYMN 117 *
O God, Our Help In Ages Past
St. Anne

Isaac Watts, 1719
Benediction *

Peace *

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

People: And also with you.

Response *

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever. Grant you peace; perfect peace, courage in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see His face and His grace forever. May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Choir and Congregation

Closing Voluntary

Ding, Dong, merrily on high

Traditional

* 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.

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

In Loving Memory of: Mr. and Mrs. James F. Jones by Pat and Kim Jones and grandchildren, Sarah, Christie, P.J., and Timmy Jones.

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. Geoff Beakley, Associate Minister

Matthew 2:1-12

Liturgists: Rev. Julie Wright, Associate Minister
Rev. Jamie Jenkins, Minister of Visitation

Music: Scott Atchison, Director of Music and Organist

The Chancel Choir

For information on upcoming worship services please visit www.prumc.org.
2023

Be Still...
“Be still and know that I am God.” - Psalm 46:10
Is your pool of spiritual resources so shallow that in a time of crisis you find yourself running dry? Peachtree Road UMC is committed to helping you develop a deep and abiding faith in Christ that can sustain you in all time and enable you to thrive, even in the midst of the most challenging of times. Come grow in your relationship with Christ with us as we learn to be still and sense the presence of God.

FELLOWSHIP

New Year’s Fellowship Luncheon
Sunday, January 8, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Grace Hall
Begin the year with great food and fellowship around the table! We’ll enjoy a complimentary meal of hearty chili and toasty grilled cheese sandwiches to warm things up. Free for everyone - we’ll see you there!

WORSHIP

Journey To Wholeness January Worship Series
More Americans than ever before are living with anxiety, depression, and other debilitating mental health challenges. Chances are that you are experiencing it in your own life and family. How can you find the help and hope that you need? Together, we will listen for the assuring voice of the Lord as we seek peace and hope in our lives. Please join us for this series designed to help us discover mental health.

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Chancel Choir Invitation
Rehearsals | Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, Music Suite
Providing beautiful, sacred music is a vital part of our worship experience at PRUMC, and being part of the choir is so rewarding. Experience the many blessings of singing with others! Contact Ruth Sommerville at ruths@prumc.org.

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 on 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.

PASTORAL COUNSELING

The Pastoral Counseling Service (PCS) confidentially offers professional counseling and pastoral care to individuals, couples and families. Our professional counselors are academically trained and clinically licensed by the State of Georgia. We are experienced in navigating life’s challenges and are committed to helping clients do the same. You may make an appointment with Ron Greer or Andrea Dewalt by contacting Heather Hart at 404.240.8219.
PASTORAL CARE
To notify the church of a pastoral care concern, such as a birth, hospitalization, or death, please contact Rev. Josh Miles at 404.240.8270 or joshm@prumc.org. You may also visit prumc.org/pastoral-care to complete our online form that immediately notifies select clergy and staff.

REGIONAL & GLOBAL MISSIONS

Disaster Relief Lunch and Learn
Sunday, January 8, 12:30 pm, Hospitality Suite
Grab a complimentary lunch from Grace Hall and come hear Mark Brown, UMCOR Emergency Relief Coordinator from Northside UMC. Mark helped to build their disaster relief ministry and will share about compassionate action in the aftermath of devastating loss. This vital ministry makes a profound impact on the communities they serve. No special skills are needed, just the energy to assist over a 3-5 day period. Contact Dawn Hawkins at dawnh@prumc.org.

2023 Global Mission Trips
For more information, and links to registration, visit prumc.org/global-missions or email dawnh@prumc.org.

- Feb 1-5    Guatemala Women’s Trip
  Feed the hungry, offer VBS and do home repairs.

- Mar 18-25    Tech Wesley Guatemala Trip
  Build two homes in Santa Maria de Jesus.

- Apr 27 – May 6    Adult Kenya Trip
  Distribute water filters in Njoro.

- Mid-May    Adult Georgia Trip
  Work with children and teachers.

GIVING

Membership Grows Ministry!
Giving annually to the 2023 Operating Budget is the single best way to support the ongoing ministries of the church. Annual support ensures that the church is here, nurturing your spiritual life and providing a faith family. Now is the time PRUMC asks for your financial support to help carry out the ministries of our great church. Please prayerfully consider your annual commitment for 2023. With your faith in Christ and love for others, our church continues to make a positive impact in our community and world. Commitment cards are available throughout the church, or you can commit online at prumc.org/annual-support. Thank you!
CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Children’s Ministry Holiday Schedule
Sunday, January 1, 11:15 am
Happy New Year! On this holiday Sunday, Children’s classes and Nursery will not meet. Children are welcome to enjoy worship with their families in the sanctuary. We will resume as usual on Sunday, January 8. Questions? Contact Jordan Black at jordanb@prumc.org.

Weekday Drop-In Childcare
Monday through Friday, 9:15 am to 1:15 pm
PRUMC Drop-In Childcare provides care for children from four months through six years of age in a safe, loving environment while parents take a break. For more information, contact the Drop-In office at 404.240.8269 or drop-in@prumc.org.

YOUTH

2023 Youth Trip Registrations
Come develop deeper relationships with peers and grow in your faith on any of these incredible trips! Friends are always welcome on PRUMC Youth trips, too. Visit prumc.org/youth for trip details and to register.

- Jan 13-16  Ski Trip, Snowshoe, WV
  All levels welcome. A few spaces are still open.
- Feb 3-5  Renovatus Retreat, Hampton, GA
  Our spring highlight filled with activities and fun!
- Jun 11-18  High School Mission, Belize
- Jul 9-15  Middle School Mission, Kentucky

Seeking Shalom Course
Wednesdays, January 11 - February 8, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Youth are invited to participate in this relevant study coming in the new year. See previous page for details.

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.

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!

YOUNG ADULTS

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.

Peachtree Perk - The New Young Adult Coffee Bar
Sundays, starting January 8, 9:45 - 10:15 am, C Hall
Grab a cup of coffee and chat before classes begin. We’ll be located at the end of the 2nd Floor C Hall in the lobby.

ADULTS

Seasoned Saints Wednesday Programs
Twice a month, 1:00 pm, C106
Please contact Brittany Charron at brittany@prumc.org if you can attend. On Bingo days, please bring a $5 wrapped gift/prize.

- Jan 4  Icy Bingo
- Jan 18  Martha Tate: “The Journey to Wholeness... One Lamb at a Time”
- Feb 1  Feed the Birds Bingo
- Feb 15  Carolyn Curry: Her new novel, “Sudden Death”

MEN

Men’s Ministry Group Tour of the City of Refuge
Saturday, January 21, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
1300 Joseph E. Boone Blvd, NW
Join the men of Peachtree Road for a tour of Atlanta’s City of Refuge ministry, followed by lunch and a Q&A session. The Men’s Ministry of PRUMC will provide the lunch. Registration is required; please RSVP at www.prumc.org/register. For more information, contact Geoff Beakley at geoffb@prumc.org.