



PEACHTREE

CHRISTIAN CHURCH 

A CATHEDRAL FOR ATLANTA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019 / ORDINARY TIME / GREEN

ORDER OF

Worship

11 AM



ORDINARY TIME

“THE EVOLUTION OF OUR PRAISE”

PSALM 113





Declaration of Principles and Ideas, 1928

Peachtree Christian Church offers itself to the people of Atlanta in a spirit of unselfish service. It is a Cathedral for the City. It is an Atlanta Institution.

We have built here a “House of Prayer for all people.” No unkind word will ever be said here of anybody’s race or religion. No uncharitable judgment will ever be passed here upon any fellow human being.

The Church’s ministers are ready to serve you at any time, day or night. Its members wish to be your friends. Here is really an Open Door of Fellowship. We should love to have you a member of this Church. But above all things we want you to feel that this Church belongs to you, whether or not you definitely belong to it. Nowhere else in all the world you could be more welcome than you are here.

How do I become a part of the Peachtree Christian community?

It would be our joy to welcome you into our congregation. Please complete a “Commitment Card” and bring it to one of our ministers at the end of the service.

Welcome to Peachtree Christian Church: a Cathedral for the City of Atlanta.

We are glad and grateful you gathered to worship with us. Your presence is meaningful. If this is your first time with us, here is some information we hope will help you fully, consciously, and actively participate in the liturgy.

What is ‘liturgy’?

Liturgy comes from a Greek word meaning “work of the people.” When we gather to worship, we are collaborating together with God in restoring and reconciling all things through his Son and Spirit. Today’s service is approximately 65 minutes.

How do I participate?

When you see words in bold typeface, speak them aloud. Otherwise, simply be attentive. Engage all your senses. Listen to the sacred stories. Gaze at the windows. Touch and taste the bread and cup. Sing along. Open yourself to receive whatever God wants to give.

Do I have to identify as a Christian to participate?

No. Many of those who are here do, but these liturgies are for anyone who wants to join in. More than anything this is a community, so make an effort to meet the people worshipping with you.

What about children?

Throughout the church, there are carefully crafted symbols of our value and appreciation for children, and we welcome them as full participants in worship. We encourage families to worship together and parents to guide their children in what is happening. If you prefer, there is childcare available and children’s programming during the 11 am service on the second floor, to your right off the elevator.

What is ‘Ordinary Time’?

At Peachtree, we follow the Church calendar, a way of organizing time around sacred stories. While seasons like Christmas and Easter highlight central mysteries—incarnation and resurrection—Ordinary Time follows the rest of Jesus’ life and ministry.

Cover
Artwork

ARTWORK

Sunrise, Conway Castle

ARTIST

David Cox, the elder
The Art Institute of Chicago



Order of

CALLED TO WORSHIP

✧ *Please stand if you are able*

Welcome

Rev. Jared Wortman

Please sign and pass the welcome pad at the end of your pew to help us get to know you and help you get to know one another.

Prelude

Mr. Herbert Buffington

✧ Call to Worship

Rev. Jim Bell

Leader: Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord;

People: Praise the Name of the Lord.

Leader: Let the Name of the Lord be blessed,

People: From this time forth for evermore.

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its going down.

People: Let the Name of the Lord be praised.

✧ Hymn of Praise

#21

"Let the Whole Creation Cry"

Llanfair

CALLED TO PRAYER

✧ Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Ms. Sarah Brasington

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.

Worship

Special Music

"My Jesus I Love Thee"
Gordon/arr. Dan Forrest
The Sanctuary Choir

My Jesus, I Love Thee, I know Thou art mine. For Thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou, If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now. I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death, and praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath. And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow, if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now. In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright. I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow, if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Prayer of Penitence

Rev. Dee Stone

Most merciful God, † we confess that we have sinned against you † in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, † and by what we have left undone. † We have not loved you with our whole heart; † we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. † We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. † For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, † have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, † and walk in your ways, † to the glory of your name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Rev. Stone

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

CALLED TO THE LORD'S TABLE

✠ Passing of the Peace

Rev. Stone

Please take a moment to share the peace of Christ with your neighbors, saying "Peace be with you."

Hymn of Preparation

#349
"My Jesus, I Love Thee"
Gordon

Invitation and Sharing of Holy Communion

Rev. Stone

Minister: The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

People: In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

All: "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." (I Cor. 11:23-26)

Minister: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Prayer of Consecration | The Breaking of the Bread

Minister: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Minister: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Lord's Supper is for all Christians of every church. Please partake as the communion trays are passed to you.

Meditations in Music

Mr. Buffington

Tithes and Gifts for God

Rev. Wortman

Our witness is advanced by the voluntary offering of all who worship here. Tithes and gifts can also be contributed at peachtree.org/give or by texting the amount to 678.509.6476.

After the collection of tithes, gifts, and offerings, you are invited to bring your shelf-stable food and hygiene products to the chancel.

Offertory Music

"More Love"
Sid Davis
The Sanctuary Choir

✘ **Doxology #46**

Old Hundredth

Children under 12 may assemble in the narthex for children's activities.

CALLED TO GOD'S WORD

✘ **Scripture Reading**

Psalm 113
p. 563 of the Old Testament
Ms. Brasington

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised. The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the Lord!

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Evolution of Our Praise"
Rev. Dr. Jarrod Longbons

CALLED TO RESPOND

✘ **Hymn of Response**

#600
"Jesu, Jesu"
Chereponi

✘ **Benediction**

Rev. Longbons

Postlude

Mr. Buffington

SERVING IN WORSHIP

11 am Director: Chris Gerrard

Elders: Mary K. Widener, Hunter Keith, George Jones (Narthex)

Serving: Sarah Aufdenkampe, Steven Aufdenkampe, Alex Cook, Carol Fields, Becky Gerrard, Pierce Herrin, Sara Herrin, Frank Hill, Jennifer Hill, Lynn Soylemez, Robert Tyrrel, Rhonda Tyrrel, Anna Walker, Seth Walker

Acolytes: Will Johnson and John Ruiz

FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of the Rev. Al J. Widener, Jr., by his wife, Mary K.

The flowers in the niches today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Doug Gandy by his wife, Vera.

LAST WEEK BY THE NUMBERS

Offering: \$28,544.00 | Attendance: 337 | Live Stream: 10

2019 BUDGET UPDATE

67% Received



WELCOME TO PEACHTREE

Founded in 1925, Peachtree Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) stands as a witness to the glory of God and for the service of his kingdom. As part of the Stone-Campbell tradition, we make no claim to be the only Christians, but we seek to be Christians only by following the Bible only. Desiring that our terms of communion be as simple, as broad, and as biblical as possible, when we gather for the Lord's Supper each week, we welcome any Christian who desires to commune with Christ to join us at his table.

EVENSONG

Today | 5 pm | Chapel

Join us for Evensong service, our weekly contemporary worship service. Each week we join our voices and discover the story that makes us who we are. Come and worship with us and bring a friend!

Contact: Rev. Nick Chambers | nchambers@peachtree.org | 404-875-5535 x305

OUTREACH MINISTRY FOOD AND HYGIENE DRIVE

Today | Sanctuary

Join with the Outreach Ministry in supporting Midtown Assistance Center (MAC) by bringing your shelf-stable food and hygiene items to Peachtree. Hygiene items (shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, body wash, lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste, disposable razor, and deodorant) and laundry detergent are especially needed. For more information about needed donation items, visit midtownassistancetr.org/donate and click "Donate Items."

Contact: Rev. Jared Wortman | jwortman@peachtree.org | 404-876-5535 x303

BBQ LUNCH

Today | 12 pm | Burns Hall

Come enjoy Peachtree's famous BBQ with all the fixins'! Adult: \$7, Child/Student: \$4, and 3 & under: Free

Contact: Robin Schulz | rschulz@peachtree.org | 404-876-5535 x318

FALLING UPWARD: A SPIRITUALITY FOR THE TWO HALVES OF LIFE

Today | Welcome Center | \$18 (book)

Don't forget to pick up *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr at the Welcome Center after service. There will be a number of opportunities to discuss this church-wide reading, including the next Board Meeting and Theology on Tap.

Contact: Sylvie Lansdowne | slansdowne@peachtree.org | 404.876.5535 x307

CWF GENERAL MEETING

Today | 12:45 pm | Stew Wood Hall

Everyone is invited to come to Stew Wood Hall after the noon-time congregational lunch to hear our guest speaker, Curtis Williams, chaplain for the VA Hospital. Dr. Williams will describe the needs of the voluntary services program at the Atlanta VA Health Care System and ways that we can volunteer. This is a new time and format for this annual meeting. There is no charge for the meeting and child care is available.

Contact: Rev. Dee Stone | dstone@peachtree.org | 404-876-5535 x312

THEOLOGY IN FILM PRESENTS: IF YOU'RE NOT IN THE OBIT, EAT BREAKFAST

September 27 | 7 pm | Burns Hall | Free

Join us for the screening of *If You're Not in the Obit, Eat Breakfast*. Throughout the documentary, comedian Carl Reiner poses the question, "What's the secret to living into your 90s — and loving every minute of it?" This heartwarming film shows how the twilight years can truly be the happiest and most rewarding. A guided discussion will follow the screening. Refreshments are available throughout the evening.

RSVP: Rev. Jared Wortman | jwortman@peachtree.org | 404-876-5535 x303

FALL FAMILY RETREAT 2019

September 27–29 | The Cherokee Retreat Center in White, GA

This world can be a scary place – for children, teenagers, and even parents. Families with nursery through college-aged children are invited to spend a weekend discovering ways to fear less as we hold fast to our faith in Christ. Youth are encouraged to attend with or without parents. Recreation options include hiking, canoeing, fishing, volleyball, soccer, water games, and so much more! Cost includes lodging (private rooms that sleep 6 or tent camping), recreation, and 3 meals Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Register by Tuesday, September 24th.

Registration: Sarah Brasington | sbrasington@peachtree.org | 404-876-5535 x313

BOOKS FOR KIDS AT THE CRADDOCK CENTER

October 1-31 | Rear Entrance Collection Bin

Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) is sponsoring a children's book drive benefitting The Craddock Center and the children in Southern Appalachia. Most of these children have never had a book to call their own. We are collecting new or nearly new/gently used books for pre-school to middle school children including board books and novels for the older children. Please put your donated books in the donation bin outside Burn's Hall.

Contact: Annie Gillespie | agilles339@yahoo.com | 404-610-9230

CHILD AND BABY DEDICATION CLASSES

Sunday, October 6, 13, 20 | 10-10:50 am | Dannie Merritt Parlor (2nd Floor)

A baby dedication ceremony will be held Sunday, October 20th during the 11 o'clock service. If you would like to learn more and have your baby, child, or grandchild dedicated and blessed, please attend the three classes. We will discuss frequently asked questions about Christian Baby Dedication, faith in the home, being active in the church, and basic procedures for the dedication ceremony. Breakfast treats and coffee will be provided to participants. Childcare is available.

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ORGAN SNACK & LEARN: WHERE DOES THE ORGAN MUSIC COME FROM?

October 13 & 20 | 12 pm | Rear Gallery

Did you know that Peachtree Christian Church is home to two historic and significant organs that date back to 1928 and 1974? Have you ever wondered, "Where in the world does the sound come from? How do they do that?" Grab a quick snack in the gathering space right after 11:00 worship, and then join our organist, Herb Buffington, in the rear gallery (go up the stairs in the Narthex) where we will explore the many voices of our church's pipe organs and learn about their history.

Contact: Jim Bell | jbell@peachtree.org | 404.876.5535 x302

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today, and we'd like to get to know you. Please stop by the Welcome Center in the Gathering Space (3rd floor) after the service so we may give you a thank-you gift and answer any questions.

FALL FAMILY RETREAT

THE CHEROKEE RETREAT CENTER
WHITE, GA

SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2019



FALLING UPWARD

A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life

RICHARD ROHR
of The Naked Now

Pick up your copy at
the Welcome Center
for \$18 and join us
for a group
discussion at
Theology on Tap or
the next Board
Meeting.



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