



# PEACHTREE

CHRISTIAN CHURCH 

A CATHEDRAL FOR ATLANTA



**JAN 7 '24**  
**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**11 AM SERVICE**

Welcome to

# PEACHTREE CHRISTIAN CHURCH -

a **cathedral** for the city of Atlanta,

a community of **reconciliation, cultivation, and care.**

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It is good to be here with you. Your presence makes us more whole. Here is some info we hope will help you fully, consciously, and actively participate in the liturgy.

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## *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 blessing, restoring, and reconciling all things through the Son and Spirit. Today’s liturgy is approximately 65 minutes.

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## *Do I have to identify as a Christian to participate?*

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

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## *How do I participate?*

Speak aloud the words in bold. Stand if you are able with each +. Additional explanations are in italics. Throughout, the margins mark which “movement” we are making with headings for each “moment.” Otherwise, simply be attentive. Engage all your senses, and be open to whatever God wants to give.

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## *What about Communion?*

We invite you to the Lord’s table, which is open to all. Eat the bread and drink the cup as the Communion trays are passed to you, then place your empty cup in the tray and pass to the next person. Alternatively, individual kits are available in the narthex.

## *What about children?*

As the main window above the altar depicts, we welcome children as full participants. We encourage generations to worship together and grown-ups to guide children in what is happening. There is also childcare and children's programming on the second floor, to your right off the elevator.

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## *What if I want to become a member?*

Members of Peachtree Christian Church profess faith in Jesus Christ as the son of the living God and have accepted Him as their Lord and Savior. Church membership means you are committed to participating in the life of the church and possible leadership roles. If you are interested, please talk with one of our ministers.

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## **LITURGICAL SEASON: EPIPHANY**

Epiphany celebrates the "manifestion" of Jesus to the world and especially the Gentiles, beginning with the story of the visit of the magi to the Christ Child.

### **READINGS:**

Genesis 1:1-5; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11; Psalm 29

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### **THE ORDER OF SERVICE:**

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Jarod Longbons

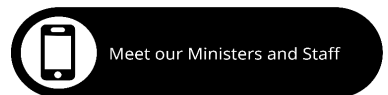
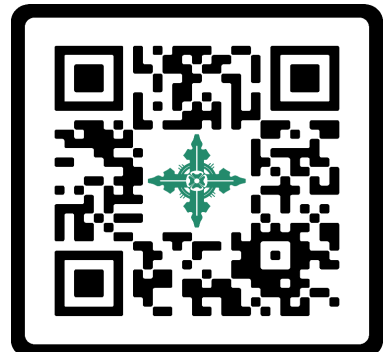
PRELUDE

"Star in the East"  
Donna N. Robertson  
Dr. Carol Williams, Artist  
in Residence/Organist

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*Thank you for joining in worship. Throughout the liturgy, please speak aloud the bold text and stand if you are able whenever indicated. (+)*

*Hearing assist devices available. Please let a greeter know if you are in need of one.*



+CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jim Bell

Father in Heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit:

**Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior;**

who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,  
**one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

+OPENING HYMN

#172 "We Three Kings"  
(stanzas 1,2&3)  
Kings of Orient

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

REFRAIN:

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to Thy perfect light.

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again, King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.

REFRAIN.

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh; prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high.

REFRAIN.

+INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Brooks Gignilliat

**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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Christmas Medley”  
Carolyn Hancock, violin

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Rev. Katie Bond

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.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Katie Bond

*Please greet your neighbor, saying “Peace be with you.”*

TITHES & GIFTS

Rev. Dr. Jarrod Longbons

*You can give online at [peachtree.org/give](https://peachtree.org/give) or text **687-509-6476**.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Carillon on a Ukrainian Carol”  
Gerald Near  
Dr. Carol Williams, Organ

+DOXOLOGY

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.

## +SCRIPTURE READING

*Acts 19:1-7*

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers? They replied, "NO, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied - altogether there were about twelve of them.

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## SERMON

"What You Take a Bath in Matters"  
Rev. Dr. Jarrod Longbons

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dee Stone

*Please respond at the conclusion of each prayer:*  
Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**

## HYMN OF PREPARATION

#173 "As with Gladness"  
Dix

As with gladness sages bold did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, true Morning Star, may we evermore your splendor see.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed, there to bend knee before One whom heaven and earth adore; so may we with willing feet ever seek your mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at the manger plain and bare, so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sins alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.

## INVITATION & SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Dee Stone

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."

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. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The minister blesses and breaks the bread.*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

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 table is open to all. Partake of the bread and cup as they are passed to you.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

"What Child is This?"  
Arr. Stirling, Johnson & Anderson  
Carolyn Hancock, violin; Carol Williams, Organ

## +HYMN OF RESPONSE

#172 "We Three Kings"  
(stanzas 4 and 5)  
Kings of Orient

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone cold tomb.

REFRAIN: O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to Thy perfect light.

Glorious now behold him arise; Christ and God and sacrifice. Alleluia, alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.

REFRAIN.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Brooks Gignilliat

POSTLUDE

“People, Look East”  
Arr. C Williams  
Dr. Carol Williams, Organ

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our mother, Helen Butt Chilton, by CB Butler and Mary Margaret Warshaw.*

### **Congregational Lunch**

Sun | Jan 21 | Burns Hall

**Adults & Teens \$7, Children 3-12 \$3 | Children Under 3 No Charge**

Beat the Winter Blues! Head for Burns Hall following the 11:00 Service to share great food and fellowship this new year with a classic comfort food lunch featuring meatloaf and mashed potatoes!

**Contact:** Robin Schulz - [rschulz@peachtree.org](mailto:rschulz@peachtree.org)

### **Snow Ball Father/Daughter Dance**

Sat | Jan 27, 2024 | 7-9 PM | Stew Wood Hall | \$10

Whether she is your daughter, granddaughter, or niece, the Children's Ministry invites you to join us for a magical evening of dancing and an assortment of delicious desserts. A rose to present to the special little lady in your life is included!

**Register:** <http://peachtree.org/snowball>

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