

EVENING WORSHIP

4:00 pm

PRELUDE

CANDLE OF JOY
CALL TO WORSHIP

Chavarro Family
Adam Herndon, Minister to Families

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

ADORATION, CONFESSION & LORD'S PRAYER

Alex Pless, Elder

PASSING OF THE PEACE

LIFE OF THE CHURCH
Financial Update

Mike Ahearn, Church Administrator

Angels from the Realms of Glory
Light of the World
O Holy Night

PSALM 150

Children ages 3 to 3rd grade are dismissed.

Grace Lehman

SERMON "Hallelujah!"

Phil Thorne, Interim Senior Minister

When Love Crossed Over

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Michael Balboni, Assistant Minister

OFFERTORY

O Come All Ye Faithful

Joy to the World

BENEDICTION

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Christian, or if you desire prayer for any reason, come to the front right of the sanctuary following the service and we'd be happy to pray for you.



TONIGHT 7:00 PM

A FESTIVAL OF NINE
Lessons & Carols

WELCOME!

We are so glad you came, and we want you to feel at home here! Please introduce yourself at the **info wall** in the Welcome Center and **receive a gift** for first-time visitors. You can also find information about our ministries and the history of the church. You are welcome to join these or any other of the events listed at www.parkstreet.org/events.

CHILDREN & NURSERY

Look for the Family Ministries Check-in area in the Ockenga Lobby for more information and to sign up your child to attend family ministry programs. While children are always welcome in our Sanctuary, the service is also streamed to the Welcome Center downstairs and to a quiet room available to nursing mothers on the 2nd Floor of Building 1. Ask for directions at the Family Ministries table.

MEDIA

- SUNDAYS at 11:00 AM on Family AM 590
- SUNDAYS, 8:30 & 11:00 AM, & 4:00 PM: www.parkstreet.org
- "park street church"
- "@parkstchurch"
- password "parkstreet200"

MISSIONS GIVING

Park Street Church engages in global outreach through staff, mid-term, and short-term missionaries and global professionals. Our passion is for unreached people groups—those whose Christian witness is less than 2% of its population. We currently have 31 missionaries and two Global Professionals serving 11 countries.

Only those gifts specified as being for "missions" go towards supporting the Park Street Church missions program. Please designate part of your weekly or monthly offering to "Missions" at www.parkstreet.org/giveonline.

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAYS

9:45 AM College Gathering (Resumes JAN 9)
Community Hour
North | Terrace Room
Central | Fellowship Hall
South | Common Room
West | Granary Room
Hour of Prayer (Missions Conf Rm)
International Bible Class
(Park Street Room)

12:30 PM College Lunch (Terrace Rm)
Park Street International
Fellowship (Resumes JAN 19)

5:30 PM Redemptive Communities
(twice a month)

TUESDAYS

7:00 PM Café (Young Adults)
Union (Young Marrieds)
PSFilms

WEDNESDAYS

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study
Woman's Benevolent Society

7:00 PM Café (Early 20s)

THURSDAYS

5:30 PM TNO (Homeless Outreach)

6:30 PM DivorceCare (Resumes JAN 9)

7:00 PM Choir rehearsal
Friendship Bible Study
(slower-paced)

FRIDAYS

7:00 PM Family Night & Youth Group

Details about these and other events are at www.parkstreet.org/events.



PARK STREET CHURCH
Evangelical. Congregational. International.

www.parkstreet.org

Dr. Phil Thorne
Interim Senior Minister



DECEMBER 15, 2019

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 am

LIFE *of the* CHURCH

PRELUDE Nathan Skinner, *organ*

INTROIT *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Words: 18th Cent. Latin
Children's Choir Music: 13th century

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.

O come, thou Day-Spring[†] from on high and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.

[†]Day-Spring: dawn; beginning of the day; beginning of the new era or new order.

CANDLE OF JOY Murgatroyd Family 8:30 AM
*** CALL TO WORSHIP from Isaiah 12** Ross Family 11:00 AM

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my song, he has become my salvation.

People: With joy we will draw from the well of salvation.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name.

People: Shout and sing for joy, O Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

*** HYMN** *Sleepers, Wake* Wachet Auf

INVOCATION, CONFESSION & LORD'S PRAYER

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 coming day's bread;

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

And lead us not into trial, but deliver us from the Evil One.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* PEACE

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Margaret Sloat, *Elder* 8:30 AM
Lyford Beverage, *Elder* 11:00 AM

Baptism administered by Adam Herndon, *Minister to Families* 8:30 AM
[omitted in web version]

Dedication administered by Adam Herndon 11:00 AM
[omitted in web version]

ANTHEM *What Sweeter Music* Words: Robert Herrick
Sanctuary Choir (1591-1675)
Music: John Rutter

What sweeter music can we bring, (b. 1945)
than a carol, for to sing the birth of this our heavenly King?
Awake the voice! Awake the string!

Dark and dull night, fly hence away,
and give the honor to this day that sees December turned to May.

Why does the chilling winter's morn smile, like a field beset with corn?
or smell like a meadow newly-shorn thus, on the sudden?
Come and see the cause, why things thus fragrant be:

'Tis he is born, whose quickening birth gives life and lustre, public mirth,
to heaven, and the under-earth.

We see him come, and know him ours,
who, with his sunshine and his showers turns all the patient ground to flowers.

The darling of the world is come,
and fit it is, we find a room to welcome him, to welcome him.

The nobler part, of all the house here, is the heart,
which we will give him; and bequeath this holly, and this ivy wreath,
to do him honor; who's our King, and Lord of all this reveling.

*What sweeter music can we bring,
than a carol, for to sing the birth of this our heavenly King?*

OLD TESTAMANT READING Caroline Chidley 8:30 AM
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9 Linda Hemphill 11:00AM
8:30 AM children ages 3-12 are dismissed; 11:00 AM children ages 3 to 3rd grade are dismissed.

*** HYMN** *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* Psalm 42

PSALTER READING Kris Perkins, *Associate Minister*
Psalm 150

*** GLORIA PATRI (Hymn No. 734)**

SERMON "Hallelujah!" Phil Thorne, *Interim Senior Minister*

*** HYMN No. 4** *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* Mit Freuden Zart

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Kris Perkins

OFFERTORY *Rejoice Greatly, from Messiah* Words: Zech. 9:9-10
Logan Trotter, *soprano*; Amy Galuzzo, *violin* Music: G. F. Handel
(1685-1759)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, thy King cometh unto thee.
He is the righteous Savior,
and he shall speak peace unto the heathen.[†]

[†]the heathen: *the nations*

*** DOXOLOGY (Hymn No. 731)**

*** HYMN No. 195** *Joy to the World* Antioch

*** BENECTION**

POSTLUDE *March upon Handel's "Lift Up Your Heads"* A Guilmant
Nathan Skinner, *organ* (1837-1911)

* *Congregation standing as able*

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Christian, or if you desire prayer for any reason, come to the front right of the sanctuary following the service and we'd be happy to pray for you.

PRAYER & PRAISE

"My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you" (Psa. 71:23).

Pray for the Congregation:

- for the senior minister search, hope and perseverance (Psa. 31:24);
- for joyful parents of wise children (Prov. 23:24);
- for fullness of joy and peace through trust in God (Rom. 15:13).

Pray for the People:

- [omitted in web version]
- Grace for those struggling in marriage and family, to seek and accept help;
- Heavenly wisdom and direction for those battling doubt; courage to walk in the Light of Christ;
- Hope for those struggling with anxiety and depression; grace to seek and find help.

Pray for mercy and grace:

- draw us near to Jesus who cares for us; grace to all care providers and trust in God's loving care;
- preserve us from faithless fears, worldly anxieties;
- and lift the clouds that hide from us the light of Christ.

[Some items are omitted in the online version of the bulletin. To have a complete electronic copy of the bulletin sent to you weekly, email ✉ bulletin@parkstreet.org.]

If you have a personal prayer request that you would like printed for congregational prayer, please contact Pat Chen ☎ 617.523.3383 ext. 215 or ✉ pchen@parkstreet.org.

Send confidential prayer requests to ✉ wingsprayer@parkstreet.org.



A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

TODAY, 7:00 PM. A liturgical service retelling the story of humanity's fall and redemption, and the birth of the Messiah. Music by the Park Street Orchestra and the Sanctuary Choir. Childcare and other information available at www.parkstreet.org/lessonsandcarols.

BLUE CHRISTMAS

FRI DEC 20, 7:00-8:30 PM. A Blue Christmas service to bring comfort and offer hope. There will be jazz, a reading of *The Ragman* parable, singing, and a time of prayer. ✉ cmay@parkstreet.org.

CHRISTMAS EVE

TUE DEC 24, 3:00, 5:00 & 7:00 PM. Families with young children are especially invited to our 3:00 PM service, which includes a live nativity and a tree to decorate with donated mittens. Services at 5:00 and 7:00 PM are traditional, with carols and lights.

CHRISTMAS WELCOME

Hundreds of guests attend our special Christmas services, and we want to make sure they receive a warm welcome! Please join our team of greeters, ushers, and servers at Christmas Eve services by signing up at www.parkstreet.org/christmasvolunteers.

2020 SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

Join one of our 10 trips to experience what God is doing locally and around the world! Application deadline for Japan (APR 17-28) is JAN 10. Application Deadline for all other STMs is FEB 15. Apply at www.parkstreet.org/shorttermmissions. More details coming soon! ✉ missions@parkstreet.org.

BULLETIN REQUESTS can be made by noon on the Tuesday before publication. www.parkstreet.org/request.