God With Us

Service of Worship
Park Street Church | The Lord’s Day, October 23, 2022
Welcome to Park Street Church! We’re glad you’re worshiping with us today. If you’re new, please take a look at the “NEW” section on the back cover for some ways to connect with our church.

This service booklet contains instructions (usually under the traditional symbol ¶, called a pilcrow) and explanations to aid the full participation of God’s people in his worship. The People read bold text with a loud voice. Scripture lessons are from the English Standard Version.

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**THE PRELUDE**

¶ Music is played upon the organ or by the musicians, preparing us in body and mind to enter into the Lord’s worship.

**INTROIT**

(11 am)

How Glorious Zion’s Courts Appear

How glorious Zion’s courts appear, the city of our God;  
His throne he hath established here, here fixed his loved abode.  
Lift up the everlasting gates, the doors wide open fling;  
Enter, ye nations, who obey the statues of our King.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), based on Isaiah 26:1, 3  
Music: Christopher Tye (1505–1572)

¶ Immediately at the conclusion of the Introit, the People stand.
CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 96

Leader   O sing unto the Lord a new song;
sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.

People  Sing unto the Lord and praise his Name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.

Leader  Declare his glory to the nations,
and his wonders to all peoples.

People  O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.

HYMN

N° 155 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High!  Deo Gracias

INVOCATION, CONFESSION OF SIN, & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Led by the Elder

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,
for ever. Amen.

THE PEACE

Leader   The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People  And with your spirit.

Greet one another in the peace of Christ. Following the Peace, the People sit.
ANNOUNCEMENTS & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM

(11 am)

Psalm 150

Alleluia!

O praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his temple:
Praise ye the Lord in the firmament of his power.
O praise him for his might and the greatness of his wonders;
O praise ye the Lord, according to his Majesty.

Praise the Lord with the sound of the trumpet,
Praise the Lord with the lute and the harp,
Praise the Lord with the timbrel, praise the Lord with the dance.
With organ and strings praise the Lord for evermore.

Let your praises resound upon the loud cymbals.
Yea, give praise to his Name upon the high-sounding cymbals.
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

Alleluia!

Words: Psalm 150 | Music: César Franck (1822–1890)

THE FIRST LESSON

Leviticus 10:1-11 pew Bible p.88

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN

A Minister prays for the Children. The People stand; Children are dismissed to Children’s Church during the hymn.

№ 38 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise Joanna

The People sit.
THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 5:1–16

pew Bible p. 913

Reader   The Word of the Lord.

People   Thanks be to God.

THE GLORIA PATRI

¶ The People stand. (Hymn № 734)

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, Amen.

¶ After the prayer, the People sit.

SERMON

Strange Fire

Mark Booker

HYMN

¶ The People stand.

№ 642 Be Thou My Vision

Slane

THE PRAYERS

¶ The People kneel or sit. A Minister leads the People in prayer for the world, the church, the sick, and the suffering.

OFFERTORY

¶ The People sit. The offering plates are passed. Music is offered to the Lord.

Church Sonata in A major

W. A. Mozart (1756–1791)
PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

The People stand and sing as the offerings are brought forward by the ushers. A Minister then presents them to the Lord in prayer.

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.

HYMN

№ 402 Abide with Me

BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

The People sit or may leave quietly as a joyous work is played upon the organ. Please be respectful of those listening to the postlude in the sanctuary or via the livestream.
SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, Senior Minister
Nathan Skinner, Director of Music

Assisting Minister  Tammy McLeod, Director of College Student Ministries

Elder  8:30  Nick Dedeke
       11:00  Jason Abraham

Lay Readers  8:30  Stuart DeLorme
             11:00  Diana Bennett

Musicians  The Sanctuary Choir; Daniel Schmunk, Director of Choral Music
          The Park Street Strings
          Angelina Savoia, harp

A complete staff directory can be found at www.parkstreet.org/about-us/staff/
COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

“Wait for the LORD; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!” Psalm 27:14

Let us pray together for...

People with disabilities and their families, that they would know the love of Christ, and that the people of Park Street Church would be agents of that love and mercy.

Creating new pathways in our congregation that offer meaningful connection to those who feel alone.

That we would seek “the welfare of the city (of Boston)... and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.” Jeremiah 29:7

The Nominating Committee as they begin their search for upcoming congregational leadership—that God would provide them with wisdom, diligence, and total openness to his Spirit in their work. 1 Timothy 5:21-22

All aspects of upcoming city, state, and national midterm elections; for God’s people to practice peace in all relationships within our sphere of influence during this time of political upheaval, fostering healthy conversations and understanding. James 3:13-18

Submit prayer requests to: parkstreet.org/requestprayer (or call 617-523-3383).
Announcements

Disability & the Practice of Christian Community | Today | 12:30 pm
How do Christians move from mere attitudes of inclusion to deeper practices of belonging? How can embracing relationships with the disability community teach the church about God’s nature and purposes? Join Enable Boston in the Welcome Center for a guest speaker, lunch, prayer, and discussion.

Global Missions Conference 2022: Seeds of the Kingdom | Fri, Nov 4–Sun, Nov 13
With featured events such as the Concert of Prayer & Praise for the World on Nov 4; Loving our New Neighbors Panel Discussion & Lunch on Nov 6; Dinner & a Movie on Nov 11; and more, you won’t want to miss this year’s Global Missions Conference! For the full schedule, registration instructions, and a daily devotional, go to: parkstreet.org/missions. Questions? Email missions@parkstreet.org.

Faithfulness in a Time of Political Upheaval | Sundays in Oct | 9:45 am & 5:30 pm
A Christian Formation Series that asks: How does theology inform our faithful engagement of politics? For more info & to register: parkstreet.org/christianformation. All interested (including international members of our church family) are encouraged to attend regardless of registration. Please see room assignments on p. 10.

Sunday Night Band in Concert | Sun, Nov 20 | Park Street Church Sanctuary
Join the Sunday Night Band in concert for a celebration of contemporary Christian music ranging from pop, rock, and bluegrass to gospel music. We will encourage participation with singing and movement. This is a great opportunity to invite your family and friends for an evening of joyful music and fellowship.

Support the Kenya Short-Term Mission Team | Sun, Oct 23 & Nov 6
Baked goods and handcrafted items are available for purchase in the Ockenga Lobby after the 8:30 & 11:00 am services to support our Kenya children’s ministry mission trip. To give: parkstreet.org/give

Childcare Provider Needed Thursday Mornings | 9:20–11:45 am | Belmont
The Thursday morning Bible study in Belmont needs someone to help care for children (9:20–11:45 am). This is a paid position. If interested, please email klvassar@gmail.com.

For more details and announcements, or for registration links, please visit: parkstreet.org/announcements

Sign up for regular updates at: parkstreet.org/enews
Faithfulness in a Time of Political Upheaval

Room assignments by region, for Christian Formation Series at 9:45 am (see p. 9)
Welcome to Park Street Church! We’re glad you are here, and we invite you to become a part of this community of Jesus’ disciples. Our heart is to exalt Jesus above all in our community, in our city, and in the world, and our mission is to make disciples who become like Jesus together. We understand that we become like Jesus as we grow in the way of love: loving God, loving one another, loving our neighbors in Boston and beyond, and loving God’s word. Wherever you’re coming from and whatever questions you are asking, we welcome you to join us as we seek to become more like Jesus.

Here are some specific steps you can take to connect:

• Fill out a **Connect card** (in the pews or at parkstreet.org) and drop it in the offering plate or hand to an usher or minister. We’ll be in touch.

• Meet an elder or minister at the **Info Desk** in the Welcome Center (one floor below the sanctuary).

• Pick up a **Welcome booklet** and an **Engage flyer** to take with you.

• RSVP to the invitation you receive for the **Newcomers’ Lunch** on a third Sunday of the month (the next lunch is Sun, Nov 20). You can meet other newcomers and church leaders, hear about our community and ask questions.

• If you’d really like to get to know us, consider joining a **New Members’ Class** (taking the class does not mean you’re required to become a member!), where you’ll learn more about what we believe and how we live out the Christian life together. For more information, visit parkstreet.org/newmembers