

SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, November 20, 2022

Sunday Next before Advent

***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.*

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)

God Be in My Head

God be in my head and in my understanding;

God be in my eyes and in my looking;

God be in my mouth and in my speaking;

God be in my heart and in my thinking;

God be at my end and at my departing.

Words: Sarum primer, 1514 | Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

¶ *Immediately at the conclusion of the Introit, the People stand.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 106

Leader O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious,
and his mercy endures for ever.

People **Remember me, O LORD,
according to the favor that you show to your people;
O visit me with your salvation.**

Leader We have sinned like our fathers;
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.
Our fathers disregarded your wonders in Egypt
and rebelled by the Red Sea, yet he saved them for his Name's sake,
that he might make his power known.

People **Deliver us, O LORD our God,
and gather us from among the nations;
that we may give thanks to your holy Name and glory in your praise.**

HYMN

Nº 98 Now Thank We All Our God

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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)

We Gather Together

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;
Sing praises to his Name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
So, from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that thou still our defender will be;
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Words and Music: Netherlands Folk hymn, tr. T. Baker 1917

arr. Stephen Paulus (1949–2014)

THE FIRST LESSON

Leviticus 16:1-22

pew Bible p. 95

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.*

1. When all thy mer - cies, O my God, my ris - ing
 2. Un - num - bered com - forts to my soul thy ten - der
 3. When worn with sick - ness, oft hast thou with health re -
 4. Thy boun - teous hand with world - ly bliss hath made my
 5. Ten thou - sand thou - sand pre - cious gifts my dai - ly

soul sur - veys, trans - port - ed with the
 care be - stowed, be - fore my in - fant
 newed my face; and when in sins and
 cup run o'er; and, in a kind and
 thanks em - ploy; nor is the least a

view, I'm lost in won - der, love and praise.
 heart con - ceived from whom those com - forts flowed.
 sor - rows sunk, re - vived my soul with grace.
 faith - ful Friend, hath dou - bled all my store.
 cheer - ful heart that tastes those gifts with joy.

6. Through every period of my life
 thy goodness I'll pursue,
 and after death, in distant worlds,
 the glorious theme renew.

7. Through all eternity, to thee
 a joyful song I'll raise;
 for, oh, eternity's too short
 to utter all thy praise!

This hymn is from *The Spectator*, no. 453, in 1712. The accompanying essay begins, "There is not a more pleasing Exercise of the Mind than Gratitude," later declaring, "If Gratitude is due from Man to Man, how much more from Man to his Maker?"

Words: 1712 | Joseph Addison (1672-1719) Music: *Contemplation* | Frederick A. G. Ouseley (1825-1889)

THE SECOND LESSON

Herbrews 10:19-25

pew Bible p. 1007

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GLORIA PATRI

¶ *The People stand. (Hymn N^o 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

Draw Near to God

Mark Booker

HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

N^o 307 Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

PLAINFIELD

THE PRAYERS

¶ *The People kneel or sit. A Minister leads the People in prayer for global missions and for our missionaries as well as 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.*

Sarabande, *from Partita in B Minor*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

Nº 715 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Marche Triomphale: Now Thank We All Our God

S. Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

¶ *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 Adam Herndon, *Minister to Families & Youth*

ELDERS 8:30 John Liu

11:00 Leslie Liu

READERS 8:30 Margaret Diffenderfer

11:00 Linda Hemphill

MUSICIANS The Sanctuary Choir; Daniel Schmunk, *Director of Choral Music*

William Kinney, *violin*

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

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

*“Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.”*

Psalm 100:4–5

Let us pray for...

A spirit of thanksgiving to be over the people of God for the forgiveness of sins,
the gift of the Spirit, and the promise of eternal life.

The elderly and shut-in among us, that they would be surrounded by the close
love of God that does not abandon.

Gratitude for the United States of America, for a good land, a gracious people,
and for fair and just laws for all.

Thanksgiving for the church, a holy priesthood of all God’s people,
who offer acceptable spiritual sacrifices (1 Peter 2:5).

The health and spiritual flourishing of our tweens and teens,
that they would become a mighty, Spirit-empowered generation.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Night Band in Concert | Sun, Nov 20 | 5:30 pm | Sanctuary

Join the Sunday Night Band in concert for a celebration of contemporary Christian music ranging from pop, rock, and bluegrass to gospel music. The Boston College Voices of Imani Gospel Choir will join us. This is a great opportunity to invite your family and friends for an evening of joyful music and fellowship.

Christian Formation Opportunities

Continue to Cultivate the Soil of Your Heart | Sun, Nov 20 (9:45 am) & Sun, Nov 27 (9:45 am & 5:30 pm)

What next steps will you take after our missions conference? Join an interactive, informal class to process what you heard, to listen to what God is saying to you, and to consider ways you can actively serve locally and globally.

Growing Stronger in Christ | Sundays, Nov 20–Feb 19 | 9:45 am

An in-depth study of Paul's magisterial letter: Ephesians. What is the nature of the salvation that Jesus has achieved for us and how can this letter shape our identity of who we are in Christ and to each other as a community of God's people?

JOY!! It's Not Just Meant for Christmas | Sun, Dec 4, 11 & 18 | 9:45 am & 5:30 pm

How might your life be different if you knew your brain was fueled by joy? Please come and see how the ancient truths of Scripture are being acknowledged by modern science. How can we experience more joy toward each other and the world?

**For more info and to register for all classes: parkstreet.org/christian-formation.*

New Members Class | Fri, Dec 2 (6:30–9:00 pm) & Sat, Dec 3 (9:00 am–4:00 pm)

Join us for meals and an exploration of the community life, theological convictions, and unique priorities of Park Street Church. Register at parkstreet.org/membership

Park Street Church Library

Consider stopping by Park Street Church's library, where you can find many resources, including Christian magazines, DVDs, and of course, books! The library is open (right off of the Welcome Center) most Sundays from 9:30 am–4:00 pm.

For more details and announcements, or for registration links, please visit:

parkstreet.org/announcements

Sign up for regular updates at: parkstreet.org/enews

FINANCIAL UPDATE

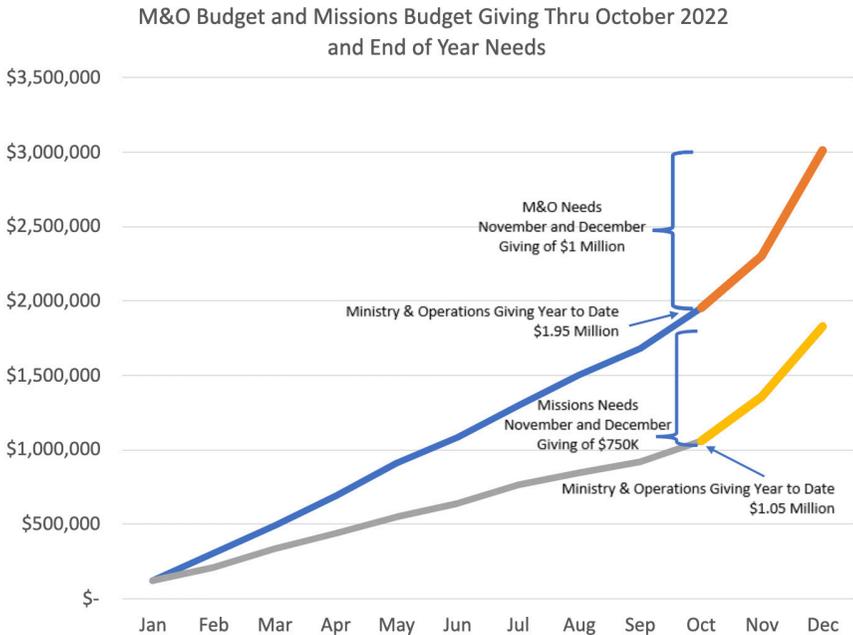
November Budget Update

The congregation approved solid budgets for both M&O and Missions last February. Through early November expenses are under control and giving to both M&O and Missions is pretty much equal to last year. We rejoice in that.

While the giving trend is positive, remember that giving tends to be seasonal, with a substantial increase in giving needed in the last two months of the year to finish the year in balance for each of our budgets.

Each year more than one-quarter of the annual budgets are funded by gifts given in the month of December alone. This means that giving in December is typically four times the amount in the average prior month of the year. The accompanying chart shows the needed giving as we approach the end of the year. The most important thing to remember is that God loves a cheerful giver. May each of us give as we are led.

Please also remember that gifts intended for Missions must be designated or identified as such—so when you give to Missions please make sure to note that in the memo line whether online or on the check.



NEW?

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. You can meet other newcomers and church leaders, hear about our community and ask questions.
- If you'd really like 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



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