

SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, December 11, 2022

*The Third Sunday of Advent*

***Welcome** to Park Street Church! We're glad you're worshipping 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 word Advent is derived from the Latin Adventus, which means "arrival" or "coming." During these four weeks, we highlight the fact that we are an expectant people awaiting the return of our King, Jesus, to his world and his people. We look back upon the first Advent, Christ's coming in humility, and we remember the anticipation and expectation of God's people awaiting the coming of the Messiah. The season is marked by hopeful waiting and renewed repentance.*

*Purple is the traditional color of preparation and penitence, and is used during Advent and Lent. Purple was historically the color of kings (the dye was extremely costly) so the color also emphasizes the royalty of Christ Jesus (cf. John 19).*

***Musical Note:** The Introits this Advent will be premieres, from a new collection by renowned composer Carol Barnett, sister of Park Street's own Elaine Phillips. The music ministry commissioned these works for the glory of God in honor of Michael Brescia's forty-five years of service to the choir.*

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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 (II am)

*O Antiphons IV. O Clavis David (World Premiere – see pg.2)*

*O Clavis David:* Key of David and Scepter of the house of Israel,  
who opens and no one shuts; shuts, and no one opens:  
Come, bring forth from their prison the captives who sit in darkness  
and the shadow of death.  
Come, O Key of David, come.

Words: Traditional | Music: 2022, Carol Barnett (b. 1949)

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

¶ *After the candle is lit, the People stand.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Isaiah 12*

*Leader* The LORD is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.

*People* Therefore we shall draw water with rejoicing  
from the springs of salvation.

*Leader* Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his name.

*People* Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

# HYMN

Sleepers, Wake

WACHET AUF



1. "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice a-sounds us, the shout of ram-part -
2. Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing; her heart with joy - ful
3. Lamb of God, the heav'ns a - dore you; let saints and an - gels



guards sur - rounds us: "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"  
 hope is spring - ing, she wakes and hur - ries through the night.  
 sing be - fore — you, as harps and cym - bals swell the sound.



Mid - night's peace their cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons  
 Forth he comes, her Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in  
 Twelve great pearls, the ci - ty's por - tals: Through them we stream to



clear - ly spo - ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!  
 truth vic - to - rious her star is risen, her light grows bright.  
 join the im - mor - tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.



Rise up, and give us light; the Bride-groom is in sight. Al-le - lu - ia!  
 Now come, most wor-thy Lord, God's Son, In-car-nate Word, Al-le - lu - ia!  
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de-light: Al-le - lu - ia!



Your lamps pre-pare and has - ten there, that you the wedding feast may share."  
 We fol - low all and heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.  
 There-fore we sing to greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

Words: 1597 | Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

trans. 1982 | Carl P. Daw (b. 1944)

Music: *Wachet Auf*, 1597 | Philipp Nicolai

harm. 1731 | J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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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

(II am)

#### Prepare the Way

Prepare the way, O Zion; ye awful deeps rise high;  
Sink low ye lofty mountains, the Lord is drawing nigh;  
The righteous King of glory, foretold in sacred story.  
*O blest is he that came in God the Father's name.*

O Zion, he approaches, your Lord and King for aye;  
Strew palms where he advances; spread garments in his way.  
God's promise faileth never, *Hosanna* sound for ever.  
*O blest is he that came in God the Father's name.*

Words: Frans Mikael Franzén | Music: Traditional Swedish, arr. Margareta Jalkeus (b. 1966)

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Leviticus 18:6-23*

*pew Bible p. 96*

*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.*

Blessed Be the God of Israel

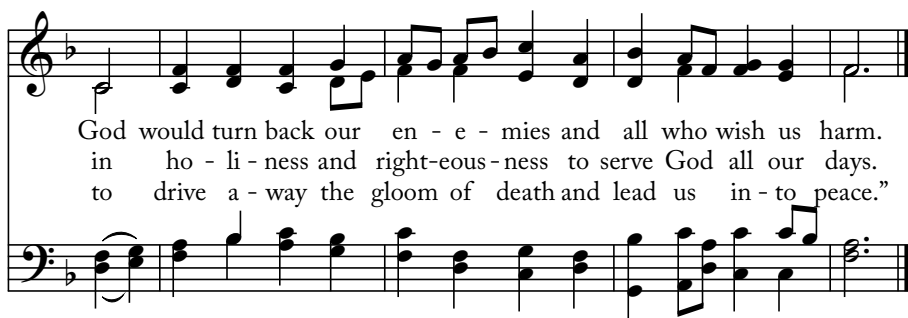
FOREST GREEN



1. "Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free  
2. "With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,  
3. "My child, as proph-et of the Lord, you will pre-pare his way,

and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da-vid's tree.  
the oath once sworn to A - bra-ham, from foes to save us all;  
to tell his peo-ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.

So have the proph-ets long de-clared that with a might-y arm  
that we might wor-ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise,  
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev-er cease



Words: adapted from the *Benedictus* (Luke 1: 68-79), 1989 | Carl P. Daw (b. 1944)

Music: *Forest Green*, English folk tune adapted 1906 | Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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*The People sit.*

## THE SECOND LESSON

*1 Corinthians 6:12-20*

*pew Bible p.955*

*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.

*Following the prayer, the People sit.*

## SERMON

Be Holy in Sex

Mark Booker

## HYMN

*The People stand.*

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

WINCHESTER NEW

*(printed on next page)*

1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
 2. Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; make  
 3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
 4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
 5. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee whose

1. noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake, and heark - en,  
 2. straight the way for God with - in; and let each heart pre -  
 3. ref - uge, and our great re - ward. With - out thy grace we  
 4. bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
 5. ad - vent sets thy peo - ple free, whom, with the Fa - ther,

1. for he brings glad tid - ings from the King of kings!  
 2. pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
 3. waste a - way, like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 4. light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
 5. we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winifred Douglas (1867-1944)  
 after John Chandler (1806-1876)

Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, 1690  
 harm. W. H. Monk (1823-1889)

 *The People sit.*



## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(11 am only; 8:30 am service continues on p. 11)

### *The Exhortation & The Examination of Parents*

#### *Profession of the One Faith*

*Question* Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

*Answer* I will, with the Lord's help.

#### *The People stand*

*Leader* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

¶ *The Leader then says*

Let us join with this Candidate to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

*Leader* Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

*People* I do. I believe in God the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

*Leader* Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

*People* I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Leader* Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

*People* I do. I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Prayer for the Candidate*

¶ *The minister prays, concluding with*

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

¶ *The People sit*

*The Baptism*

\_\_\_\_, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

\_\_\_\_, do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, to fight bravely under his banner against the world, the flesh, and the devil, and to continue as his faithful soldier and servant to the end of your days. **Amen.**

*The Presentation*

THE PRAYERS

¶ *After the candidate has been presented, the People may kneel, and the Minister leads them in prayer.*

OFFERTORY

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

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day;  
I would my true love did so chance  
To see the legend of my play,  
To call my true love to my dance;

*Sing, oh! my love, oh! my love,  
my love, my love,  
This have I done for my true love.*

Then was I born of a virgin pure,  
Of her I took fleshly substance  
Thus was I knit to man's nature  
To call my true love to my dance.

In a manger laid, and wrapped I was  
So very poor, this was my chance  
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass  
To call my true love to my dance.

Then afterwards baptized I was;  
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,  
My Father's voice heard I from above,  
To call my true love to my dance.

Words & Music: Traditional English

## 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 195 Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

## 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.*

March Upon Handel's "Lift Up Your Heads"

A. Guilmant (1837-1911)

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## SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

ASSISTING MINISTER Damian Long, *Minister of Small Groups & Young Adults*

ELDERS 8:30 Lyford Beverage

11:00 Charles Peltz

LAY READERS 8:30 Stuart DeLorme

11:00 Jason Peter

ADVENT WREATH 8:30 The Park Family

11:00 The Wang Family

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

Lizabeth Malanga, *soprano*

CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM John Michael Quigley

*son of Kate Elisabeth Sherrer & Scott Needham Quigley*

## COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

*"You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile." Jeremiah 29:13–14*

**Let us pray for those in exile that they find...**

Hope for those who are discouraged by alcoholism, loss of loved ones, financial trouble, and for those who are suffering from depression.

Love to fill those who are struggling with bitter feelings, estranged family relationships, sexual addictions, and those who are preoccupied with greed and power.

Joy for those suffering persecution, false accusation, in prison, afflicted with mental health conditions, and those who are unable to return home this Christmas season.

Peace for those in between jobs, facing a new medical diagnoses, struggling with sexual orientation and gender identity, and for those lying on the sick bed.

*May those in "exile" find the Lord a new way this Christmas.*

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

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## IMPORTANT DATES

*see announcements on next page for more detail*

**Sun, Dec 11** | 7:00 pm | A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

**Mon, Dec 19** | 7:00 pm | Blue Christmas

**Sat, Dec 24** | 3:00, 5:00 & 7:00 pm | Christmas Eve Services

**Sun, Dec 25** | 11:00 am | Christmas Day Service

**Sun, Jan 1** | 11:00 am | New Year's Day Service

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **A Sermon Note for Parents of Young Children**

Please note that this Sunday's sermon will be dealing with mature topics surrounding sexuality in the book of Leviticus. As usual, our Children's Church and nursery are available to care for your children during this time. Children's choir is also available for your 4th–6th graders at the 11:00 am service.

### **A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols | Sun, Dec 11 | 7:00 pm**

A traditional service with music sung by the Sanctuary Choir and Congregation, and accompanied by the Park Street Orchestra. Seating limited to the sanctuary.

### **Second Sunday Meals | Today | 9:45 am & 12:30 pm**

Join us for a meal! Due to Lessons and Carols, there will be no meal after the 4:00 pm.

### **Sermon Discussion Time | Today | 1:00 pm | *Granary Room***

If you have any thoughts or questions that came out of today's sermon, we invite you to join Mark Booker and additional ministers for a time of discussion.

### **Blue Christmas | Mon, Dec 19 | 7:00 pm | *Park Street Church Welcome Center***

A service that acknowledges suffering and pain and offers hope and joy. Register for Zoom option. Questions? Email [cmay@parkstreet.org](mailto:cmay@parkstreet.org). [parkstreet.org/events](https://parkstreet.org/events)

### **Christmas Eve Services | Sat, Dec 24 | 3:00, 5:00 & 7:00 pm**

Candlelight, in-person services: 3:00 pm (a simple service with hymns and organ), 5:00 & 7:00 pm (music led by choir, brass and organ, also livestreamed: [parkstreet.org/livestream](https://parkstreet.org/livestream)). Please note: there will be no Sunday School, Children's Church or Nursery for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, or New Year's Day services.

### **Advent Devotionals**

Read together as a church the daily scriptures and reflections at: [parkstreet.org/advent](https://parkstreet.org/advent).

### **Upcoming Wedding**

We are pleased to announce that Cam Jones and Ana Yee will be married at Park Street Church on Sat, Dec 17, at 1:00 pm. All are welcome to join us in the worship service. We also invite your prayers on their behalf as they enter into the covenant of marriage.

### **Home at Park Street**

To get involved with the Home Ministry, email Maria at: [mharmon@parkstreet.org](mailto:mharmon@parkstreet.org)

### **DivorceCare Surviving the Holidays | Sat, Dec 17 | 9:45 am | *In person at PSC***

To register, please email [divorcecare@parkstreet.org](mailto:divorcecare@parkstreet.org)

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

**[parkstreet.org/announcements](https://parkstreet.org/announcements)**

*Sign up for regular updates at: [parkstreet.org/enews](https://parkstreet.org/enews)*

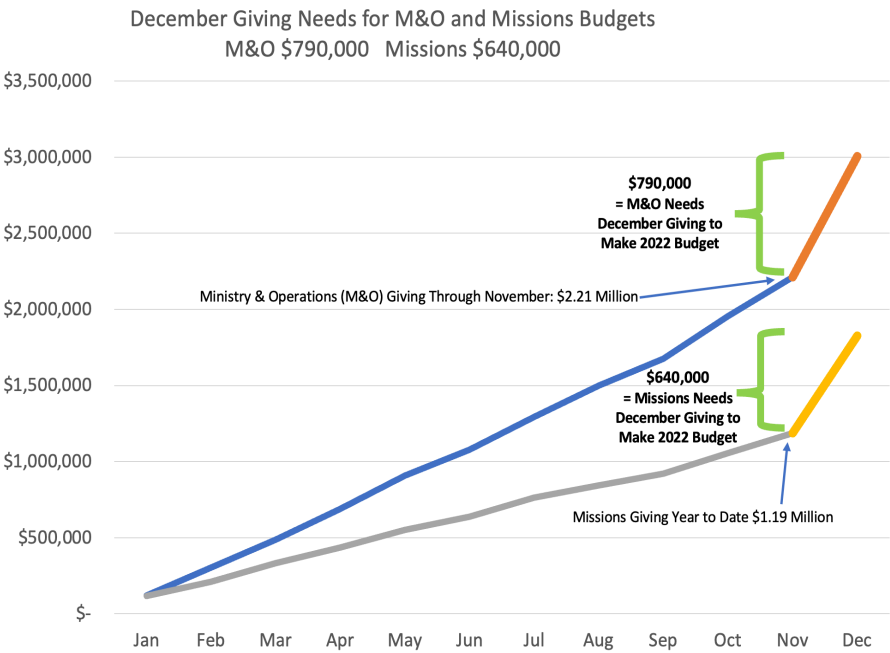
FINANCIAL UPDATE

December Budget Update

During the month of December our congregation’s M&O and Missions giving is hoped to be \$790,000 for M&O and \$640,000 for Missions. While this may seem daunting, especially if you are new to Park Street, take heart. It is typical for 30% or more of the annual budgets to be funded by gifts given in the month of December as giving in December is typically several times the usual monthly amount. The accompanying chart illustrates the situation.

Please pray, remembering that each of us should give as we are able, and that God loves a cheerful giver. May each of us give generously as we are led.

One last item – please remember that gifts intended for Missions must be designated as such – so when you intend a gift for Missions please make sure to note “Missions” in the memo line whether your gift is given electronically or on a bank 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](http://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](http://parkstreet.org/newmembers)



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