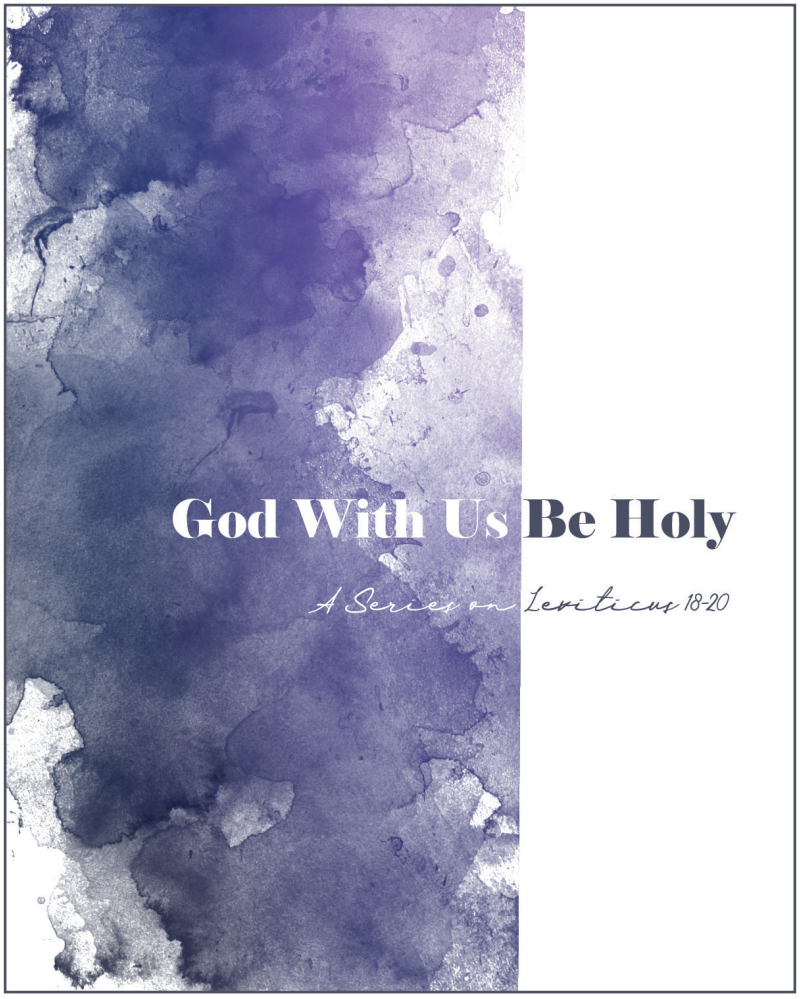


Service *of* Worship

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, December 18, 2022

The Fourth Sunday of 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 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 are 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.*

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)

O Antiphons VII. O Emmanuel *(World Premiere - see note above)*

O Emmanuel. God is with us.
Emmanuel, our King and Law-giver,
Desire of all nations and their salvation:
Come and save us, O Lord our God.

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 1 John 4*

Leader Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God.

People **Whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.**

Leader In this the love of God was made manifest among us,
that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through him.

People **This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us
and sent his son to be the propitiation for our sins.
Let us worship the God of Love!**

HYMN

№ 196 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

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

Presentation of New Members to the Congregation

ANTHEM
(11 am)

Gabriel's Message

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favored lady," *Gloria!*

"For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honor thee,
thy Son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favored lady," *Gloria!*

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"my soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name."
Most highly favored lady, *Gloria!*

Of her, Immanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world
will ever say— "Most highly favored lady," *Gloria!*

Words: based on Luke 1:26–38, 46 | Music: 2000 | Basque carol, arr. Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

THE FIRST LESSON

Leviticus 19:1–2, 9-18 *pew Bible p. 97*

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.*

№ 241 Thou Dost Reign on High — Margaret

¶ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 12:28–34 — *pew Bible p.848*

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 Life Together — Mark Booker

HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

№ 320 Rejoice, All Ye Believeres — Lancashire

¶ *The People sit.*

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.*

11 am: Away in a manger (see hymnal № 205)

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

№ 194 O Come, O Come Emmanuel — Veni Emmanuel

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.*

Overture to *Paulus* "Sleepers, Wake!" — F. Mendelssohn (1809-1837)

Mendelssohn's oratorio on the life of St. Paul begins with a grand setting of the hymn "Sleepers, Wake!" God's conversion of Paul (formerly Saul, persecutor of the Church) was uniquely consequential and glorious, iconic of the awakening of the whole world from spiritual death unto life, because through this man (who had been an enemy of God but was made *Apostle to the Gentiles*) all the nations were called to wake up to life as we await Christ's return.

The opening tune, noble-but-muted, evokes an expectant waiting (God's promises are sure; yet the world was in slumber and darkness). A minor-key fugue follows, with the "Sleepers Wake" theme interjecting in ever more insistent calls to "Wake up!" Finally, the tune returns in the major key and in triumph, for "now is the day of salvation."

"Sleepers, wake!"
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
"The time has come, O maidens wise!"

SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

	Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*	
	Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*	
Assisting Minister	Adam Herndon, *Minister to Families & Youth*	
Elder	David Murgatroyd	
Lay Readers	*8:30*	Randall Wetzig
	11:00	Emma Verrengia
Advent Wreath	*8:30*	The Cogswell Family
	11:00	The Newell Family
Musicians	The Sanctuary Choir; Daniel Schmunk, *Director of Choral Music*	
	The Children's Choir; Chrstine Vasko, *Director*	

NEW MEMBERS

8:30 am

Judi Bohall
Will Cole-French
Colinda Cole-French
Allen Lai
Hannah Younes
Subhi Talal Younes

11 am

Peter Baddoo
James L. Bush
Susan C. Bush
Janice Cheng
Terence Cheng
Drew T. Cleveland
Elysia E. Cooke
Daniel Dawson
Emily Dawson
Ruth Firmin
Paul Andrew Fullerton
Sarah Kemp Fullerton
Ariel Fusaro
Bhagya P. Gundugollu
Clayton McCormick Hancock
Alex Y. Ichimura
Sophia Jeon
Lening "Flora" Khouw
Timothy Khouw
Yuna Kim
Dexter W. Lawson
Caitlin Lubinski
Jake Lubinski
Theophile Able Mbaka-Mouyeme
Emily Mitchell
Cheryl Joe S. Pidakala
Swaroop J. Pidakala
Steven Pregizer
Teresa Pregizer
Hannah Schundler
Laurel Sweeney
Hanno van der Bijl
Lauren van der Bijl
Deborah H. Weibley
Steven James Weibley
Douglas Williams
Jessica Williams
Nicole Marie Woodside

Each of these candidates has been elected to membership at a meeting of the Membership Committee, and is today presented to the Congregation in accordance with our Bylaws.

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

"Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." Matthew 18:19–20

Let us pray together for...

- Peace, and especially for current violence in Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Yemen, Ethiopia, and Mexico. *Micah 4:3*
- Homebound congregants who are mainly confined to their residence including: Alice, Barbara, Dorothy, Charlie, Ernestine, Hedda, Jean, Joan, John & Penny, Lynne, Maura, Peter & Lucille, Phil, Renate, Ruth, Sadie, Scott, Sheri, Stan & Hilda, Winston. *Psalm 71:9*
- Children and orphans in difficult living situations, that God's loving closeness would protect and uphold them. *John 14:18*
- Congregants struggling with depression, that they would be rejuvenated by hope and praise in body, mind, and spirit. *Psalm 42:5*
- Teens to hear and respond to God's purpose and life calling in 2023. *1 Cor. 7:17*

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

IMPORTANT DATES

see announcements below for more details

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

Candidate Slate for 2023 Annual Meeting
Earlier this week, the slate of nominees was sent via email to the congregation. It includes short bios of all candidates and notes from the Nominating Committee. You can view it at **parkstreet.org/candidates.** There are also paper copies available in the back of the sanctuary.

Blue Christmas Service | 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 | 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, livestreamed: **parkstreet.org/livestream**).

Children's Programming Changes | Sat, Dec 24, Sun, Dec 25 & Sun, Jan 1
Please note: there will be **no** Sunday school, children's church, children's choir 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**.

Life Together Women's Bible Study | Weds, beginning Jan 11 | 10:00 am | ***PSC***
Start the year off with us as we continue our study of redemption history throughout the Old Testament. Contact: **LifeTogetherBibleStudy@parkstreet.org.**

Join a Missionary Care Team
For those of you who responded to join a Missionary Care Team, a technical glitch has prevented us from capturing your names and emails. Please contact **missions@parkstreet.org** if you filled out the form but haven't heard from us.

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

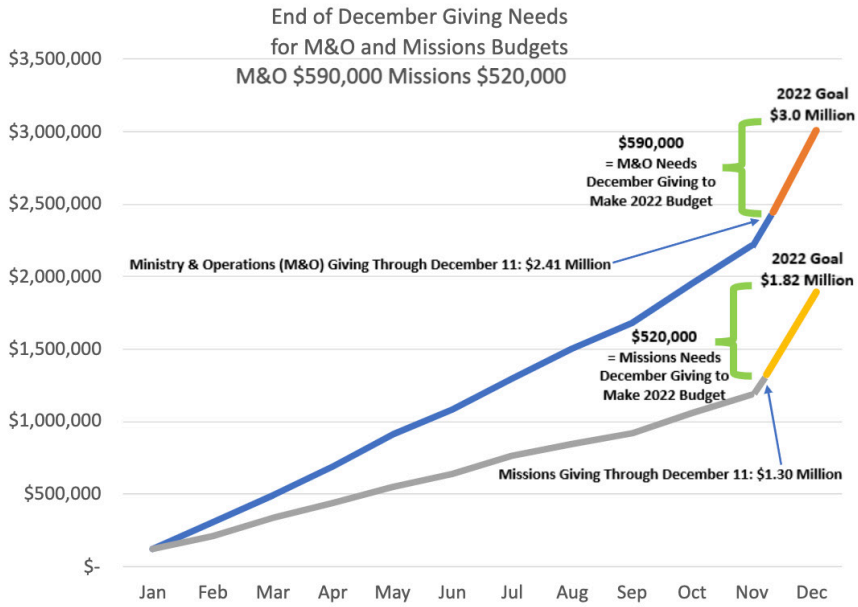
parkstreet.org/announcements *or sign up for regular updates at:* **parkstreet.org/enews**

Mid-December Budget Update

During the last weeks of December our congregation's M&O and Missions giving is hoped to be $590,000 for M&O and $520,000 for Missions. We have been making steady progress through the first weeks of December. While the remaining need 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. 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.

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,** or by scanning the **QR code** below) 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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