

SERVICE of WORSHIP Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, December 4, 2022 The Second 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 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.

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.

Sinfony, from Messiah

G. F. Handel (1685–1759)

INTROIT (11 am)

O Antiphons V. O Oriens (World Premiere - see above)

O Oriens: O Radiant Dawn, Brightest of Light Everlasting. Son of Righteousness: come and shine, Shine upon those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Ah, come.

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

¶ As the candle is lit, the People stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 120

- *Leader* When I was in trouble I called upon the LORD, and he answered me.
- People Deliver us, O LORD.
- Leader My soul has long dwelt among those who are enemies of peace. I labor for peace, but when I speak to them of it, they make themselves ready for battle.
- *People* Deliver us, O LORD. Send us the Prince of Peace.

HYMN

Nº 324 Christ Is Coming!

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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

LeaderThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd 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)

Come, Lord, and Be with Us

Come, Lord, and be with us on earth today, our hearts prepared, our minds and wills obey, that with the saints and angels we may say, *Alleluia!*

We wait in hope through dark and dismal night. By prophets' word soon breaks the morning light, when offering praise shall be our pure delight. *Alleluia!*

Prepare the way, your Savior now to greet who by his birth and death did sin defeat so with high praise this hymn of joy repeat. *Alleluia!*

Rejoice, redeemed, who dwelt in sorrow long; Christ comes again, so let your joy prolong, and let us sing with clear, unending song: *Alleluia!*

Words: Charlotte Lee | Music: C. V. Stanford (1852–1924) arr. Douglas E Wagner (b. 1952)

THE FIRST LESSON

Leviticus 18:21, 19:4, 20:1-6

pew Bible p. 97

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

HYMN

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

Hark, A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

Merton



Words: *Vox clara ecce intonat*, c. 6th cent. | Ambrosian breviary hymn for Advent trans. 1849 | Edward Caswall (1814-1878) Music: *Merton*, 1850 | William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

¶ The People sit.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 10:12-22

pew Bible p.957

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.

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Be Holy in Worship

Mark Booker

WOODLANDS

HYMN

¶ The People stand.

Nº 26 Tell Out, My Soul

¶ The People sit.

APOSTLES' CREED

¶ Standing, the People say together

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who 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. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

THE PRAYERS

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

from Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

OFFERTORY

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

Aria from Messiah

But who may abide the day of his coming, and who shall stand when he appeareth? For he is like a refiner's fire.

Words: Malachi 3:1-2 | Music: G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

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.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

¶ All baptized believers, along with their baptized children, are invited to partake of the Sacrament by proceeding up to the front (as directed by the ushers) to receive the elements. Gluten-free wafers are available at the center station.

During the distribution of the elements, the People sing the following hymns:

Nº 193 Let All Mortal Flesh

Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth



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PUER NOBIS



Words: Veni, Redemptor Genium, c. 397 | St. Ambrose of Milan (c. 340-397), trans. J. M. Neale (1818-1866) Music: Puer Nobis, 15th cent, adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621), arr. George Woodward (1848-1934)

HYMN

¶ The People stand.

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

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Helmsley



Words: 1758 | Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Helmsley* | melody attr. Thomas Olivers (1725-1799) or Thomas Arne (1710-1778) harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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.

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

James Vivian (b. 1974)

SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister* Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

Assisting Minister	Michael Balboni, Associate Minister		
Elders	8:30 11:00	Jason Abraham John Liu	
LAY READERS	5	Mike Ahearn Alex Ichimura	
Advent Wreath	8:30	The Crawford Family	
	<i>II:</i> 00	The Wegiel Family	
Musicians	The Sa	The Sanctuary Choir; Daniel Schmunk, Director of Choral Music	
	The Park Street Orchestra		
	Jennife	Jennifer Schmunk, soprano	

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.

Peace and safety in Ukraine.

Comfort and care for those who have suffered violence and trauma at home and work.

Encouragement for those searching for jobs, or seeking career direction.

Those isolated in nursing homes, that they would know God's close love.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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. Please register for childcare: parkstreet.org/announcements.

New Small Groups Open House | Today | after 11:00 am & 4:00 pm services Downtown, Cambridge/Somerville and SW Boston/Brookline Regions Join us for lunch (6th floor Conference Room), or for dinner (Common Room) if you are interested in joining or helping to form a new small group in one of these regions.

Advent Devotionals Available

Pick up your copy of Park Street Church's Advent Devotional in the sanctuary, or visit parkstreet.org/advent to view daily entries.

December All-Church Prayer Schedule

Sat, Dec 10 | 8:30–9:30 am | Virtual Only (via Zoom) Fri, Dec 16 | 7:30–9:00 pm | In-person

Christian Formation Opportunities | parkstreet.org/christian-formation

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? Learn how the ancient truths of Scripture are being acknowledged by modern science.

DivorceCare Surviving the Holidays | Sat, Dec 17 | 9:45 am | *In Person at PSC* To register, please email divorcecare@parkstreet.org

Global Missions Conference 2022 Survey & Next Steps

Thank you for participating in the Global Missions Conference. We hope you felt encouraged! To give feedback and learn about next steps, visit parkstreet.org/missions.

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

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

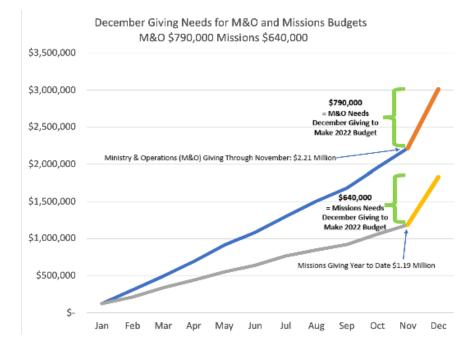
FINANCIAL UPDATE

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.

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**

