



SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, January 8, 2023

Sunday after the Epiphany

***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 Church celebrates the feast of Epiphany on January 6, directly after the season of Christmas-tide. Epiphany means "manifestation" or "revelation." In Christ, God has made himself known, not only to the Jews but to all peoples of the world. On Epiphany, the Western church points to the visit of the Magi, who were the first Gentiles to recognize Jesus as King, bowing down to worship him. In the Eastern church, the focus is on Christ's baptism, when all three persons of the Trinity testified that Jesus was the Son of God. Major themes of Epiphany are light, dawn, and Christ as the Morning Star.

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.*

☩ *Immediately after the prelude, the People stand.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Blessed be the LORD God,
and blessed be the Name of his majesty for ever.

People Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Leader From the rising of the sun to its setting
your Name will be great among the nations,
and in every place incense will be offered in your name.
The Lord has shown forth his glory.

People O come, let us adore him.

HYMN

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

MORGENSTERN



1. How bright-ly shines the Morn-ing Star; the na - tions see and
 2. Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a
 3. Re - joice, ye heav'ns; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,



hail a - far the light in Ju - dah glo - rious.
 pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
 fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.



O right-eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy pow'r, ride on, ride on, great



Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:
 phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.



Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words & Music: 1597 | Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

para. William Mercer (1811-1873); harmony ca. 1730 | J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

Commissioning of Staff Missionaries

THE FIRST LESSON

Ecclesiastes 5:10-12

pew Bible p. 555

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.*

Nº 206 Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning

MORNING STAR

¶ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 12:13–21

pew Bible p.871

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GLORIA PATRI

¶ *The People stand. (Hymn No 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

Abundance in God

Raymond Kam

HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

No 714 We Plow the Fields

WIR PFLÜGEN

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.*

Three Kings of Orient (2023)

arr. Daniel Faris

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 226 As with Gladness Men of Old

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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.*

Epilogue on “As with Gladness”

W. H. Harris (1883-1973)

SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

PREACHER Raymond Kam, *Minister to Internationals*

ASSISTING MINISTER Julian L., *Minister of Missions*

ELDERS/CANDIDATES 8:30 Jason Abraham, *moderator*

11:00 Andrew Ziegler, *elder-candidate*

LAY READERS 8:30 Margaret Diffenderfer

11:00 Linda Hemphill

MUSICIAN Daniel Faris, *violin*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missionary Receptions in lieu of Second Sunday Meals | Today | after all services | Granary Room
Instead of our regular Second Sunday meals, we invite you to visit with our missionaries B. & E. as they prepare to return to the Middle East this month. This is an opportunity to ask questions and pray with them before they depart on Jan 11.

All-Church Prayer Schedule for January

Sat, Jan 14 (8:30 am, *Virtual only*), **Fri, Jan 20** (7:30 pm, *PSC 5th Floor Sky Room*), **Sat, Jan 28** (8:30 am, *Virtual only*). Find Zoom link and more details: parkstreet.org/events.

Christian Formation Class | Sun, Jan 22, 29 & Feb 5 | 9:45 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm

“Jesus, Asia and Boston: Untapped roots from the early church in Asia that can refresh our spiritual life today in Boston.” Led by Julian Linnell, Minister of Missions.

Reception for Kenya Short-Term Mission Team | Sun, Jan 15 | 12:30 pm | Granary Room

Listen to the team’s report as they share photos and stories with us about their recent trip.

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.

4th Trimester Mom’s Gathering | Sun, Jan 15 | after the 8:30 am service | 2nd Floor Nursery

Moms of children 2 and under are invited to meet one another and grow in community.

Divorced or Separated? | Thu, Jan 5–Thu, Mar 30 | 6:30 pm | Online

Find hope and healing at PSC’s DivorceCare. Register: divorcecare@parkstreet.org.

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

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

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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