

# Welcome to Park Street Church!

SERVICE *of* WORSHIP  
Park Street Church  
The Lord's Day, October 15, 2023

*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 us.*

*This bulletin contains instructions (usually next to the pilcrow symbol ¶) and explanations meant to help us fully participate in our worship of God. The People read **bold text** with a loud voice. Scripture lessons are from the English Standard Version.*

### ***About this week's Guest Preacher***

*Dr. Barry Kang is the founding pastor of Symphony Church (established 2010) and directional leader of the pastors network Greater Things For Greater Boston. He lives with his wife, Sunny, and two boys, Caleb & Micah, in Arlington, MA.*

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## THE PRELUDE

¶ *Music is played by the musicians to prepare us in body and mind to enter the presence of God.*

Meditation, *from Thaïs*

J. Massenet (1842-1912)

*In its original context, this music depicts a sinner coming to repentance and faith in response to God's call.*

## INTROIT (II am)

Cry Out and Shout

Cry out and shout, ye people of God!

The Lord is strength and song!

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water from the wells of salvation.

Words: adapted from Isaiah 12 by Frank Pooler | Music: Knut Nystedt (1915-2014)

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 28*

*Leader* Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy.

*People* **The LORD is my strength and my shield;  
my heart has trusted in him, and I am helped;  
therefore my heart dances for joy, and in my song will I praise him.**

*Leader* The LORD is the strength of his people,  
a fortress of salvation for his anointed.

*People* **Save your people and bless your inheritance;  
be their shepherd and carry them for ever.**

HYMN

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

1. Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion, Christ the head and cor-ner-stone,  
 2. All that ded-i-ca-ted cit-y, dear-ly loved of God on high,  
 3. To this tem-ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, to-day;  
 4. Here vouch-safe to all thy ser-vants what they ask of thee to gain;

cho-sen of the Lord and pre-cious, bind-ing all the church in one;  
 in ex-ult-ant ju-bi-la-tion pours per-pet-ual mel-o-dy:  
 with thy won-ted lov-ing-kind-ness hear thy peo-ple as they pray,  
 what they gain from thee, for ev-er with the bless-ed to re-tain,

ho-ly Zi-on's help for ev-er, and her con-fi-dence a-lone  
 God the One in three a-dor-ing in glad hymns e-ter-nal-ly.  
 and thy full-est be-ne-dic-tion shed with-in its walls al-way.  
 and here-after in thy glo-ry ev-er-more with thee to reign.

5. Laud and honor to the Father,  
 laud and honor to the Son,  
 laud and honor to the Spirit  
 ever Three and ever One;  
 One in might and One in glory,  
 while unending ages run!

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)

My Eyes for Beauty Pine

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for God's grace,  
No other care nor hope is mine; to heaven I turn my face.  
One splendor thence is shed from all the stars above:  
'Tis named when God's name is said, 'tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.  
And every gentle heart that burns with true desire,  
Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

Words: Robert Bridges (1923–2006) | Music: Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Esther 8:1–2, 8:15–9:2*

*pew Bible p. 414*

*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.*

N<sup>o</sup> 165 Ye Servants of God

LYONS

¶ *The People sit.*

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Luke 1:46–55*

*pew Bible p. 856*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GLORIA PATRI

¶ *The People stand. (Hymn N<sup>o</sup> 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

The God of Reverses

Barry Kang

## HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

N<sup>o</sup> 26 Tell Out My Soul

WOODLANDS

## 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 while music is offered to the Lord.*

Abendlied, *from Six Pieces for violin and organ* J. G. Rheinberger (1839–1901)

## 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 81 O Love of God, How Strong and True

JERUSALEM

## BENEDICTION

## THE POSTLUDE

Processional in E-flat Major

David N. Johnson (1922–1987)

¶ *The People may sit or leave quietly. Please be respectful of those listening to the music.*

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## SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

GUEST PREACHER Barry Kang

ASSISTING MINISTER Tim Leary, *Director of Graduate Students Ministries*

ELDERS 8:30 Nick Dedeke

11:00 Stephen Adams

LAY READERS 8:30 Mike Ahearn

11:00 Jason Peter

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

Clayton Hancock, *violin*

A complete staff directory can be found at [parkstreet.org/about-us/staff](http://parkstreet.org/about-us/staff)

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## COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

*“Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer; from the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I, for you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.” Psalm 61:1-3*

### Let us pray together...

- For our family of believers, that we would experience the love, grace, and goodness of our church family: that we may demonstrate to each other Jesus’ listening, loving presence.
- For the city of Boston: that God would give our leaders (including Mayor Michelle Wu) wisdom, righteousness, and a sense of God’s own justice.
- For the many around the world suffering as a result of war: that God will have pity on the weak, on those whose blood is precious in his sight.
- For those perpetrating violence and strife around the world: that God would reveal their sin to them and help them see that what they truly need is him.

Send your prayer requests to [pastoralcare@parkstreet.org](mailto:pastoralcare@parkstreet.org) or call 617-523-3383

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Gospel in Community—Grace Changes Everything | Sun, Oct 15, 22 & 29 | 9:45 am & 5:45 pm | *Park Street Church***

Join us today for a video and discussion series on the gospel and how it is lived out in all of life—in your heart, your community, your campus, your workplace, your world. We'll listen to a brief video message from Tim Keller (late pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in NYC), and engage in discussion with those who live in your region. All are welcome! See map on p. 11 to find your room.

**Please Transfer your Reoccurring Online Gifts by Nov. 1**

We are transitioning to a new online giving platform called Church Center. Please visit [parkstreet.org/give](http://parkstreet.org/give) for details about how to transfer your online recurring gifts from Realm to Church Center by Nov. 1. If you need assistance please email [jghobrial@parkstreet.org](mailto:jghobrial@parkstreet.org) or find us in the Welcome Center after the service. Thank you so much for your consistent generosity.

**Piano Dedication | Sun, Oct 29**

On the 29th we will dedicate the new sanctuary piano during the worship services. After the 11:00 service we will serve a light lunch in the Welcome Center, followed at 1 pm by the dedicatory recital (45 minutes), performed by Dr. Mia Chung, featuring works of Scarlatti, Beethoven, and Rachmaninoff.

**Mission Conference 2023: On(e) Mission Together | Fri, Nov 3- Sun, Nov 12**

Mark your calendars—our annual Mission Conference is coming up in early November! We will explore what it looks like to “live on mission” both here in Boston and around the world. Check out our website for a video from Julian about this year’s theme, more information about the conference, and a full schedule of events.

**Faith at Work Workplace Meet-ups | Sun, Oct 15 | Immediately after the postlude | *Meet near the piano***

Are you feeling disconnected and lonely when it comes to faith in the workplace? As part of our upcoming mission conference, we're trying to connect people in the workplace so we can meet regularly to pray and read Scripture together, and remember that we're part of the same body, even if we're in different vocations. Questions? Contact [missions@parkstreet.org](mailto:missions@parkstreet.org).

**Professional Communications Workshop | Fridays through Dec 8 | 7:00-9:00 PM | Zoom**

Offered during the fall and spring semesters, this weekly workshop focuses on improving communications in the workplace. Internationals who are practitioners and scholars of all fields are welcome. Intermediate or advanced language proficiency is necessary, and the cost to participate is \$100. To register: Email Why Lee at [procomm@parkstreet.org](mailto:procomm@parkstreet.org). *This workshop is part of Park Street's English as a Second Language program. Visit [parkstreet.org/esl](http://parkstreet.org/esl) for more information.*

**International Bible Study | Sundays | 9:45-10:45 am | PSC Conference Room**

Study the Bible and participate in spiritual discourse with other internationals. Intermediate to advanced English language proficiency is required. No need to register. Questions? Email Why Lee at [procomm@parkstreet.org](mailto:procomm@parkstreet.org).

**Bakers and Hospitality Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers needed to help set up, clean up, and bake for coffee time after all 3 services. Join our hospitality team to build community and practice love in a tangible way! Let us know you are interested at [parkstreet.org/hospitality](http://parkstreet.org/hospitality).

**Update on Search for Minister of City Engagement**

Thank you for your prayers for a Minister of City Engagement. We remain committed to hiring the person of God's choice for this position, but wish to let the congregation know we have paused the search until we have worked through some changes in the hiring process. If you have questions, please contact our search committee chair, Julian, at [jlinnell@parkstreet.org](mailto:jlinnell@parkstreet.org).

**Wilson House Room Opening | Harvard Square**

Park Street's college ministry house has a residential opening. Twenty-somethings with a heart for undergraduate ministry are encouraged to apply! Six volunteer hours per week are required. To apply, email Tammy: [tmcleod@parkstreet.org](mailto:tmcleod@parkstreet.org).

**Help clothe our unhoused neighbors!**

The Home ministry is in urgent need of men's clothing of all kinds. See our list of priorities for used clothing here: [tinyurl.com/clothingpantry](http://tinyurl.com/clothingpantry).

**Download the Park Street Church App to Connect, Serve, and Find Resources!**

Scan the QR code below to download the app and get connected to Park Street Church. For help, find us in the Welcome Center after the service or email: [app@parkstreet.org](mailto:app@parkstreet.org).

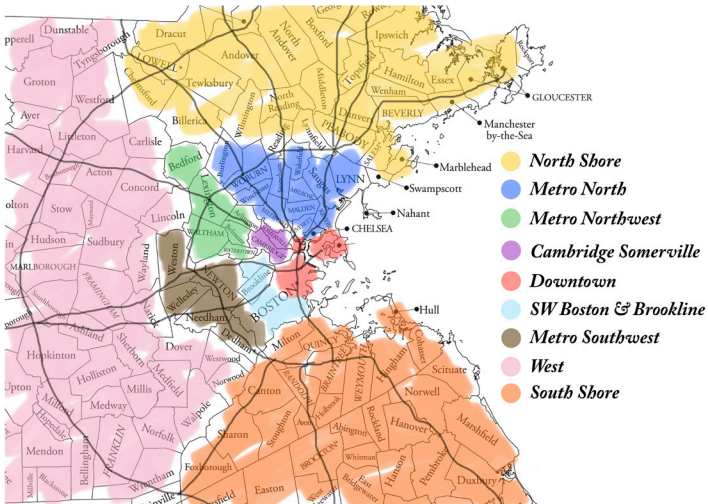


*More at: [parkstreet.org/announcements](http://parkstreet.org/announcements). Regular updates at: [parkstreet.org/enews](http://parkstreet.org/enews)*

# Room Designations for Gospel in Community—Grace Changes Everything

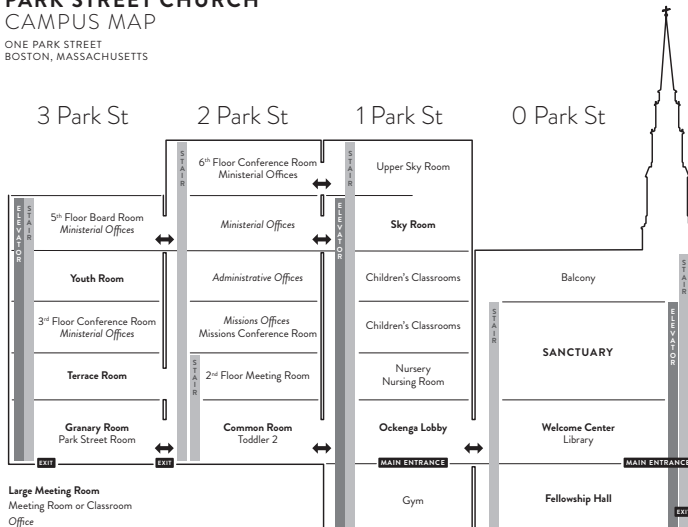
## Christian Formation Series *(see announcement on p. 9 for fuller series description)*

<i>Regional Fellowship</i>	<i>Room</i>
South Shore	Terrace Room
West & Metro North	Welcome Center
Metro Southwest	Room 301
Downtown & Metro Northwest	Fellowship Hall
Cambridge Somerville	Common Room
SW Boston & Brookline	Granary Room
North Shore	Fifth Floor Boardroom



### PARK STREET CHURCH CAMPUS MAP

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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS



## NEW?

Welcome to Park Street Church! We're glad you're here, and we invite you to become a part of this community of Jesus' disciples. 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 and hand it to an usher or drop it in the offering plate. You can also visit [parkstreet.org](http://parkstreet.org) or scan the QR code to the right. We'll be in touch.
- Meet an elder or minister at the **Info Desk** in the Welcome Center (one floor below the sanctuary) and pick up a **Welcome booklet**.
- RSVP to the invitation you receive for the **Newcomers' Lunch** on a third Sunday of the month, where you can meet other newcomers and church leaders, hear about our community and ask questions. We look forward to knowing you better.

