



Welcome to
Park Street Church!

SERVICE *of* WORSHIP
Park Street Church
The Lord's Day, October 8, 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. Jeffrey Arthurs was raised in western PA and came to saving faith in Christ when he was fourteen years old; just a couple of years later, he received a call to preach. He continues to use his experience as a teacher, pastor, missionary, director, announcer, and consultant to equip others for more effective proclamation of the Word. He has been on the Faculty at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary since 2002 where he is now the the Robinson Professor of Preaching and Communication.

THE PRELUDE

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

Prelude in 5 Voices

J. Lemmens (1823-1881)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 46 & 47

Leader God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

People **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.**

Leader O come and behold the works of the LORD—
he makes wars to cease in all the world.

People **The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Leader O clap your hands together, all you peoples;
O cry aloud unto God with shouts of joy.

People **For God is the King of all the earth;
think upon his mighty acts and praise him with a song.**

HYMN

Nº 92 A Mighty Fortress

EIN FESTE BURG

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

Infant Dedication

(8:30 am)

THE LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

pew Bible p. 976

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.*

Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning

QUITTING POWER



1. Christ tri-umph-ant, ev - er reign-ing, Sav - ior, Mas - ter, King!
2. Word in - car - nate, truth re - veal - ing, Son of Man on earth!
3. Suffer - ing ser - vant, scorned, ill - treat - ed, vic - tim cru - ci - fied!
4. Priest - ly king, en - throned for ev - er high in heaven a - bove!
5. So, our hearts and voic - es rais - ing through the a - ges long,



1. Lord of heaven, our lives sus - tain - ing, hear us as we sing:
2. power and maj - es - ty con - ceal - ing by your hum - ble birth:
3. death is through the cross de - feat - ed, sin - ners jus - ti - fied:
4. sin and death and hell shall nev - er sti - fle hymns of love:
5. cease - less - ly up - on you gaz - ing, this shall be our song:



Yours the glo - ry and the crown, the high re - nown, thè - ter - nal name.

Words: 1966, Michael Saward (b. 1932) | Music: 1982 John Barnard (b. 1948)

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¶ *The People sit.*

THE PSALM

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per Bible p. 481

¶ *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.**

The Gloria Patri, or "lesser Doxology," is traditionally sung or recited at the end of psalms, in order to place them in an explicitly Trinitarian frame.

¶ *Following the prayer, the People sit.*

SERMON

Paul's Prayer and Ours

Jeffrey Arthurs

HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

Nº 642 Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(8:30 am only, 11:00 am continues on p. 7)

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.*

Minister Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ?

People **We will.**

¶ *The Minister then says*

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

Minister Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Minister 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.**

Minister 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 Candidates

¶ *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 candidates have been presented, the Minister leads the People in prayer, the People kneeling or sitting.*

OFFERTORY

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

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on thee, when sorrows rise;
On thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies.
To thee I tell each rising grief, for thou alone canst heal;
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief, for every pain I feel.

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call thee mine;
The springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust,
And still my soul would cleave to thee though prostrate in the dust.

Hast thou not bid me seek thy face, and shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace be deaf when I complain?
No still the ear of sovereign grace attends the mourner's prayer;
O may I ever find access to breathe my sorrows there.

While hope revives, though pressed with fears, and I can say, my God,
Beneath thy feet I spread my cares, and pour my woes abroad.
Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat,
With humble hope attend thy will, and wait beneath thy feet.

Words: Anne Steele (1717-1778)

Music: Timothy A. Mills (b.1990), *former member, Sanctuary Choir*

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

N^o 345 Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

AURSTIA

BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Fanfare

J. Lemmens

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

SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

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

GUEST PREACHER Jeffrey Arthurs

ASSISTING MINISTER Chris May, *Minister to Women*

ELDER Jason Abraham, *Moderator*

LAY READERS 8:30 Margaret Diffenderfer
11:00 Linda Hemphill

MUSICIAN Jennifer Schmunk, *soprano*

CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM Elias John Sharpe, *son of Aaron & Allie Sharpe*

INFANT DEDICATION Caleb William Leavitt, *son of Tim & Sarah Leavitt*

A complete staff directory can be found at parkstreet.org/about-us/staff

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

“Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray.”
-Psalm 5:2

Let us pray together...

- For our family of believers, that we would experience the love, grace, and goodness of God.
- For our communities and leaders to commune together well and to hear the voice of God.
- That Jesus would be lifted up and seen as the perfect King he is, in and through Park Street Church.
- For our world, that God would comfort the afflicted, and heal the broken-hearted. That he would put to right all wrongs, and come quickly to establish his good kingdom.

Send your prayer requests to pastoralcare@parkstreet.org or call 617-523-3383

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Our Gospel in Community series will be pushed back a week and begin instead on Sun, Oct 15. Join us for a 3-week 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.

Informational & Prayer Meeting | Today | 1:30 pm | *Sanctuary*

This Sunday, we will have an informational and prayer meeting at 1:30 pm. The Board of Elders will address recent events in the church, including staff changes, and seek to provide additional context and explanation as clearly as we are able. As a clarification, this is not a congregational special meeting. Lunch will be provided beforehand in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend! If you are a member or regular attender and did not receive a letter sent on Tue, Oct 3 sent from the Senior Minister and Board of Elders, email: clubinski@parkstreet.org.

October All-Church Prayer Schedule

Sat, Oct 14 | 8:30-9:30 am | Virtual Only (via Zoom)

Sat, Oct 28 | 8:30-9:30 am | Virtual Only (via Zoom)

Please note: there is no All-Church Prayer on Fri, Oct 20. Zoom links: parkstreet.org/events

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 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 or find us in the Welcome Center after the service. Thank you so much for your consistent generosity.

Piano Trio Concert | Fri, Oct 13, 7:30pm | *Sanctuary*

Join us for an evening of piano trios by Beethoven, Brahms, and more, performed by acclaimed artists Amy Galluzzo (violin), Carol Ou (cello), and Yu-Mei Wei (piano). Admission is free. This is the first in a group of concerts celebrating our new Steinway piano in the sanctuary, recently donated by a member of the church. The piano will be dedicated in all three services on Sun, Oct 29, with a dedicatory recital after the 11:00 am service by Dr. Mia Chung.

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. Contact Tammy: tmcleod@parkstreet.org for an application.

Faith at Work Workplace Meet-ups | Sun, Oct 15 | Immediately after each service | *Meet near the organ*

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.

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 Whay Lee at procomm@parkstreet.org.

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.

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.

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.



More at: parkstreet.org/announcements. Regular updates at: parkstreet.org/enews

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 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!

