

Announcements

Advent Around the World | Sun, Dec 3, 10 & 17 | 9:45 am & 5:30 pm | Granary Room

In this Christian Formation series, learn how Christians around the world live out their faith and engage with Advent. Register: parkstreet.org/announcements.

Join us for Daily Advent Readings

Daily Advent readings from Scripture allow us to journey through the Bible together as a body and will be available on the website (parkstreet.org/advent), morning bulletin and Church Center app. If possible, we encourage you to use the app so you can engage with the discussion questions within your Regional Fellowships. To download the app, go to parkstreet.org/ministries/psc-app/. For help, email us at: app@parkstreet.org.

An Advent Call to All-Church Prayer and Fasting

Advent is historically a time of prayer, fasting, and repentance as we prepare for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we near the close of a challenging year for our church, the elders and ministers are working with the All-Church Prayer Team to call the church to a season of prayer and fasting during Advent. Here are some ways to participate:

1) Seven days of evening prayer, starting with All-Church Prayer on Friday, Dec 1 (7:30 pm), followed by six days over Zoom, Dec 2–7 (7:30–8:00 pm).

2) We want to be a praying church and blanket each day with prayer and fasting.

We will have a sign-up for time slots (8:00 am–8:00 pm) during Dec 2–Dec 24.

See parkstreet.org/announcements for the Zoom links and the link to sign up for fasting

Blue Christmas | Mon, Dec 4 | 7:00–8:00 pm | Sanctuary

A service that acknowledges suffering and offers hope. cmay@parkstreet.org.

A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols | Sun, Dec 10 | 7:00 pm

Music by choir and congregation, accompanied by orchestra.

Register for childcare: parkstreet.org/announcements.

Worship Service | Sun, Dec 24 | 11:00 am only

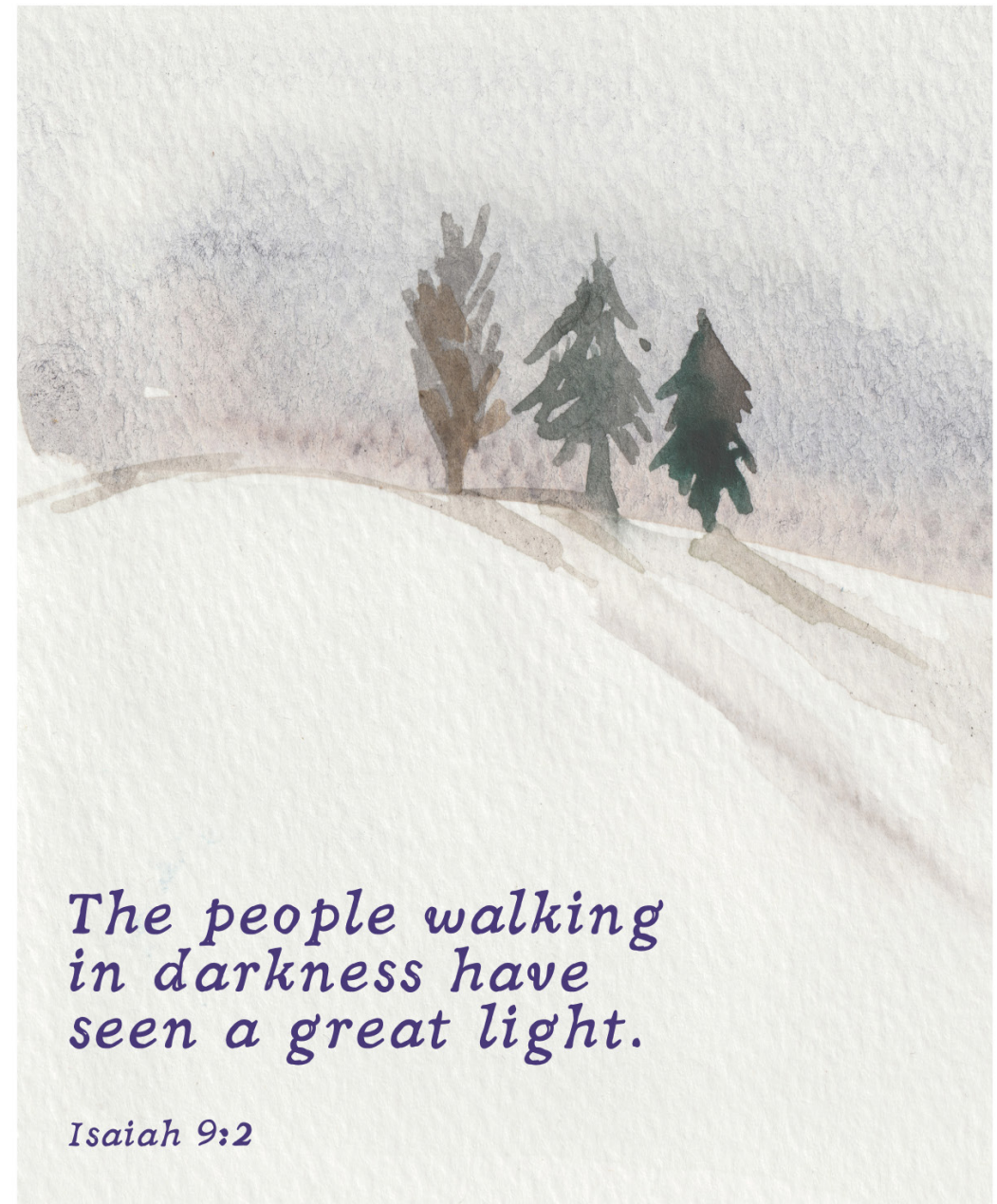
Join us for our fourth Sunday of Advent service on Dec. 24 at 11:00 am; nursery and children's church will be available. Please note there will be no 8:30 am or 4:00 pm services. There will be three afternoon/evening Christmas Eve services (see below).

Christmas Eve Services | Sun, Dec 24 | 3:00, 5:00 & 7:00 pm

Candlelight services: 3:00 pm (a simple service with hymns and organ), 5:00 & 7:00 pm (music led by choir, brass and organ, also livestreamed: parkstreet.org/livestream). Please note: no nursery or children's church.

We ran out of room for announcements! For more, visit: parkstreet.org/announcements

For regular updates: parkstreet.org/enews.



SERVICE of COMMUNION

Park Street Church

The Lord's Day, December 3, 2023

The First Sunday of Advent

4 pm

PRELUDE

WELCOME

O Come O Come Emmanuel

ADORATION, CONFESSION, & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Burn For You

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 7:6-11

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

pew bible p. 152

pew bible p. 952

after each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks Be to God.**

The children are dismissed to Children's Church

SERMON

The People of the Cross

Mark Booker

I Will Run

TESTIMONY

APOSTLES' CREED

THE PRAYERS

PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

parkstreet.org/announcements

OFFERTORY

parkstreet.org/giveonline

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, which should be consumed immediately. Gluten-free wafers are available.

Turn Your Eyes

BENEDICTION

Mark Booker, Senior Minister

Tim Leary, Director of Graduate Student Ministries

Nick Dedeke, Elder

Helen Layman, Lay reader

The Change Family, Advent Wreath

The Sunday Night Band

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.

If you're new, 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 this QR code. We'll be in touch.
- Meet an elder or minister at the **Info Desk** in the Welcome Center and pick up a **Welcome booklet** to take with you.
- RSVP to the invitation you receive for the **Newcomers' Lunch** where you can meet other newcomers and church leaders, hear about our community, and ask questions.



Collective Prayers

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ." Titus 2:11-13

Let us pray together...

- That God would open our eyes to our own ungodliness and lead us to living in the mold of Jesus Christ.
- For leaders in the world: politicians, scholars, celebrities, and influencers, that they would come to see the goodness of Jesus, that they would repent, and that they would point others toward Jesus, our true and needed king.
- For peace in the world and that God would show his care in physical and relational means to those suffering from violence.

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

Important Dates

Mon, Dec 4 | 7:00 pm | Blue Christmas

Sun, Dec 10 | 7:00 pm | A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

Sun, Dec 24 | 11:00 am | Morning Service

Sat, Dec 24 | 3:00, 5:00 & 7:00 pm | Christmas Eve Services

Sun, Dec 31 | 11:00 am | Morning Service