



Welcome to Park Street Church!

SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church

The Lord's Day, November 12, 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

Michael Goheen, PhD, is Director of Theological Education at Missional Training Center, Scholar-in-Residence for the Surge Network of Churches (Phoenix), and Professor of Missional Theology at Covenant Theological Seminary (St Louis). He is married to Marnie and together they have four adult married children and eleven grandchildren. He splits his time between Surrey, B.C., Canada and Tempe, AZ, USA.

THE PRELUDE

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

Salvation Has Come for All

J. P. Sweelinck (1562-1621)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

INTROIT

(II am)

How Glorious Sion's Courts Appear

How glorious Sion's courts appear, the city of our God!
His throne he hath established here, here fixed his loved abode.

Its wall, defended by his grace no pow'r shall e'er o'erthrow,
Salvation is its bulwark sure against th' assailing foe.

Lift up the everlasting gates, the doors wide open fling;
Enter, ye nations, who obey the statutes of our King.

Words: Isaiah 26: 1 & 3 | Music: Christopher Tye (1505-1573)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 96

Leader O sing unto the LORD a new song;
sing unto the LORD, all the whole earth.

People Sing unto the LORD and praise his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.

Leader Declare his honor to the nations,
and his wonders to all peoples.

People Ascribe unto to the LORD, O you families of the peoples,
ascribe unto the LORD worship and power.

Leader O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

H Y M N

Lift High the Cross



*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
till all the world adore his sacred Name.*

1. Come, brethren, follow where our Captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God. *Lift high...*
2. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. *Lift high...*
3. Let every race and every language tell
of him who saves our souls from death and hell. *Lift high...*
4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Lift high...*

Words: 1887 | George W. Kitchin (1827-1912)
alt. 1916 | Michael R. Newbolt (1874-1956)
Music: *Crucifer*, 1916 | Sydney H. Nicholson (1875-1947)

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)

Lord, Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, let there be pardon;
where there is doubt, let there be faith;
where there is anguish, let there be hope;
where there is darkness, let there be light;
where there is sadness, let there be joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born into eternal life. *Amen.*

Words: attributed to Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

Music: Howard Helvey (b.1968)

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-5

pew Bible p. 567

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 26 Tell Out, My Soul

WOODLANDS

¶ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 5:13-16

pew Bible p. 810

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

A City on a Hill and the Light of the World

Michael W. Goheen

HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

Nº 347 The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

TESTIMONY

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.*

It Is Well With My Soul

arr. Brian Urra

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 521 My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Offertoire, from *Mass for the Convents*

F. Couperin (1668–1733)

¶ *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 Michael W. Goheen

ASSISTING MINISTER Julian L., *Minister of Missions*

ELDERS 8:30 John Liu
11:00 Geoffrey Raux

LAY READERS 8:30 Bill Hanna, *staff missionary*
11:00 Adrian Tam, *staff missionary*

TESTIMONY 8:30 Bill & Paula Hanna, *staff missionaries*
11:00 Annette Aureli

MUSICIANS The Sanctuary Choir; Daniel Schmunk, *Director of Choral Music*
Jennifer Wang & Brian Urra, *violin*

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

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

“Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” Matthew 6:10

Let us pray together...

- For the conclusion of the 2023 Mission Conference: that we would reflect deeply on the mission of God and hear his call for how we can participate in his plan for the redemption of creation and the reconciliation of all things to himself.
- That God would make us, his followers, bearers of shalom in our homes, workplaces, schools, and neighborhoods.
- For those in our community who are homebound or living in a care facility: that God would be near to them and that he would use the people of Park Street involved in the Care Ministry to make his presence clear to them.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Conference 2023: On(e) Mission Together | Fri, Nov 3 - Sun, Nov 12
Our annual Mission Conference is wrapping up, but it's not too late to explore what it looks like to "live on mission" both here in Boston and around the world. More at: parkstreet.org/missions. Email: missions@parkstreet.org

All-Church Meals | Today | After each service | Fellowship Hall
Enjoy a meal with your PSC friends, get a sneak peak at the 2024 short-term mission trips, and ask your burning questions of our missionaries and those ministering in the city.

Wondering where your gifts to missions go?
When you give to Park Street Missions, you are touching lives here in Boston and around the globe. Visit parkstreet.org/give-to-missions to learn more.

Boston Flourish 2023 | Thu, Nov 16 | 8:30 am - 3:00 pm | Park Street Church
Park Street Church is happy to be hosting Boston Flourish 2023. Boston Flourish is a movement for dreamers and doers to activate and partner towards a Boston where everyone flourishes. Conversation topics will include youth mental health, migrant care, and human trafficking. Learn more about Boston Flourish 2023 and register at bostonflourish.com.

Perspectives Course | Jan 29–May 13 | Mondays, 6:00–9:00 PM | PSC
Perspectives on the World Christian Movement is an awe-inspiring comprehensive study course that is rooted in the Scriptures which has profoundly impacted hundreds of thousands of believers over the last 50 years. It is a 15-week course designed to help all believers discover how their unique gifts and talents fit into God's work to draw all peoples to himself. Have you ever wondered if you were created for more? Then this class is for you. Scholarships are available, and the first class is free! Contact bmperspectives@gmail.com to learn more.

All Church Prayer: Missions Prayer | Sat, Dec 9 | 8:30-9:30 am | Via Zoom
Please note there will be no other All-Church Prayer meetings in November or December due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. If you are looking for alternative spaces of worship, prayer, and fellowship during these months, we encourage you to attend any of our additional Advent and Christmas services (the schedule of which will be announced soon)! Zoom link: parkstreet.org/prayer.

Self-Forgiveness in the Context of Medical Errors | Fri, Nov 17 | 6:30–8:30 pm | BU Medical Campus

The Boston Healthcare Fellowship is hosting an event featuring Dr. Susan Hata, a primary care physician in internal medicine and pediatrics at MGH. Dinner is provided. Location: Hiebert Lounge at BU Medical Campus: 72 E. Concord St, Floor 14, Boston, MA 02118. Register at parkstreet.org/announcements.

November Budget Update:

As you know, PSC operates with two budgets. Ministry & Operations (or M&O), and Missions.

For 2023 year-to-date, giving for the M&O Budget is 1 % ahead of the same date last year. This year-to-date result gives us encouragement for year end on December 31st as M&O giving was budgeted to increase a modest 4.6 % this year.

For 2023 year-to-date, giving for the Missions Budget is 11 % ahead of the same date last year. This year-to-date result also gives us encouragement for year end on December 31st as Missions giving was budgeted to increase 15.9 % this year.

I can also report that expenses for each budget are under control. As I stated, let us hope for success in meeting our budget goals. One important fact to remember, or to learn if you are new to PSC, is that while expenses are fairly level from month to month through the year, more than 25 % of annual giving is typically received in the month of December alone. Or in other words, giving in December is typically four times the amount in the average prior month of the year. As in past years, ending the year without any deficit will mean we all contributed generously what we are able to as November and December pass. The most important thing to remember is that God loves a cheerful giver. May each of us give as we are led.

Please also remember that gifts intended for Missions must be designated or identified as such – so when you give to Missions whether electronically, or through a check in an envelope, please make sure to note that in the memo line whether online or on the check.

Mike Ahearn, *Church Administrator*

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.

