



Welcome to
Park Street Church!

SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church

The Lord's Day, November 19, 2023

Welcome to Park Street Church! We're glad you're worshipping 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.*

THE PRELUDE

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

Now Thank We All Our God

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

INTROIT

(11 am)

What Shall I Render to the LORD?

What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and will call on the name of the LORD.

I will take the cup of salvation
and will call on the name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows to the LORD
now in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Words: Psalm 116: 12-14, 17-19 | Music: Peter Tiefenbach (b. 1960)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 106

Leader O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious,
and his mercy endures for ever.

People Remember me, O LORD,
according to the favor that you show to your people;
O visit me with your salvation.

Leader We have sinned like our fathers;
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.
Our fathers disregarded your wonders in Egypt
and rebelled by the Red Sea, yet he saved them for his Name's sake,
that he might make his power known.

People Deliver us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations;
that we may give thanks to your holy Name and glory in your praise.

H Y M N

Nº 98 Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

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.

T H E P E A C E

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

(11 am)

Summer Ended, Harvest O'er

Summer ended, harvest o'er, Jeremiah 8:20

Lord, to thee our song we pour,
for the valley's golden yield,
for the fruits of tree and field;
for the promise ever sure
that while heaven and earth endure,
seedtime, harvest, cold and heat,
shall their yearly round complete. Genesis 8:22

For the care, which, while we slept,
watch o'er field and furrow kept,
watch o'er all the buried grain,
soon to burst to life again;
when all earthly gifts must fail,
and our years have told their tale.
when in death our flesh is sown, 1 Corinthians 15:36ff
watch, Lord Jesu, o'er thine own.

When the unknown hour is come
and the last great harvest home,
and the reaping angels bring
tares and wheat before the King; Revelation 14:15ff
when the tribes of earth shall weep,
and the goats shall leave the sheep, Matthew 25:31ff
Jesu, may we gathered be
in the heavenly barn to thee. Matthew 13:30

Then the angel cry shall sound,
"Praise the Lamb; the lost are found!" Luke 15:6, 9, 24
And the answering song shall be,
"Alleluia, praise to thee,"
Praise to thee! the toil is o'er;
blight and curse shall be no more. Revelation 22:2-3
Lo! The mighty work is done!
Glory to the Three in One. Amen.

see also Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Words: Greville Phillimore (1821-1884) | Music: Charles Wood (1866-1926)

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40:9-23

per Bible p. 599

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.

When All Thy Mercies, O My God

CONTEMPLATION

1. When all thy mer - cies, O my God, my ris - ing
 2. Un - num - bered com - forts to my soul thy ten - der
 3. When worn with sick - ness, oft hast thou with health re -
 4. Thy boun - teous hand with world - ly bliss hath made my
 5. Ten thou - sand thou - sand pre - cious gifts my dai - ly

soul sur - veys, trans - port - ed with the
 care be - stowed, be - fore my in - fant
 newed my face; and when in sins and
 cup run o'er; and, in a kind and
 thanks em - ploy; nor is the least a

view, I'm lost in won - der, love and praise.
 heart con - ceived from whom those com - forts flowed.
 sor - rows sunk, re - vived my soul with grace.
 faith - ful Friend, hath dou - bled all my store.
 cheer - ful heart that tastes those gifts with joy.

6. Through every period of my life
 thy goodness I'll pursue,
 and after death, in distant worlds,
 the glorious theme renew.

7. Through all eternity, to thee
 a joyful song I'll raise;
 for, oh, eternity's too short
 to utter all thy praise!

¶ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:17–25

pew Bible p. 952

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GLORIA PATRI

¶ *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.**

¶ *Following the prayer, the People sit.*

SERMON

The Priority of the Cross

Mark Booker

HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

№ 172 Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

ALL SAINTS OLD

¶ *The People sit.*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:30 am only, 11:00 am continues on p. 8)

The Exhortation

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 *this person* in *his* life in Christ?

People **We will.**

¶ *The Minister then says*

Let us join with *this Candidate* 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

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE CONGREGATION

(II am)

THE PRAYERS

¶ *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.*

We Gather Together (*see hymn N^o 363*)

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 715 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Marche Triomphale: Now Thank We All Our God

S. Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

¶ *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*

ASSISTING MINISTER Timothy Leary, *Director of Graduate Student Ministries*

ELDERS 8:30 John Liu

11:00 Andrew Ziegler

LAY READERS 8:30 Mike Ahearn

11:00 Jill VanderWoude

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

Rachel Brake, *horn*

CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM Briony Chow

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

NEW MEMBERS

Each of these candidates has been elected to membership at a meeting of the Membership Committee, and is today presented to the Congregation in accordance with our Bylaws.

Evan G. Burnham

Laura E. Burnham

Peter Chon

Hannah Lee

Lee J. Cooper

Patricia G. Cooper

Charles K. Gibson

Cheal Jun (CJ) Yang

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Let us pray together...

- As we remember the 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 those who are alone during the holidays with would know the presence of God, and that Park Street would be a true family to all members.
- That God’s peace would reign on the earth, and his kingdom come in full swiftly.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

In this Christian Formation series, learn how Christians live out their faith and engage with Advent in very different situations through Scripture reading, guest speakers, and interaction. Registration optional: parkstreet.org/announcements.

Ongoing Pastoral Care

The ministers of the church have prayed over all the prayers submitted at our last night of prayer. Thank you for sharing what is on your hearts. We are available for individual appointments for prayer, to listen, and to answer questions you may have. Please email info@parkstreet.org, or a minister directly, if you would like to schedule a time with one of our pastors. We invite you to All-Church Prayer on **Fri, Dec 1** where there will be a portion of time to pray for the church.

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

A service that acknowledges suffering and offers hope, with music and the reading of a parable. Seekers welcome. 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 child-care: parkstreet.org/announcements.

Morning worship | Sun, Dec 24 | 11:00 am only

Join us for our fourth Sunday of Advent service on Dec. 24 at 11:00 am. (No 8:30 am service.) Nursery and children's church will be available.

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.

Perspectives Course | Jan 29–May 13 | Mondays, 6:00–9:00 pm | PSC

A 15-week course rooted in the Scriptures. Contact bmperspectives@gmail.com.

Mission Conference 2023 Survey & Next Steps

Thank you for participating in the Mission Conference. We hope you felt encouraged! Give feedback and learn about next steps at: parkstreet.org/missions.

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.

Family Ministry Programs | Sun, Nov 26

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no Sunday school or choir. Children's church and nursery will still be available.

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*

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For more details and announcements, or for registration links, please visit:
parkstreet.org/announcements

Sign up for 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.

