



F.M. RINES

SERVICE *of* WORSHIP
Park Street Church
The Lord's Day, January 14, 2024

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.*

THE PRELUDE

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

INTROIT (11 am)

The Glory of the Father

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.

In the beginning was the Word; the Word was with God.
In him was life, and the life was the light of all.
He came to his own, and his own received him not.

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Words: adapted from John 1 | Music: Egil Hovland (1924–2013)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 103

Leader Praise the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.

People Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

Leader Who forgives all your sin and heals all your infirmities
Who saves your life from the pit
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness,

People O praise the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion;
praise the LORD, O my soul.

HYMN

Nº 53 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

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
(11 am)

God So Loved The World

God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved.

Words: John 3:16 & 17 | Music: John Stainer (1840–1901)

THE FIRST LESSON

2 Samuel 12:1–7a

pew Bible p. 263

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 486 God, Be Merciful to Me

REDHEAD

¶ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 12:1–4

pew Bible p. 1008

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

Removing Hindrances

Mark Booker

HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

Nº 567 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

STRAF MICH NICHT

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. Today's offertory was also played 101 years ago on this date (January 14, 1923) during Park Street's inaugural radio broadcast.*

Andante, *from Sonata in D minor*

F. Mendelssohn (1809-1947)

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 539 Jerusalem the Golden

EWING

BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

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

A Jubilant March

John Stainer

SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

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

ELDERS/CANDIDATES 8:30 Joshua Wang, *elder-candidate*

11:00 Steven James Weibley, *elder-candidate*

LAY READERS 8:30 Stuart DeLorme

11:00 Alex Ichimura

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

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

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

*“How much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!”
Matthew 7:11*

Let us pray together...

- That we, and believers around the world, would be encouraged by the witness of those who have gone before us and those who surround us to run with endurance.
- For Elementary, middle, high school, and college students and teachers of Massachusetts at the start of the new semester: that the truth of God would be seen and taught.
- For our church: that we would hear the Lord and walk in his ways. That we would see our idols diminish to nothing in the awesome light of Jesus Christ.
- That we would listen to and act on Jesus’ call to love the poor.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Second Sunday Meals | Today | *After each service*

Join us downstairs for a light meal and time of fellowship!

Lubinski Reception | Today | 12:30 pm | *Terrace Room*

Come hear Jake & Caitlin Lubinski share about the 5-month short-term mission experience in Uruguay for which they will be departing next week. Food from the Second Sunday Meal will be provided as well.

Upcoming Adult Christian Formation Classes

The Book of Amos | Jan 21, Jan 28, Feb 4 & Feb 11 | 9:45 am

Come explore key themes of the book of Amos in this informal, interactive, four-week Christian Formation series led by Pastor Julian L.

Shepherding a Small Group | Jan 21, Jan 28 & Feb 4 | 9:45 am & 5:30 pm

Led by Pastor Damian Long. If you are interested in launching a small group, or if you want to learn strategies for growing your small group in depth, this class is for you. There is no commitment to lead a new group afterwards.

January Prayer for Missions | Sat, Jan 27 | 8:30 am

See parkstreet.org/events for the Zoom link.

Mark Your Calendar for the 2024 Annual Meeting | Sun, Feb 25 | *PSC*

Candidate Slate for 2024 Annual Meeting

The slate of nominees for the upcoming annual meeting can be viewed on the Church Center app or at parkstreet.org/candidates.

Nursery Team Members Needed | Email Stephanie at sverrengia@parkstreet.org

Serve children ages 0-3 once a month during one of the services.

Park Street's Residential College Ministry House Has a Room Opening

Twenty-somethings with a heart for undergraduate ministry are encouraged to apply to live in the Wilson House! Six volunteer hours per week are required. Email Tammy at tmcleod@parkstreet.org for an application.

Please Save Your Used Stamps and Christmas Cards

The Woman's Benevolent Society (WBS) will "upcycle" your canceled stamps and Christmas cards to support ministries. Please drop them in the Ockenga Lobby.

For more details and 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.



PARK STREET CHURCH