Service of Worship
Park Street Church
The Lord’s Day, January 28, 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.

Choral, from 4 Pieces for organ

Joseph Jongen (1873–1953)

INTROIT

These Are They

These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first-fruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Words: Revelation 14: 4–5
Music: John Goss (1800–1880)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 28

Leader Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy.

People The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart has trusted in him, and I am helped; therefore my heart dances for joy, and in my song will I praise him.

Leader The LORD is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed.

People Save your people and bless your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them for ever.
Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

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1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and corner stone,
2. All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,
3. To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today;
4. Here vouch-safe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain;

Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody:
with thy wondrous loving-kindness hear thy people as they pray,
what they gain from thee, for ever with the blessed to retain,

Holy Zion's help for ever, and her confidence alone
God the One in three adoring in glad hymns eternally,
and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always,
and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

5. Laud and honor to the Father,
   laud and honor to the Son,
   laud and honor to the Spirit
   ever Three and ever One;
   One in might and One in glory,
   while unending ages run!

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)

Chorus from Elijah

He that shall endure to the end shall be saved.

Words: Matthew 10:22, Matthew 24:13
Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)
THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4–9  pew Bible p. 611

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.

№ 603 He Who Would Valiant Be  St. Dunstans

¶ The People sit.

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 14:22–33  pew Bible p. 820

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

Looking to Jesus  Mark Booker
The People stand.

All My Hope on God is Founded

1. All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew,
   Me through change and chance he tray his trust;
   what with care and toil he pass ing thought: splendor, light and life at
   praise be done, high above all praises

2. Pride of man and earthly glory, sword and crown be
   God’s great goodness e’er endur eth, deep his wisdom,
   my of great from earth God is founded; e’er,
   my be done, high above all praises

3. God’s great goodness e’er endur eth, deep his wisdom,
   God’s great goodness e’er endur eth, deep his wisdom,
   the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth
   known, he alone calls my heart to be his own.

4. Still from man to God eternal sacrifice of
   Still from man to God eternal sacrifice of
   buildeth, tower and temple fall to dust. But God’s
   praised for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth
   more from his store new-born worlds rise and adore.

Words: Robert Bridges (1844–1930) based on German of Joachim Neander (1650–1680)
Music: Michael, 1930 | Herbert Howells (1892–1983)
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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.

Pastorale

Sydney Watson (1903–1991)

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. 598 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

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  Julian L., Minister of Missions

Elders/Candidate  Julie Halvorsen, Elder-candidate

Lay Readers  8:30  Margartet Diffenderfer  11:00  Mike Ahearn

Musicians  The Sanctuary Choir; Daniel Schmunk, Director of Choral Music

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

“Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.” Romans 12:15

Abortion is a painful and complex issue. It touches us in many ways. Please pray with us as we humbly and graciously consider what it means for all humans to be image bearers of God from the time we are knit together in the womb by him.

Let us pray together...

- That God would work through his church to shed light on and correct evils that lead to unwanted pregnancies including abuse, rape, poverty, casual sex, adultery, and broken marriages.

- That there would be a radical change of heart in the United States to one of seeing the unborn as human beings.

- For those of us (men and women) who have participated in abortion, that we would find healing and solace in God our Father.

- That the church and organizations like Boston Center for Pregnancy Choices would be a place of support for mothers in difficult situations who decide to keep their unborn children.

Send your prayer requests to pastoralcare@parkstreet.org or call 617-523-3383
2024 Annual Meeting Time and Modified Sunday Service Schedule | Sun, Feb 25
Due to the Annual Meeting, there will be a single worship service at 10:30 am on Sun, Feb 25, followed by a light lunch and fellowship from 11:45 am to 12:30 pm. The Annual Meeting will begin at 12:45 pm in the Sanctuary.

Updated Candidate Slate for 2024 Annual Meeting
The slate of nominees for the upcoming Annual Meeting has been updated and can be viewed on the Church Center app or at parkstreet.org/candidates. Hard copies are also available at the back of the Sanctuary.

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.

Short-Term Missions Information Meetings | Sun, Jan 28 | 9:45 am (Fellowship Hall), 12:30 pm (Missions Conference Room), and 5:30 pm (Granary Room)
Attend our Short-Term Mission (STM) information meetings to learn about our 2024 STMs. Consider serving alongside our missionaries and partners locally or globally to support their long-term work. All are welcome to attend, with no commitment required. See parkstreet.org/short-term-missions for more info and to apply. Questions? Contact missions@parkstreet.org.

Pathways Athens Team Reception | Sun, Feb 11 | 12:30 pm | Terrace Room
Join us after the 11:00 AM service to hear reports from the Pathways short-term mission team, which recently traveled to Athens to work with refugees. Questions? Contact missions@parkstreet.org.

Missionary Housing and Vehicles Needed
We are in need of temporary housing and vehicles to borrow for three missionary families that will be with us later this year - a family of four and a family of five in June/July, and a family of three from August through October. Please contact the Missions Office at missions@parkstreet.org if you or someone you know might be able to help.

For more details and for registration links, please visit: parkstreet.org/announcements
Sign up for regular updates at: parkstreet.org/enews
2023 Year-end M&O and Missions Budget Updates

Apologies for not announcing a summary of how 2023 ended sooner. In addition to making sure the numbers are all final for year end, we have been working diligently on the 2024 Budgets.

The 2023 Ministries & Operations (M&O) Budget ended the year with a $361k operating deficit. The deficit is the result of the late-in-the-year decline in giving. Contribution income ended the year $367k (11%) below budget, and $218k (7%) below 2022. Meanwhile, operating expenses were essentially on budget.

Missions had a fairly similar outcome. The 2023 Missions Budget ended the year with a $134k operating deficit. Contribution income ended the year $269k (14%) below budget, but about equal to giving in 2022. Meanwhile, operating expenses were $130k below budget.

While each budget has had operating deficits once or twice in the last several years, these deficits are larger than normal. As mentioned above, work is going into developing appropriate budgets for 2024 for consideration and approval at the Annual Meeting in February.

Mike Ahearn, *Church Administrator*
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.