



F.M. RINES

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

(11 am)

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.**

HYMN

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

1. Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion, Christ the head and cor-ner-stone,
 2. All that ded-i-ca-ted cit-y, dear-ly loved of God on high,
 3. To this tem-ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, to-day;
 4. Here vouch-safe to all thy ser-vants what they ask of thee to gain;

cho-sen of the Lord and pre-cious, bind-ing all the church in one;
 in ex-ult-ant ju-bi-la-tion pours per-pet-ual mel-o-dy:
 with thy won-ted lov-ing-kind-ness hear thy peo-ple as they pray,
 what they gain from thee, for ev-er with the bless-ed to re-tain,

ho-ly Zi-on's help for ev-er, and her con-fi-dence a-lone
 God the One in three a-dor-ing in glad hymns e-ter-nal-ly.
 and thy full-est be-ne-dic-tion shed with-in its walls al-way.
 and here-af-ter in thy glo-ry ev-er-more 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.*

Nº 603 He Who Would Valiant Be

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¶ *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 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

Looking to Jesus

Mark Booker

HYMN

 *The People stand.*

All My Hope on God is Founded

MICHAEL



1. All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
2. Pride of man and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
3. God's great good-ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom,
4. Still from man to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



trust re - new, Me through change and chance he
tray his trust; what with care and toil he
pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light and life at -
praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
build - eth, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of naught. Ev - er -
prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth



known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
more from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*

FINANCIAL UPDATE

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*

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.

