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SERVICE *of* HOLY COMMUNION
Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, February 4, 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

(II am)

Come Ye Servants of the Lord

O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise his holy name,
from early morn to setting sun, his might on earth proclaim.
His laws are just, and glad the heart; he makes his mercies known;
ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before his throne.

Words: based on Psalm 113:1 & 3 | Music: Christopher Tye (c.1505-c. 1573)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 34 & 81

Leader Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

People **Blow the trumpet at the new moon,
at the full moon, on our feast day.**

Leader "I am the Lord your God,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

People **O taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

HYMN

Sing, Ye Faithful, Sing with Gladness

FINNIAN

1. Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,
 2. Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him-self to
 3. So, he tast - ed death for all men, he, of all man -
 4. Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's

sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior
 Beth-leh'm's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,
 kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,
 throne, the Son, rules and guides the world he ran - somed,

let his house re - sound a - gain; him let all your
 bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the
 Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the
 till th'ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -

mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
 gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
 full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
 newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893)

Music: *Finnian*, 1975 | Christopher Dearnley (1930-2000)

INVOCATION & 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

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 25:29-34

pew Bible p. 20

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

Hebrews 12:12-17

pew Bible p.1009

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GLORIA PATRI

¶ *The People stand. (Hymn N^o 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

Strive

Mark Booker

HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

N^o 94 How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

APOSTLES' CREED

¶ *Standing, the People say together*

I believe in God the Father, Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who 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.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
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.

THE PRAYERS

¶ *The People kneel or sit. A Minister leads the People in prayer for the world, the church, the sick, and the suffering.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

from Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God,
 according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
 blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
 and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,
 and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
 and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
 and blameless in your judgment.
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
 and in sin did my mother conceive me.
Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
 and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
 wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
 let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins,
 and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
 and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
 and uphold me with a willing spirit.

OFFERTORY

¶ *The People sit. The offering plates are passed. Music is offered to the Lord.*

O For A Closer Walk With God

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame,
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest!

I hate the sins that made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;

So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Words: William Cowper (1731-1800)

Music: C. V. Stanford (1852-1924)

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.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

¶ *All baptized believers, along with their baptized children, are invited to partake of the Sacrament by proceeding up to the front (as directed by the ushers) to receive the elements. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

During the distribution of the elements, the People sing the following hymns.

Nº 108 Whate're My God Ordains Is Right

Nº 87 The Lord's My Shepherd

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Nº 425 Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

HYMN

¶ *The People stand*

Nº 361 O Praise Ye the Lord

LAUDATE DOMINUM

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, <i>Senior Minister</i>
	Nathan Skinner, <i>Director of Music</i>
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Tim Leary, <i>Director of Graduate Student Ministries</i>
	Chris May, <i>Minister to Women</i>
ELDERS/CANDIDATES	8:30 Steven James Weibley, <i>Elder-candidate</i>
	11:00 Joshua Wang, <i>Elder-candidate</i>
LAY READERS	8:30 Stuart DeLorme
	11:00 Linda Hemphill
MUSICIANS	The Sanctuary Choir; Daniel Schmunk, <i>Director of Choral Music</i>

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

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

“Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray.”
Psalm 5:2

Let us pray together...

- For the world, that God’s goodness would be seen and recognized in his creation.
- For the Church, that the Holy Spirit would build us up together in faith.
- For Park Street Church, that we would see the course laid out for us, and walk in it alongside Jesus.
- For the sick and the suffering, that God would bring healing in body and soul.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February All-Church Prayer Schedule

Sat, Feb 10 | 8:30 am | *Virtual via Zoom*

Sat, Feb 24 | 8:30 am | Prayer for Missions - *virtual via Zoom*

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.

Lenten Discipleship Initiative/World Relief 80 | Beginning Sun, Feb 18

For this year's Lenten Discipleship Initiative, we will be using a devotional prepared by World Relief entitled "He Was There," which considers how believers can walk in the footsteps of Jesus. See parkstreet.org/ldi for information.

Ash Wednesday Service | Wed, Feb 14 | 7:30 pm | *Park Street Church*

Join us as we begin the season of Lent together. This service will include readings, a sermon, music sung by the sanctuary choir, as well as an opportunity to receive ashes. Childcare will be available for children ages 0 – 4 years (registration required, see parkstreet.org/events).

Midday Lenten Services | Wednesdays, beginning Feb 21 | 12:15 pm | *PSC*

This Lent, consider spending your lunch break with us at Park Street. We will gather for a 30-minute service of prayer, reflection on scripture, and hymns. The services will also be streamed at parkstreet.org/live.

Artist's Fellowship Meeting | Today | After the 11:00 am service | *Upper Sky Room*

The Artist's Fellowship meets on the first Sunday of each month with discussions based on selected readings and works of art. Those engaged in the visual arts are invited to attend. For information, contact loistandersen@gmail.com.

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.

Boston Center for Pregnancy Choices Baby Bottle Drive | By Sun, Feb 18

If you picked up a baby bottle to support Boston Center for Pregnancy Choices, please turn it in at the Ockenga Lobby reception desk by Sun, Feb 18. Every coin helps! Questions? Contact missions@parkstreet.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 for about three months in the fall. Please contact missions@parkstreet.org if you or someone you know might be able to help.

Ongoing Adult Christian Formation Classes

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

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 in the Common Room. 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.

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 better!



PARK STREET CHURCH