

*from the*  
**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

December 19, 2024

*Letter from the Nominating Committee*

The 2024 Nominating Committee is grateful to all who provided recommendations and references, all who considered serving but declined, all whom the committee considered but did not nominate, and all who are nominated for service. We are also grateful for those who provided counsel and for all who have prayed on our behalf, faithfully and diligently, as we have worked throughout the year. While the Scriptures and the church's Bylaws are the foundation upon which we conduct our work, prayer is the framework. We are convinced that nothing can be or is accomplished according to God's will for his kingdom without calling on him continually and seeking the Spirit to guide and protect us. We ask the congregation to join us now in praying for these nominees and the leaders of Park Street Church.

The twelve committee members sought potential candidate recommendations for the role of elder from the congregation and the church leadership. We considered the potential candidates primarily as followers of Christ and then in terms of leadership together in this season of the church's ministry. We considered eligible incumbent elders together with other potential candidates, affirming their gifts and acknowledging their service to the church. The committee engaged in lengthy deliberations, prayed extensively over each potential candidate, and asked the Spirit to provide discernment and counsel in the selection of candidates for the role of elder. We had multiple conversations, spent hours discerning the candidates, voted, and reached a collective agreement. Throughout the entire process we called on God continually and trusted him to lead us. We trust that this is the slate that God led us to select for this term, and we now humbly submit the slate to you.

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**OFFICER CANDIDATES**

**Moderator**—Geoffrey Raux

**Treasurer**—Gabriel Ling\*

**Treasurer of Missions**—Julianne White\*

**Assistant Treasurer**—Gregg Hansen\*

**Clerk**—Deborah Gallagher\*

**ELDER CANDIDATES**

Andrew Buckler

Jake Lubinski

David Murgatroyd\*

Steven Weibley\*

John Yee

*\* Candidate for re-election*

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If you have any questions, please reach out to Jonathan Verrengia, [jmverrengia@gmail.com](mailto:jmverrengia@gmail.com).

## *Nominating Committee*

### NOTES

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#### *Andrew Buckler, Candidate for Elder*

- Andy became familiar with PSC through a substantial number of people who had common experiences between his former church membership and PSC. When deciding where to relocate both his residence and company location, Andy's desire to attend PSC was a central influence in choosing the location. Andy and his wife Betty began attending PSC in 2019 and joined in 2021.
- Andy shows a servant's heart having served in several church leadership positions at his former church (treasurer, stewardship committee, missions committee) and has participated in several Missions trips. Described as levelheaded, with a gift for planning and energy to persevere through extended periods of challenge.
- Andy is the founder of a Boston-based medical technology company using histology-validated software to provide physicians with a cost-effective means to optimize treatment. He has held multiple high-level corporate positions including Board of Director leadership and membership roles.

#### *Jake Lubinski, Candidate for Elder*

- Jake started attending PSC in 2020. He felt a calling to serve at PSC and he and his wife were seeking a church where their children could grow in their faith. They found people at PSC who love Jesus. The church's witness and ministry to Boston and beyond led him and his wife to stay and join the church in 2022.
- Jake's strongest leadership skill is the ability to get a diverse team moving forward together toward accomplish a common goal. His spiritual gifts are wisdom, faith, service, and leadership. He has led a small group in his home and held a leadership position in his former church. He serves on both the PSC Facilities and F&A Committee.
- Prior to founding a software and insurance company, Jake led a portfolio of three medical device companies. As COO he led a team of over 100 employees.

#### *David Murgatroyd, Candidate for Elder (2<sup>nd</sup> term)*

- David began attending PSC in 2000 and became a member in 2001. PSC's biblical teaching and commitment to missions showed David it was a place where he could plug in. David is committed to PSC and believes God can use him here.

- There are several areas where David has demonstrated his gift of leadership and teaching while serving PSC over the years (Café Leadership, Café Small Group Leadership, Nominating Committee, Elder (2008-2014 and 2022 to present), Personnel Committee, Nursery and Sunday School Leader, Senior Minister Search Committee.
- As an AI Director at a large music streaming services company, David describes himself as a “manager of managers.” He leads a Christian resource group leadership team at work, served on the board of Park Street School, and serves on the Parent Resource Council of Lexington Christian Academy.

### Steven Weibley, *Candidate for Elder (2<sup>nd</sup> term)*

- After retiring from 35 years on staff at the same church (including Senior Pastor) Steve and his wife sought a church with “full counsel of God’s word Gospel preaching.” They found PSC during covid and joined in 2022.
- Steve has been a leader from his early days in Boy Scouts, as Chairman of the Board for New England Camp Cherith (now closed), taught at Christian Conferences, and directed music at Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (CCCC) annual meetings. In addition to serving on the PSC Board of Elders for the past year, Steve facilitated a 2024 PSC Lenten small group. He has seen fruit through this leadership.
- Although retired from full-time ministry, Steve is a professional educator and maintains a part-time teaching schedule directing vocal performance groups, teaching Latin, Classroom Music, and Drama.

### John Yee, *Candidate for Elder*

- John and his wife Mia first became members at PSC in 1998. The Biblical expository preaching and traditional style of worship were primarily what brought them to the church. In 2007, the Yees transferred to Highrock in Arlington to facilitate their young family’s participation in youth activities. A job transfer sent them to PA in 2011 returning to MA in 2017. The Yee’s began attending PSC again as churches reopened post COVID. Refreshed by the Gospel-centered preaching and music ministry, they reinstated their PSC membership in April 2023.
- John served on the PSC Board of Elders from 1999-2005, was instrumental in initiating All-Church Camp, and assisted as an usher. He has served as an AWANA group leader and has been involved in one of the community groups supporting an Afghan family relocated to Boston.
- A physician, John has spent over 25 years in various senior leadership roles at health care technology, biotechnology, and pharmaceutical companies.

*The Nominating Committee generally re-nominates officers serving in the positions with a one-year term if they are willing to continue to serve. The committee aims to meet with each officer once per a three-year cycle. This year the committee met with Gabriel Ling and Debbie Gallagher.*

## Gabriel Ling, *Treasurer*

- Gabe began attending PSC in 2004 and joined in 2009.
- He has served as Treasurer since 2020. He serves on the Board of Trustees at Park Street School and is on the Board of Advisors for the Boston Symphony Orchestra.
- Gabe is the co-founder and managing director of a venture and growth equity firm specializing in software. He is an accomplished pianist, and the congregation was recently blessed with a father-daughter performance as the worship service prelude.

### TREASURER OFFICER

The Treasurer (one-year term) oversees financial responsibilities for the church.

## Debbie Gallagher, *Clerk*

- Debbie has been a faithful part of the PSC community for 45 years, teaching the 3-year-old Sunday School class, participating in Women's Bible Study and Morning Prayer, serving on the Nominating Committee twice, the Interim Senior Minister Search Committee (Phil Thorne), and currently as Clerk.
- Debbie takes great delight in using her exceptional administrative skills and professional experience in her role as Clerk, taking seriously her duties as work done "unto the Lord". Enthusiastic about facilitating New Members Classes, she is especially blessed by hearing the faith stories of prospective members.
- She demonstrates a keen ability as a good listener, self-controlled, gentle, and peace-loving.

### CLERK OFFICER

The Clerk (one-year term) gives notice of and provides written record of the church's annual and special meetings. He or she also processes any membership-related correspondence.

## ELDER CANDIDATES

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The following members of Park Street Church are candidates for election at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 23, 2025. There are five elder positions, four Nominating Committee positions and four officer positions to be filled by election. All candidates for officers and elders have been nominated by the Nominating Committee. All candidates for the Nominating Committee have been nominated by the deacons.

*The Nominating Committee has asked each candidate for the role of elder to answer the question: What are you currently excited about at Park Street Church? The answer can be found with each candidate's bio statement below.*



### Andrew Buckler

"I came to faith in 1984 in a period of family crisis where Jesus both challenged and comforted me personally. From 1990 to 2019, my wife Betty and I gratefully called First Congregational Church of Hamilton (FCCH) our church home, where I served as treasurer and on the Missions Committee. I was privileged to have a variety of short-term mission experiences, such as distributing bibles to departing North Africans for Algiers and Tunis from the docks in southern Europe, and leading multiple groups in the aftermath of the breakup of Yugoslavia to help rebuild and reconcile Muslim, Orthodox, and Catholic combatants and their families. I have also visited church plants in North Macedonia and taught an electronics course for disadvantaged middle and high schoolers at a Rafiki orphanage in Ghana. In 2019, Betty and I came to downtown Boston to relocate a biomedical company I had founded, and we have enjoyed Park Street since then."

#### *What are you currently excited about at PSC?*

"I am excited about multiple things at Park Street. I am excited at the continuing sense of mission, with the opportunity to build on what those who have come before us have provided, and the privilege to continue in it. I am particularly excited in this moment to turn the page on last year's conflict, with the coming year focusing on what we should never lose sight of in providing a faithful witness in the city of Boston as the culture continues to change around us. Let us provide a message of hope to those who so desperately need us, supporting needs internally but also remaining faithful to the unique position God has placed our church in by being a visible and externally focused center for our city and our world."



## Jake Lubinski

“I grew up in a loving, Christian home with parents who modeled the power of faithfulness and prayer. I became a member of PSC in 2022 and have served on the F&A and Facilities Committees. Before attending PSC, I was on the Parish Council of my former church and led and hosted a small group for many years. My family and I have recently returned from several months of serving with missionaries in Uruguay. My professional background is in mechanical engineering and executive operations, and I have experience leading high functioning teams and restructuring and starting businesses. I live in Boxford, MA, with my wife, Caitlin, and two kids.”

*What are you currently excited about at PSC?*

“PSC is an incredible beacon of hope to Boston, a city that often feels like it has all but forgotten about Jesus. There have been recent challenges in our community, but these challenges also open up enormous opportunities for God to do a good work in us. I believe God is in our midst, redeeming our messiness and establishing his plans for this church. As an elder, I would be especially excited about supporting our staff, ministers and missionaries, and continuing to support Park Street’s mission of sharing the gospel to our city and our world.”



## Dave Murgatroyd\*

“God has used PSC’s mission, teaching, and community to shape me for 25 years. My wife Amy and I met in Café in 2001 and are blessed with two daughters, Brenna (16) and Cora (14). I have served in various roles from the Board of Elders to HOME breakfasts for our unhoused neighbors, to DJ’ing the dance party at All Church Camp. I’m standing for reelection to the Board to seek God’s guidance and to reflect it with greater clarity and compassion. May He make us one. (John 17:23)”

*What are you currently excited about at PSC?*

“The last few years have been the hardest and saddest of my PSC tenure. But God doesn’t waste anything. Remembering Romans 5:3-4, I have hope that he will not only rebuild for the years ahead but also redeem the years just behind us. I believe God can use PSC to bless Boston and the world in deeper and new ways and am excited to discern and pursue those together.”

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\* Candidate for re-election



## Steven Weibley\*

"I married the love of my life in 1983 about a year after being converted from a non-believing, if religious, life in a non-believing family. In 1986, Deb and I left for Gordon-Conwell where I served as a Byington fellow. I joined the pastoral staff at Carlisle Congregational Church (CCCC) and remained at the same church until retirement. Further coursework included two terms at Cambridge University and studies at Reformed Theological Seminary where I studied with R.C. Sproul. I am a member of the Executive Council of the New England Reformed Fellowship and serve part-time as Latin, Music, and Drama teacher at the Imago School, where I have taught and spoken for morning chapel since the 1990's. Upon retirement, at Park Street my wife and I have found the blend we sought of gospel, biblical theological, expositional preaching and the "well-ordered" and joyful music."

*What are you currently excited about at PSC?*

"During my decades of ministry in New England, I have been engaged with struggling churches and pastors and seen the same kind of hardship in our churches today as in the biblical churches; I know the immense value of staying the course for the sake of the gospel, however difficult. I found help in John Owen, the magisterial British Congregationalist who faced his own struggles with the assurance of the Scriptures. Reading Owen, I felt myself drawn in more deeply to understand the immensity and nearness of Who the Triune God is and how His Spirit changes my daily life and relationships with others. I am looking with anticipation to what the Lord may hold for us in the 2020's as we face our calling in Christ AND our disagreements with seriousness, patience, honesty, depth, love and delight."



## John Yee

"I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior in 1972, when I was 9 years old, at a summer Bible camp in rural Minnesota. I came to Boston in 1982 to attend college and stayed for my medical training. Mia and I met in college and were married in 1992. As newlyweds, we joined a PSC Bible study group and have been part of that group since then. We became members of PSC in 1998, and I served on the Board of Elders from 1999 to 2005. In 2007, our family moved to Highrock Church which was closer to home and easier for our four kids to participate in youth group. I'm a physician and have held leadership roles at several health care and biotechnology companies over the past 25 years. In 2022, our older daughter, Ana, and our son-in-law, Cam,

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\* Candidate for re-election



were married at PSC, and in 2023 Mia and I reinstated our membership at PSC. I also serve on the Board of Directors of PEER Servants, a Christian organization supporting partnerships in microfinance, education, youth empowerment, food/water security, and healthcare in Africa, East Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America.”

*What are you currently excited about at PSC?*

“My prayer is that Park Street Church may enter a period of renewal and revival following a time of difficulty and divisiveness. May we look to the patterns and practices of the early church, where “...they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” (Acts 2:42). May our witness to the world be demonstrated by following Jesus’ command to “love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34-35). And may we find unity as we follow Paul’s urging to “walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” (Ephesians 4:1-3). My desire is that Park Street Church would be a healthy, flourishing and vibrant community of Jesus followers, working together to advance the Kingdom of God.”



## OFFICER CANDIDATES

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### Geoffrey Raux, *Moderator*

I made a personal commitment to Christ at an early age. I moved to Boston in 2003, where I met my wife and best friend Sarah. We have been attending Park Street Church since 2008 and have been blessed with two wonderful daughters, Adelaide and Annabelle. My relationship with the Lord is central to every aspect of my life. I believe that life—in its fullest sense—can only be realized through union with Him. I have had the opportunity to share that message through personal relationships and on missions trips to East Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. During college, I was involved with CRU and served as president of my campus chapter. In law school, I was involved with Intervarsity and served on the leadership team. Since becoming a member of Park Street Church, I have served as a deacon for communion, co-captain of our softball team, on the Nominating Committee, and on the Interim Senior Minister Search Committee (which hired Dr. Thorne). I am currently serving on the Board of Elders. Outside of the church, I am a Trustee to Park Street School and am on the Board of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Professionally, I am a partner at the law firm Foley & Lardner LLP.



### Gabriel Ling, *Treasurer\**

“I was raised in a Christian family and have been attending Park Street Church since 2004. My wife Julie and I became members in 2009. A few years ago, I co-founded M33 Growth, where I make investments in innovative technology and healthcare companies. My professional passion is working hand-in-hand with entrepreneurs as they scale their businesses. I also serve on the Board of Trustees for Park Street School, where my daughters Jane, Emily, and Clara attend, as well as on the Board of Advisors for the Boston Symphony Orchestra.”

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### **Juliane White, *Missions Treasurer\****

“I was raised in Florida in a Christian home and came to know Christ at a young age. My husband, Michael, and I began attending Park Street Church in 2019 and have since been blessed with a son, Caleb. Michael and I have been youth leaders since 2019, and I also enjoy volunteering in the nursery. We love Park Street Church and its commitment to sharing the hope of the Gospel in Boston and around the world.

My work experience has involved years of managing large business portfolios and strategy development at both for-profit and non-profit organizations, most recently serving in leadership at the Greater Boston Food Bank. I am grateful to be nominated to serve Park Street Church as Missions Treasurer.”



### **Gregg Hansen, *Assistant Treasurer\****

“I was raised in a Christian family and accepted Christ as a child. Following Christ has led me to a life of service and adventure; first in the Air Force, then in public accounting as a CPA, and now at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary where I am the Chief Financial Officer. I started attending Park Street Church when the Air Force moved me to Boston in 1997 and I became a member of the church in 1999. I have served on the Missions Committee, participated in multiple short-term missions’ trips, and am currently serving on the Finance and Administration Committee. It is my passion to help Gordon-Conwell and Park Street to be faithful stewards of the financial resources with which God has blessed them. In addition, I thoroughly enjoy outdoor adventures with my wife, Rebecca, and children, Andrew and Elizabeth!”



### **Debbie Gallagher, *Clerk\****

“Born and raised in Ohio, I moved to Boston in 1978 after graduating from college, and to my joy discovered Park Street Church. I worked as a university administrator for my entire career and retired six years ago. I have been honored to serve the Lord as Park Street’s Clerk for the last five years. It is a blessing to work with PSC staff, our Pastors, Moderators and Elders, and the Membership Committee. I keep records for memberships, reaffirmations, transfers of membership, baptisms, and dedications. I attend and help with the organization for New Members classes and welcoming new members. I prepare notes for the Annual Meeting. My husband Charlie

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*\* Candidate for re-election*

and I have three adult children who grew up at Park Street, and two grandchildren. I have the great delight of serving our 3-5-year-olds as a Sunday School teacher; in the past, I have served on the Nominating Committee, the Interim Pastoral Search Committee, and the Family Minister Search Committee. I am grateful and blessed to be a regular participant in Park Street's online Morning Prayers."

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

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### *A note from the Deacon's Subcommittee*

The Deacons' Subcommittee is charged to review candidates for membership on the Nominating Committee, which then reviews candidates for Elder. The Subcommittee has done its work and the four candidates have been presented to you, the congregation, for your consideration. If you are interested in the process by which the Deacon's Subcommittee went about its work, Sharon Postma, Chair ([sapostma@icloud.com](mailto:sapostma@icloud.com)), and Charles Peltz, Member ([charles.peltz@necmusic.edu](mailto:charles.peltz@necmusic.edu)), are eager to share with you information about that process. Contact one of them, and they will answer any questions you may have.



### Acacia Abraham

"I grew up in Colorado and accepted Jesus as my Savior at the age of six, guided by my mother, who had recently become a Christian herself. In 1995, I came to Boston for a summer visit and decided to stay. On my first Sunday here, I attended an evening service at the recommendation of my host, and I've been part of Park Street Church ever since. It was here that I met my husband during a Café retreat. We are now part of the North Shore fellowship along with our three children: Jadyn 20, Kaleb 19, Eliot 15... and our dog Myka. In 2013, I served on the Nominating Committee, though I only completed half of my term. I stepped down to join the staff as Assistant to the Associate Minister, a role I joyfully served in for six years. Over the years, I've had the privilege of contributing in many ways, from serving meals and leading Bible studies to supporting coffee hour and hospitality events. What I love about Park Street Church is its worship music, excellent preaching, vibrant missions program, and the many cherished friendships we've built over the years. My hope for PSC is that the Lord continues to gather His people and make this church a place where the gospel is both proclaimed and lived out—here in Boston and around the world.'



### Sam Greydanus III

"I grew up in Michigan in a Christian home, attended Christian schools and Calvin College. During that time, I also studied in Finland and Vienna. In 1975, I came to Boston where I attended law school and have been practicing law since then (though a bit slower now). When I first left for

Boston, my grandmother, who knew Dr. Ockenga from when he was a student, urged me to visit Park Street Church. I followed her advice, and since then I have been blessed by solid preaching, the history of the church, and the variety of members and visitors at Park Street. My two sons, Jonathon and Nick, both of whom are now grown, were raised at Park Street Church. I have served on various committees, including the Finance and Administration Committee, Personnel Committee, Elder Board, and a senior pastor search committee. My wife Ethlyn and I now enjoy attending the morning services and the Sunday school classes. I Thessalonians 5:12-18, 'Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.'"



### Mark Halvorsen

"I married my childhood friend Julie, who was also at PSC in the 1990s, where I attended for six years while in graduate school. We moved to the suburbs and joined a local church there before returning to PSC in 2017 with our two children, who are now in college. My favorite verse is Colossians 3:4, which speaks to our eternal hope and declares, 'Christ, who is your life...' Though I often fail and relegate Christ to being a part of my life instead of the whole of my life, PSC is a place that directs my heart and mind on things above, for which I am deeply grateful, as we seek together to bring him glory. Some ways that I have served at Park Street are as co-leader of the South Shore Community Group and as a part of the Membership Committee."



### Sabina Yungton

"Park Street has been my church home since 2006. I have participated in the children's choir as an accompanist and helped make some costumes for the cantatas in years past. I grew up in Arizona in a Christian home and came to my own faith as a child. Sewing and rabbits are a passion of mine. You can often find me working on projects while my rabbits run free in the sewing room. I have one daughter, whom I homeschooled. Our two family mottos are 'Never settle for less than your best' and 'Gratitude is the mother of happiness,' which reflect one of my favorite verses, Colossians 3:17."

## CURRENT OFFICERS, ELDERS & MEMBERS *of the* NOMINATING COMMITTEE

### CHURCH OFFICERS

**Jason Abraham**—is currently serving as Moderator. Having been elected to that position in 2022, Jason's term as Moderator is completed at the 2025 Annual Meeting.

**Deborah Gallagher**—is currently serving as Church Clerk and is a candidate for another one-year term as Clerk on the 2025 Annual Meeting ballot.

**Gregg Hansen**—is currently serving as Assistant Treasurer and is a candidate for another one-year term as Assistant Treasurer on the 2025 Annual Meeting ballot.

**Gabriel Ling**—is currently serving as Treasurer and is a candidate for another one-year term as Treasurer on the 2025 Annual Meeting ballot.

**Geoffrey Raux**—is current serving as Moderator-Elect. Having been elected to that position in 2024, he will now commence his 3-year term as Moderator.

**Julianne White**—is currently serving as Missions Treasurer and is a candidate for another one-year term as Missions Treasurer on the 2025 Annual Meeting ballot.

### BOARD OF ELDERS

The following members of the Board of Elders, Class of 2025, are serving terms which expire as of the 2025 Annual Meeting:

**Linda Herman**—is currently serving as Elder and is stepping down, having served the two terms to which she was elected.

**David Murgatroyd**—is currently serving as Elder and is a candidate for another term on the 2025 Annual Meeting ballot.

**Steven Weibley**—is currently serving as Elder and is a candidate for another term on the 2025 Annual Meeting ballot.

The following members of the Board of Elders are serving terms which continue, respectively, until the 2026 or 2027 Annual Meeting as indicated below:

#### Class of 2026

Julie Halvorsen  
Mary Harvey  
Kirstin Peltz  
Andrew Ziegler

#### Class of 2027

Richard Ibekwe  
Daniel Vogelzang  
Joshua Wang

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following members of the Nominating Committee, Class of 2025, are serving terms which expire as of the 2025 Annual Meeting:

#### Class of 2025

Julianne Johnston  
Drake Richey  
Laura Roscoe  
Jonathan Verrengia

The following members of the Nominating Committee are serving terms which continue, respectively, until the 2026 or 2027 Annual Meeting as indicated below:

#### Class of 2026

Marana Avant  
Debra Mulley  
Greg O'Brien  
Bonnie Ziegler

#### Class of 2027

Lyford Beverage  
John Carlson  
Tom Kane  
Bryan Robinson