



*O house
of Jacob,
come,
let us walk in the light
of the
Lord.*

SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, December 15, 2024

11 am

The Third Sunday of Advent

***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 word Advent is derived from the Latin Adventus, which means "arrival" or "coming," and is considered the beginning of the Church year. During these four weeks, we highlight the fact that we are an expectant people awaiting the return of our King, Jesus, to his world and his people. We look back upon the first Advent, Christ's coming in humility, and we remember the anticipation and expectation of God's people awaiting the coming of the Messiah. The season is marked by hopeful waiting and renewed repentance.

THE PRELUDE

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

INTROIT

O Antiphons VI. O Rex Gentium

O Rex Gentium: O King of the nations, come.

O King of the nations, and their desire;

The Cornerstone, he who makest both one:†

Come, come and save mankind, whom thou didst fashion from clay.

† uniting Jew and Gentile

Words: Traditional | Music: 2022, Carol Barnett (b. 1949) commissioned by Park Street Church

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

🔊 *Immediately when the candle is lit, the People stand.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 12

Leader The LORD is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.

People **Therefore we shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.**

Leader Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his name.

People **Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel**

HYMN

Sleepers, Wake

WACHET AUF



1. "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice a-stounds us, the shout of ram-part -
 2. Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing; her heart with joy - ful
 3. Lamb of God, the heav'ns a - dore you; let saints and an - gels



guards sur - rounds us: "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
 hope is spring - ing, she wakes and hur - ries through the night.
 sing be - fore — you, as harps and cym - bals swell the sound.



Mid - night's peace their cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons
 Forth he comes, her Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in
 Twelve great pearls, the ci - ty's por - tals: Through them we stream to



clear - ly spo - ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 truth vic - to - rious her star is risen, her light grows bright.
 join the im - mor - tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.



Rise up, and give us light; the Bride-groom is in sight. Al-le - lu - ia!
 Now come, most wor-thy Lord, God's Son, In - car-nate Word, Al-le - lu - ia!
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de - light: Al-le - lu - ia!



Your lamps pre-prepare and has - ten there, that you the wedding feast may share."
 We fol - low all and heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 There - fore we sing to greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

Words: 1597 | Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)
 trans. 1982 | Carl P. Daw (b. 1944)
 Music: *Wachet Auf*, 1597 | Philipp Nicolai
 harm. 1731 | J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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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

ANTHEM

Zion at Thy Shining Gates

Zion, at thy shining gates
Lo, the King of Glory waits;
Haste thy monarch now to greet,
Strew thy palms before his feet.
Christ, for thee their triple light,
Faith and hope and love unite;
This the beacon we display
To proclaim thine advent day.
Come and give us peace within,
Loose us from the bands of sin,
Take away the galling weight
Laid on us by greed and hate.

Give us grace thy yoke to wear,
 Give us strength thy cross to bear,
 Make us thine in deed and word,
 Thine in heart and life, O Lord.

So when thou shalt come again,
 Judge of angels and of men,
 We with all thy saints shall sing
Alleluias to our King!

Words: Benjamin Kennedy (1804-1889) | Music: K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

THE FIRST LESSON

Daniel 7:1-8

pew Bible p. 744

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.*

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

WINCHESTER NEW

1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2. Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; make
 3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee whose

1. noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake, and heark - en,
 2. straight the way for God with - in; and let each heart pre -
 3. ref - uge, and our great re - ward. With - out thy grace we
 4. bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5. ad - vent sets thy peo - ple free, whom, with the Fa - ther,

1. for he brings glad tid - ings from the King of kings!
 2. pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3. waste a - way, like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4. light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5. we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winifred Douglas (1867-1944)
 after John Chandler (1806-1876)
 Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690
 harm. W. H. Monk (1823-1889)

☪ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 13

pew Bible p. 1035

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

False Worship

Mark Booker

HYMN

☪ *The People stand.*

№ 4 All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

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.*

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

N^o 320 Rejoice, All Ye Believers

LANCASHIRE

BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

¶ *The People may sit or leave quietly during the postlude. Please be respectful of those listening to the music in the sanctuary or via the livestream.*

March Upon Handel's "*Lift Up Your Heads*"

A. Guilmant (1837–1911)

SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

ASSISTING MINISTER Dan Verrengia, *Interim Minister*

ELDERS 8:30 Joshua Wang

11:00 Jason Abraham, *Moderator*

LAY READERS 8:30 Sophie Wetzig

11:00 Josephine Ziegler

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

Staff directory: parkstreet.org/about-us/staff

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people” Luke 1:68

Let us pray together...

- That he who spoke through the prophets of old would continue speaking today, by illuminating his word through the Holy Spirit.
- That God would help us to join him in his work of deliverance, and that we would serve him with joy.
- That God would give wisdom to this church as we look toward the coming year and consider how to best use the resources he has given us, for his glory.
- That God would give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.
- That God would guide our feet into the way of peace.

Submit prayer requests to: parkstreet.org/requestprayer (or call 617-523-3383)

Jesus Above All

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Today | 7:00 pm | A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

Tue, Dec 24 | 5:00 & 7:00 pm | Christmas Eve Services (*led by choir, organ, & brass*)

Sun, Dec 29 | 11:00 am | Worship Service (*We will worship together at one service.*

There will be no Family Ministry activities, including Nursery and Children's Church.

The church building will close at 1 pm.)

A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

Tonight | 7 pm

Our traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols retells the story of humanity's redemption in scripture and song, from the fall of man to the birth of the Messiah. The service includes music by the Sanctuary Choir and Park Street Orchestra, as well as hymns sung by the congregation. Invite friends! Doors open at 6:30 pm.

Missions Christmas Tree

If you were inspired by this year's mission conference and are looking for ways to proclaim Jesus in your daily life, then stop by the Welcome Center to pick up a Christmas ornament. Each ornament has a special mission for you or your family.

Reception for Andrew & Anne May

Sun, Dec 22 | 9:45 am & 2:30 pm | Granary Room

Come hear some exciting family and ministry updates from Andrew & Anne May, PSC missionaries serving in the South African prison system. Hope Prison Ministry's counseling, Bible Study, Restorative Justice program, and aftercare program aim to break the cycle of crime and incarceration and see prisoners transformed by the love of Christ.

Christmas Eve Services

Tue, Dec 24 | 5 & 7 pm | Sanctuary

Candlelight services with choir, brass, and organ. There will be no nursery care during these services. If able, we encourage you to attend the 7 pm service.

New Members Class

Jan 12, 19, & 26 | 12:30-4 pm

Interested in learning more about the church? Join us three Sundays for lunch and an exploration of the community life, theological convictions, and unique priorities of Park Street Church. Space is limited. Register by Tue, Jan 7 at parkstreet.org/newmembers.

MISSIONARY CARE TEAMS

Missionary Care Teams (MCTs) provide an essential link between our missionaries and our church body. They keep our missionaries integrated into the life and care of the church, pray regularly for them, communicate frequently with them while they are on the field, and help welcome them when they return to Boston.

Members of an MCT play a crucial role in helping to meet the practical needs of our missionaries. Working alongside the missions office, they may host receptions, help find suitable housing or vehicles, coordinate airport pickups, and meet regularly with their missionaries to encourage them and ensure they feel cared for both on and off the field.

Serving on an MCT offers unique opportunities to hear powerful stories and make a genuine impact. Interested? Informational sessions will be coming soon! Email us at missions@parkstreet.org to stay updated.



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** at 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**, where you can meet other newcomers and church leaders, hear about our community and ask questions. We look forward to knowing you better!

