



SERVICE of WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, December 29, 2024

*The First Sunday of Christmastide*

*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 picrow 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.*

*White and gold are the colors of the twelve-day season of Christmastide, during which the Church observes an extended celebration of Christ's Incarnation.*

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## THE PRELUDE

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 99*

*Leader* The Lord has shown his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

*People* **All the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.**

*Leader* *Alleluia!* Unto us a child is born.

*People* **O come, let us adore him. *Alleluia!***

## HYMN

Nº 207 Good Christian Men, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

## 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

### HYMN

¶ *The People stand for the hymn, sitting afterward.*

Nº 214 Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

### THE LESSON

*Luke 2:40-52*

*pew Bible p. 858*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### HYMN

¶ *The People stand for the hymn, sitting afterward.*

Nº 201 O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

### THE PSALM

*71: 5-17*

*pew Bible p. 484*

¶ *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.**

*The Gloria Patri, or "lesser Doxology," is traditionally sung or recited at the end of psalms,  
in order to place them in an explicitly Trinitarian frame.*

¶ *Following the prayer, the People sit.*

### SERMON

First Words

Adam Herndon

## HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

Nº 200 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

## 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. 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

¶ *The People stand*

Nº 203 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

## BENEDICTION

## THE POSTLUDE

¶ *The People may sit or leave quietly. Please be respectful of those listening to the music.*

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## SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

PREACHER Adam Herndon, *Minister to Families*

ASSISTING MINISTER Leonard Mosiah, *Minister to Youth*

ELDER Juliet Halvorsen

LAY READER Jill VanderWoude

MUSICIAN Nathaniel Efthimiou, guest organist

*A complete staff directory can be found at [parkstreet.org/about-us/staff](http://parkstreet.org/about-us/staff)*

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## COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

*“For my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples...”*

*Luke 2:30 & 31*

### **Let us pray together for...**

- That as we enter into a new year, we would all the more recognize the goodness of God in condescending to us in Jesus.
- That God would guide us in proclaiming the good news of Jesus as a lite for revelation to all peoples.
- For wisdom for this church as we look ahead and ask God where he is leading us in 2025 and beyond.
- For peace in the many areas of conflict and war around the globe.

*Send your prayer requests to [pastoralcare@parkstreet.org](mailto:pastoralcare@parkstreet.org) or call 617-523-3383*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### All-Church Prayer

Fri, Jan 3 | 7:30 pm | *Welcome Center*

Sat, Jan 11 & 18 | 8:30 am | *Zoom*

This month's theme will be the God of signs, wonders and miracles. We will have a time of praise and a time for testimony, and we will share verses on the works of the Holy Spirit, praying that we would be yielded vessels of the Spirit.

### Family Ministry Programs Schedule

Sun, Jan 5 | No Sunday School or Youth;

Nursery & Children's Church will be available.

Fri, Jan 10 | 7 – 9 pm | Friday Family Night

### Candidate Slate for 2025 Annual Meeting

Church Clerk Debbie Gallagher recently sent an email publishing the slate of candidates who have been nominated to be officers, elders, and members of the Nominating Committee. We encourage you to review the slate before the Annual Meeting (Sun, Feb 23); the slate can be accessed at [parkstreet.org/candidates](https://parkstreet.org/candidates). Paper copies are at the back of the sanctuary.

**Chris May Retirement Reception | Sun Jan 5 | 12:30 pm | *Granary Room***

Come celebrate Chris May, our Minister to Women, as we thank God for her years of ministry among us.

### 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. Register at [parkstreet.org/newmembers](https://parkstreet.org/newmembers) by Tue, Jan 7. Space is limited.

### DivorceCare

Winter session meets weekly from January 16th to April 10th. Registration required for Zoom link at [divorcecare@parkstreet.org](mailto:divorcecare@parkstreet.org).

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*Jesus Above All*

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## 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](http://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!

