



*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 8, 2024

*The Second 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 pилcrow 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.*

*Purple is the traditional color of preparation and penitence, and is used during Advent and Lent. Purple was historically the color of kings (the dye was extremely costly) so the color also emphasizes the royalty of Christ Jesus (cf. John 19).*

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## THE PRELUDE

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

*Sinfony, from Messiah*

G. F. Handel (1685–1759)

## INTROIT

(II AM)

*O Antiphons IV. O Clavis David*

*O Clavis David: O Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel; who opens, and no one shuts; shuts, and no one opens: come.*

*Bring forth from their prison the captives who sit in darkness and the shadows of death.*

*Come, O Key of David. Come.*

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 Psalm 120*

*Leader* When I was in trouble I called upon the Lord, and he answered me.

*People* Deliver us, O Lord.

*Leader* My soul has long dwelt among those who are enemies of peace.  
I labor for peace, but when I speak to them of it,  
they make themselves ready for battle.

*People* Deliver us, O Lord. Send us the Prince of Peace.

### HYMN

Nº 324 Christ is Coming!

NEANDER

### 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

(II AM)

Come, Lord, and Be with Us

Come, Lord, and be with us on earth today,  
our hearts prepared, our minds and wills obey,  
that with the saints and angels we may say, *Alleluia!*

We wait in hope through dark and dismal night.  
By prophets' word soon breaks the morning light,  
when offering praise shall be our pure delight. *Alleluia!*

Prepare the way, your Savior now to greet  
who by his birth and death did sin defeat  
so with high praise this hymn of joy repeat. *Alleluia!*

Rejoice, redeemed, who dwelt in sorrow long;  
Christ comes again, so let your joy prolong,  
and let us sing with clear, unending song: *Alleluia!*

Words: Charlotte Lee | Music: C. V. Stanford (1852–1924) arr. Douglas E Wagner (b. 1952)

## THE LESSON

*Revelation 11:19–12:17*

*pew Bible p. 1034*

*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.*

Hark, a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

1. Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing.  
2. Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing,  
3. Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed,  
4. so when next he comes in glo - ry,  
5. Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing

1. "Christ is nigh," it seems to say; "Cast a - way the  
 2. from earth's bond - age let us rise; Christ, our sun, all  
 3. comes with par - don down from heav'n; let us haste, with  
 4. and the world is wrapped in fear, with his mer - cy  
 5. to the Fa - ther and the Son, with the ev - er -

1. works of dark - ness, O ye chil - dren of the day."  
 2. ill dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
 3. tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
 4. he may shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
 5. last - ing Spi - rit, while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Words: *Vox clara ecce intonat*, c. 6th cent. | Ambrosian breviary hymn for Advent  
 trans. 1849 | Edward Caswall (1814-1878)  
 Music: *Merton*, 1850 | William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

☪ *The People sit.*

THE PSALM

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*pew Bible p. 448*

☪ *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.**

*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

The Cosmic Conflict

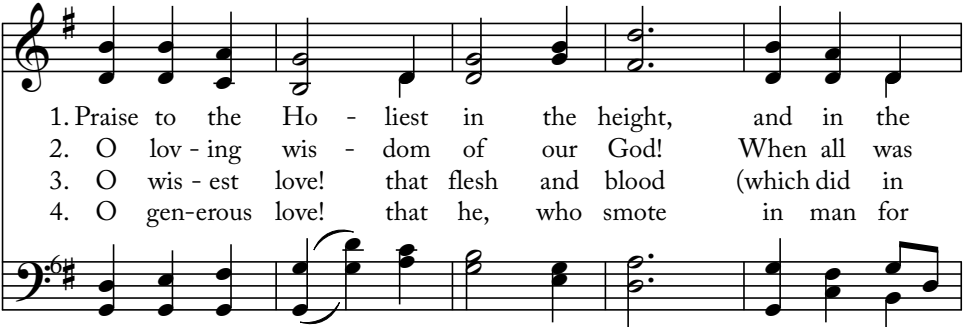
Mark Booker

HYMN

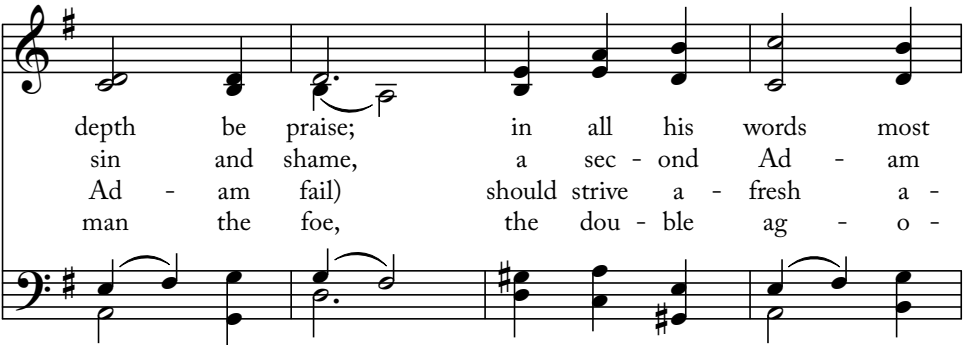
 *The People stand.*

Praise to the Holiest in the Height

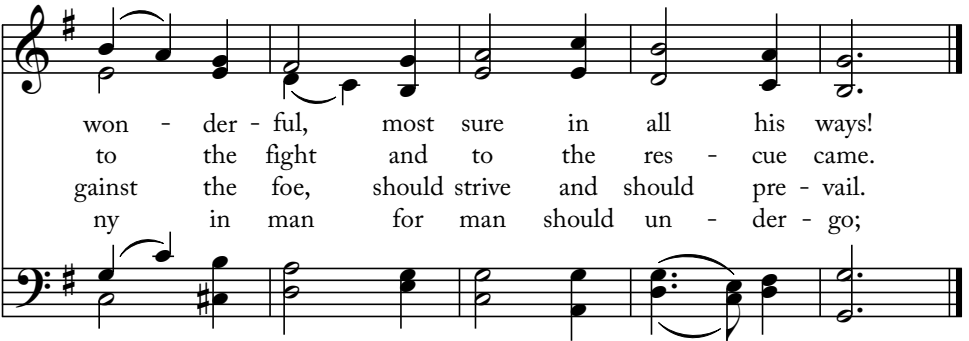
GERONTIUS



1. Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the  
 2. O lov - ing wis - dom of our God! When all was  
 3. O wis - est love! that flesh and blood (which did in  
 4. O gen - erous love! that he, who smote in man for



depth be praise; in all his words most  
 sin and shame, a sec - ond Ad - am  
 Ad - am fail) should strive a - fresh a -  
 man the foe, the dou - ble ag - o -



won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!  
 to the fight and to the res - cue came.  
 against the foe, should strive and should pre - vail.  
 ny in man for man should un - der - go;

5. and in the garden secretly,  
 and on the Cross on high,  
 should teach his brethren, and inspire  
 to suffer and to die.

6. Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
 and in the depth be praise:  
 in all his words most wonderful,  
 most sure in all his ways.

Words: John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

Music: *Gerontius* | John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM  
(11:00 AM only; 8:30 AM continues on p. 9)

*The Exhortation*

*Profession of the One Faith*

*Question* Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

*Answer* I will, with the Lord's help.

¶ *The People stand.*

*Minister* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

¶ *The Minister then says*

Let us join with *these Candidates* to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

*Minister* Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

*People* I do. I believe in God the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

*Minister* Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

*People* I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He 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.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Minister* Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

*People* I do. 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.

*Prayer for the Candidates*

¶ *The Minister prays, concluding with*

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

¶ *The People sit.*



*The Baptism*

\_\_\_\_, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

\_\_\_\_, do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, to fight bravely under his banner against the world, the flesh, and the devil, and to continue as his faithful soldier and servant to the end of your days. **Amen.**

*The Presentation*

**THE PRAYERS**

¶ *After the candidates have been presented, the Minister leads the People in prayer, the People kneeling or sitting.*

**OFFERTORY**

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

Aria from *Messiah*

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and gross darkness the people:

but the Lord shall arise upon thee,  
and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

And the Gentiles shall come to thy light,  
and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Words: Isaiah 60:2 & 3 | Music: G. F. Handel (1685–1759)

**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

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY



1. Lo! He comes with clouds descend - ing, once for  
 2. Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him robed in  
 3. Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
 4. Yea, A - men, let all a - dore thee, high on



fav - ored sin - ners slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sav - ior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
 naught and sold him, pierced and nailed him to the  
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
 power and glo - ry, claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,  
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia God ap - pears on earth to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Ev - er - last - ing God, come down!

Words: 1758 | Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Helmsley* | melody attr. Thomas Olivers (1725-1799) or Thomas Arne (1710-1778)  
 harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

## 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.*

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

James Vivian (b. 1974)

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## SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

ASSISTING MINISTER Polo Kim, *Minister to Internationals*

ELDERS 8:30 Mary Harvey

11:00 Geoffrey Raux, *Moderator-elect*

LAY READERS 8:30 Elizabeth Lohnes

11:00 Christina Vasko

ADVENT WREATH 8:30 The Young Family

11:00 The Spicuzza Family

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

The Park Street Orchestra

Jonathan VanderWoude, *baritone*

CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM 11:00 Adelaide Raux

*Staff directory: [parkstreet.org/about-us/staff](http://parkstreet.org/about-us/staff)*

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## COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

*“For he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.” Luke 1:49*

**Let us pray together...**

- That God would have mercy on his worldwide church and draw his people deeper into the fear and love of him.
- That God would fill the hungry with good things.
- That as he did with Abraham, God would make himself known to people throughout the world, and that we, his followers, would be encouraged in our proclamation of Jesus.
- Thanking God for the lives of Nora Englizian and Gary Hawkins—Park Street Church members, both of whom died the week of Thanksgiving—and praising God for the promise of resurrection through his son Jesus.

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Important Dates*

Tue, Dec 10 | 7:00 pm | Blue Christmas

Sun, Dec 15 | 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.)*

### **Second Sunday Meal**

#### **Today | after each service**

We enjoy a meal together after each service on the second Sunday every month. If you would like to help cook or serve, come down to the Fellowship Hall before the end of the service. You are most welcome!

### **The Men's Bible Study & Volunteers Needed**

#### **Wednesdays | 7:30–8:30 am | Common Room**

Come join us for Chick-Fil-A, coffee, and the Gospel. In addition, over the next few weeks, there is a need for volunteers after the study to help with some Lessons and Carols set up. Email [drake.richey@gmail.com](mailto:drake.richey@gmail.com) if you are interested.

### **A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols**

#### **Sun, Dec 15 | 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. Register for childcare: [parkstreet.org/announcements](http://parkstreet.org/announcements).

### **Blue Christmas**

#### **Tue, Dec 10 | 7 pm**

Blue Christmas is a service that acknowledges suffering and offers hope. Come worship with us in a service that is far from gloomy. We enjoy jazz music, we sing together, we hear the parable *Ragman* instead of a sermon and there's no offering collected. We also have a time for personal prayer for any who desire it. It is a wonderful service to invite seekers or non-seekers of all ages. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Chris May at [cmay@parkstreet.org](mailto:cmay@parkstreet.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONTINUED

### 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](http://parkstreet.org/newmembers).

*More information:* [parkstreet.org/announcements](http://parkstreet.org/announcements)

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

In life and ministry, we walk by faith, trusting that God will provide. About \$4.6 million of our nearly \$5.6 million budget (including ministry & operations and missions) comes from regular giving from you, and nearly 25% of our church's giving is done in December!

Please consider giving generously, not just to help us close out the year, but to help us grow and continue to proclaim the Gospel boldly in 2025 to a broken world that desperately needs it.

### **Ministry & Operations:**

Giving through December 1st was \$2 million, 6% below last year at this time. Year to date expenses are 4% below budget.

### **Missions:**

Giving through December 1st was \$1.1 million, 14% below last year at this time. Year to date expenses are 13% below budget.

—*The Finance & Administration Committee*

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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!

