



SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, January 12, 2025

*Sunday after the Epiphany of our Lord*

***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 Church celebrates the feast of Epiphany on January 6, directly after the season of Christmas-tide. Epiphany means "manifestation" or "revelation." In Christ, God has made himself known, not only to the Jews but to all peoples of the world. On Epiphany, the Western church points to the visit of the Magi, who were the first Gentiles to recognize Jesus as King, bowing down to worship him. In the Eastern church, the focus is on Christ's baptism, when all three persons of the Trinity testified that Jesus was the Son of God. Major themes of Epiphany are light, dawn, and Christ as the Morning Star.*

---

## THE PRELUDE

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

## INTROIT

(II AM)

Introit for Epiphany

Arise, shine, for thy light is come,  
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. *Alleluia.*

Words: Isaiah 60:1

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader* Blessed be the LORD God,  
and blessed be the Name of his majesty for ever.

*People* Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

*Leader* From the rising of the sun to its setting  
your Name will be great among the nations,

*People* And in every place incense will be offered in your Name.

*Leader* The Lord has shown forth his glory.

*People* O come, let us adore him.

## HYMN

### How Brightly Shines the Morning Star



1. How bright-ly shines the Morn-ing Star; the na - tions see and  
 2. Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a  
 3. Re - joice, ye heav'ns; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,



hail a - far the light in Ju - dah glo - rious.  
 pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;  
 fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.



O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and  
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -  
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy pow'r, ride on, ride on, great



Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:  
 phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;  
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.



Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,  
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it  
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.  
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.  
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words & Music: 1597 | Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)  
 para. William Mercer (1811-1873); harmony ca. 1730 | J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

# 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)

The Infant King

*Sing lullaby!* Lullaby baby, now reclining, *sing lullaby.*

Hush, do not wake the Infant King

Angels are watching, stars are shining

Over the place where he is lying. *Sing lullaby.*

*Sing lullaby!* Lullaby baby, now a-sleeping, *sing lullaby.*

Hush, do not wake the Infant King

Soon will come sorrow with the morning

Soon will come bitter grief and weeping. *Sing lullaby.*

*Sing lullaby!* Lullaby baby, now a-dozing, *sing lullaby.*

Hush, do not wake the Infant King

Soon comes the cross, the nails, the piercing

Then in the grave at last reposing. *Sing lullaby.*

*Sing lullaby!* Lullaby! is the babe a-waking? *Sing lullaby.*  
Hush, do not wake the Infant King  
Dreaming of Easter, gladsome morning,  
Conquering death, its bondage breaking. *Sing lullaby.*

Words: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834–1924) | Music: arr. David Willcocks (1919–2015)

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 60:1–9*

*pew Bible p. 619*

*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 206 Brightest and Best of the Son of the Morning

MORNING STAR

¶ *The People sit.*

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Matthew 2:1–12*

*pew Bible p. 807*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE GLORIA PATRI

¶ *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.**

¶ *Following the prayer, the People sit.*

## SERMON

The Great Light

Randall Wetzig

HYMN

*The People stand.*

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON



1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low  
 2. I want to see \_\_\_ the bright-ness of God. I want to look at  
 3. I'm look-ing for \_\_\_ the com-ing of Christ. I want to be with



Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of Right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and  
 Je - sus. When we have run \_\_\_ with pa-tience the race, we



star of my life \_\_\_ is Je - sus. In him there is no  
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 shall know the joy \_\_\_ of Je - sus.



dark-ness at all. The night and the day \_\_\_ are both a-like. The Lamb is the



light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

This hymn contains sixteen lines of poetry; each one is a direct reference to scripture.

Stanza 1	Refrain	Stanza 2	Stanza 3
1 Th 5:5; 1 Jn 1:7	1 Jn 1:5	Heb 1:3	Php 3:20; Rev 1:7
Mt 16:24	Ps 139:12	Rev 22:4	Rev 21:3-4
Jb 9:9	Rev 21:23	Mal 4:2; Jb 22:28	Heb 12:1(2)
Rev 22:16	2 Cor 4:6	Jn 14: 5-14	Jn 16:22-24

Words and Music: 1966, Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934 (tune name: Houston)

Words and music © 1970, 1975, Celebration. Reprinted under OneLicense no. A-721487

## 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.*

Trio from *Christus*

F. Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Say, where is he born the king of Judea,  
for we have seen his star, and are come to adore him.

## 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

Nº 226 As With Gladness Men of Old

DIX

## 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.*

Epilogue on “As with Gladness”

W. H. Harris (1883–1973)

---



## SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

PREACHING MINISTER Randall Wetzig, *Assistant Minister*

ASSISTING MINISTER Polo Kim, *Minister to Internationals*

ELDER CANDIDATE Andrew Buckler

LAY READERS 8:30 Mike Ahearn

11:00 Christine Vasko

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

Daniel Schmunk, *tenor*

Jonathan VanderWoude, *baritone*

Dean Blackette, *bass*

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

---

## COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

*“This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.”*

*Ephesians 3:11 & 12*

### Let us pray together...

- For God’s blessing on our missionaries Greg and Amy as they return overseas and use their professional expertise to help the scriptures become accessible to the people of the Middle East and North Africa.
- That God would enable us as part of the wider church in Boston to be his light in this city.
- For the Park Street International Fellowship, that internationals would find a welcoming community here and be enabled to experience and share the gospel in word and deed.

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

---

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Missionary Receptions for Greg and Amy**

Today | after each service | *Terrace Room*

Join us in sending off PSC missionaries Greg and Amy, as they are preparing to return to their ministry in the Middle East and North Africa.

### **Library Book Sale to Support Our Missionaries**

The church library is planning a book sale this spring. We encourage you to bring your gently used Christian books to the library to include in the sale; all proceeds will go toward gift cards for our missionaries.

### **DivorceCare**

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

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

---

---

*Jesus Above All*

---

## 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!

