

Welcome

SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

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

***Welcome** to Park Street Church! We're glad you're worshipping 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 PRELUDE

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

Representation of Chaos *from Creation*

J. Haydn (1732–1809)

INTROIT (8:30 & 11 AM)

Recit *from Creation*

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth;
and the earth was without form, and void;
and darkness was upon the face of the deep.

And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters;
and God said, let there be light, and there was light.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 119

Leader O LORD, your word endures for ever; it stands fast in the heavens.

People Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another;
you have laid the foundation of the earth, and it abides.

Leader I am yours; O save me! For I have sought your commandments.

People My lips shall pour forth your praise.

Leader Surely my tongue shall sing of your word.

HYMN

Nº 76 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

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 daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
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

Infant Dedication (11 am)

ANTHEM

(8:30 AM)

¶ *The People stand and may sing the bold text, sitting afterward.*

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path,
For my love is often cold: he must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast,
for my Savior loves me so. He will hold me fast.*

Those he saves are his delight: Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost, his promises shall last;
Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast. (*Chorus*)

For my life he bled and died: Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied: he will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last. (*Chorus, sung twice*)

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THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 10:21–29

pew Bible p. 53

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 38 Immortal, Invisible

ST. DENIO

¶ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON


John 1:1–14

pew Bible p. 886


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

Turn Your Face to the 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.

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.*

Aria from *Messiah*

Come unto him, all ye that labor,
come unto him that are heavy laden, and he will give you rest.
Take his yoke upon you, and learn of him,
for he is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Words: Matthew 11:28, 29 | 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

Nº 521 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

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.*

Short Fanfare II

Eric Thiman (1900–1975)

SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

PREACHER Randall Wetzig, *Assistant Minister*

ASSISTING MINISTER Leonard Mosiah, *Minister to Youth*

ELDERS 8:30 Geoffrey Raux, *Moderator*

11:00 Mary Harvey

LAY READERS 8:30 Elizabeth Lohnes

11:00 Margaret Diffenderfer

MUSICIANS Jessica Kelley, *soprano*

Heather Hutter, *voice*

INFANT DEDICATION Ezra Leavitt, *son of Timothy & Sarah*

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

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

"But Moses implored the Lord his God..." Exodus 32:11

Let us pray together...

- For our Wednesday morning Men's Bible Study, that through it men of our church would grow as disciples of Jesus.
- For the upcoming Global Mission Conference, that as we look at our church's history of participating in God's worldwide mission, we would be empowered by the Holy Spirit to step out in faith.
- For our missionaries Tom & Michelle, for wisdom and strength as they continue to be a witness to young adults in Central Asia.

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

DID YOU KNOW...?

The theme for the Global Mission Conference 2025 is “Looking Back, Moving Forward,” and as we approach the conference, we would like to share some interesting facts each week from our two hundred-year history of missions at Park Street Church...

Eleanor Wilson, our missionary to the Marshall Islands from 1937 to 1960, depended on water transport to visit the far-flung islands of her parish. This included at least one ship with the moniker *Morning Star*; ships bearing that name were in use by missionaries in the South Pacific beginning in 1856, when the first one sailed out of Boston Harbor. By 1956, another ship was needed to replace the aging *Morning Star VI*, and a candidate was found in Okinawa. Henry van Baay—a long-time member of Park Street Church and a yacht builder from Marblehead—flew to Japan to make it ready for Eleanor’s use. How gracious is God to have used the Wilson family and Henry van Baay both in their missionary service and later in their generosity. (The Wilsons donated their home in Cambridge, which we use as a base of operations for college ministry and to house students; the carriage house on the property was later rebuilt with funds given by Henry van Baay into a secondary residence to provide housing for international students.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

More details at parkstreet.org/everything

* Indicates childcare available. Preregistration may be required.

Today

Sunday Worship* | 8:30 am, 11 am, & 4 pm | *Sanctuary*

Sunday School in Regions* | 9:45 am | *Welcome Center, Granary, & Common Rooms*

Children's Choir, Sunday School, and Youth | 9:45 am | *Various Rooms*

All-Church Lunch | 12:30 pm | *Granary Room*

Park Street International Fellowship | 1:30 pm | *Fellowship Hall*

This Week

Morning Prayer | Weekdays, 8:30 am | parkstreet.org/morningprayer

ESL Classes & Activities* | Tue, Wed, & Thu | *Various Rooms*

Café Young Adults | Tue & Wed, 7 pm | *Welcome Center*

The Men's Bible Study | Wed, 7:30 am | *Common Room*

Woman's Benevolent Society | Wed, 10 am | *Granary Room*

Life Together Women's Bible Study | Wed, 10 am | *Terrace Room*

Home Ministry Outreach Meals | Thu, 5:45 pm & Sat, 8:30 am | *Fellowship Hall*

Friendship Bible Study | Thu, 7 pm | *Sky Room*

Expressive Arts Workshop | Fri, 7 pm | *Common Room*

Youth Group | Fri, 7 pm | *Youth Room*

Friday Family Night | Fri, 7 pm | *Various Rooms*

All-Church Prayer | Sat, 8:30–9:30 am | *Zoom*

Haitian ESL Classes | Sat, 9:30 am | *Granary Room & Common Room*

Other Small Groups and Bible Studies | Various Times | See parkstreet.org/groups

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Above
All

General

All-Church Lunch | Today | 12:30 pm | *Fellowship Hall*

Take this chance to get to know others from across the church as we gather after the 11am service for lunch. If you'd like to help cooking on Saturday or serving on Sunday, email hospitality@parkstreet.org.

Tweens Hayride and Bonfire | Sat, Oct 18 | *Krochmal Farms, Tewksbury*

Join us for a hayride, bonfire, and s'mores. Cost is \$40, with scholarships available. Register on Church Center by October 12 (today) and invite a friend!

Family Pumpkin Carving | Sat, Oct 25 | *Larz Anderson Park*

Join us for our 5th annual outdoor pumpkin carving meet-up. Register early on Church Center as we have limited pumpkins.

Harp & Organ Concert | Sun, Oct 26 | 12:30 pm | *Sanctuary*

Join harpist Chaerin Kim and Director of Music Nathan Skinner for a brief (30 mins) concert. As the people of Israel did when God delivered them through the Red Sea, we will respond to God's great works of salvation with music.

New Members Class | Sundays, Oct 19, 26, & Nov 2, 12:30–4 pm | *Granary Room*

Join us three Sundays for lunch and an exploration of the community life, theological convictions, expression of worship, and mission of Park Street Church. Register at parkstreet.org/everything by Oct 14.

Join the Nursery Team

Serving just once a month helps provide a safe, welcoming space for our youngest members while giving parents the chance to worship with peace of mind. Email Stephanie (sverrengia@parkstreet.org).

4th Trimester Ministry

The 4th Trimester Ministry at Park Street Church supports moms in the first months after birth, or after a loss, with home visits, warm meals, small gifts, and encouragement. Contact Lisa (Istankee@gmail.com) or Stephanie (sverrengia@parkstreet.org) if you'd like support or would like to volunteer to support others.

Dyslexia-Friendly Bibles Available

The church has received a donated set of dyslexia-friendly ESV Bibles. If you or someone you know would benefit from one of these Bibles, please contact Pastor Randall Wetzig (rwetzig@parkstreet.org).

Urbana 25 Missions Conference | Dec 28–Jan 1 | Phoenix, AZ

Experience this transformative, triennial missions conference with other Park Streeters. Learn more at parkstreet.org/everything or talk to David Heckendorn (Director of International Student Ministry House), Polo Kim (Minister to Internationals), or Leonard Mosiah (Minister to Youth).

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!



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