

Service of Worship

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, November 23, 2025

Sunday Next Before 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 PRELUDE

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

INTROIT (II AM)

Jesu, Lead My Footsteps Ever

Jesu, lead my footsteps ever; ever all my senses guide. From all ills my doings sever; put all else than thee aside! Jesu let thy grace attend me; from all evil e'er defend me.

Words: Picander, translated by C. S. Terry | Music: J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

Leader O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious, and his mercy endures for ever.

People Remember me, O LORD,
according to the favor that you show to your people;
O visit me with your salvation.

Leader We have sinned like our fathers;
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.
Our fathers disregarded your wonders in Egypt
and rebelled by the Red Sea, yet he saved them for his Name's sake,
that he might make his power known.

People Deliver us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations; that we may give thanks to your holy Name and glory in your praise.

HYMN

Nº 98 Now Thank We All Our God

Nun Dankett Alle Gott

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

The Presentation of New Members

ANTHEM (II AM)

The Lord is My Shepherd from Requiem

The Lord is my Shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me; Thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Words: Psalm 23 | Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 15:22-16:8, 17:1-7

pew Bible p. 57

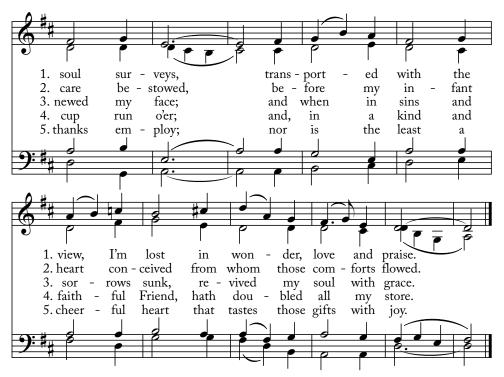
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN

 \P A Minister prays for the Children. The People stand; Children are dismissed to Children's Church during the hymn.





6. Through every period of my life thy goodness I'll pursue, and after death, in distant worlds, the glorious theme renew.

7. Through all eternity, to thee a joyful song I'll raise; for, oh, eternity's too short to utter all thy praise!

Words: 1712 | Joseph Addison (1672-1719) Music: Contemplation | Frederick A. G. Ouseley (1825-1889)

¶ The People sit.

THE SECOND LESSON

John 6:32-58

pew Bible p. 891

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

Heavenly Provision

Adam Herndon

HYMN

¶ The People stand.

Nº 598 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

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

 \P 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

Nº 715 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

St. George's Windsor

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.

Marche Triomphale: Now Thank We All Our God S. Karg-Elert (1877–1933)

SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, Senior Minister
Nathan Skinner, Director of Music

PREACHER Adam Herndon, Minister of Discipleship

Elders 8:30 Jake Lubinski

11:00 Richard Ibekwe

Lay Readers 8:30 Margaret Diffenderfer

11:00 Roselle Heckendorn

Musicians The Sanctuary Choir; Daniel Schmunk, Director of Choral Music

Nancy Dimock, *oboe* Angelina Savoia, *harp*

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

NEW MEMBERS

Each of these candidates has been elected to membership at a meeting of the Membership Committee, and is today presented to the Congregation in accordance with our Bylaws.

Joining at 8:30 am

Samaila Ayuba Deborah S. Lee

Andrew S. Hwang

Joining at 11 am

Sam Bigus Aidan Perez
Stephen Gadomski Jinwoo Shin
Ethlyn Ottley Greydanus Harry Tong
Mary Parker Johnstone Gabriëlle Tong
Aubri Jones Cynthia Torjesen
Matthew Jones Shaylen M. Vitale
Monica G. Murdy Stephen J. Wheeler

Peter W. Murdy Jonathan Hejunnan Zhangxu

Julie Patterson Fengyuan Rena Zhou

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

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

Let us pray together...

- Thanking God for his faithfulness to this church for over two centuries, and to the worldwide Church for many more.
- That God would increase our love for each other and our wisdom and ability to care for those in our community who are suffering.
- For our missionaries around the globe, that they would be rooted and grounded in the love of God.
- For the city of Boston, that its leaders would receive wisdom from God that would lead to the flourishing of its people.

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

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
Children's Choir, Sunday School, and Youth | 9:45 am | Various Rooms
Adult Sunday School in Regions | 9:45 am | Terrace, Granary, & Welcome Center
Park Street International Fellowship | 12:30 pm | Fellowship Hall
College Students Lunch | 12:30 pm | Common Room
Final 4 pm Service & Celebration | 4 pm | Sanctuary & Welcome Center

This Week

Morning Prayer | Weekdays, 8:30 am (incl. Thurs) | parkstreet.org/morningprayer ESL Classes & Activities* | Tue & Wed | Various Rooms

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

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

Home Ministry Outreach Meal | Sat, 8:30 am | Fellowship Hall

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

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

General

Final 4 pm Service and Celebration

The final 4 pm service will be this afternoon at 4 pm, with a reception to follow. Join us as we celebrate what God has done through the evening services over the years.

Women's Ministry Advent Gathering | Sat, Dec 6, 1:30 pm | Welcome Center Come make Advent wreaths from fresh greens, write Christmas cards to Home Ministry participants, drink tea, munch snacks, and enjoy a message about the deeper meaning of Advent. Register for the gathering on Church Center. Childcare is available for children ages 0-4.

Blue Christmas | Tue, Dec 9, 7 pm | Sanctuary

Blue Christmas is a service that acknowledges suffering and offers hope, filled with music, a parable, and personal prayer for any who desire it.

Newcomers Lunch | Sun, Dec 14, 12:30 pm | Granary Room

If you're new to Park Street and considering making it your home church, welcome! Bring your questions about the church and meet some of our leaders as we enjoy good food together. Please RSVP by emailing new@parkstreet.org.

Festival of Lessons and Carols | Sun, Dec 14, 7 pm | Sanctuary

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 with music by the Sanctuary Choir and Park Street Orchestra, and hymns sung by the congregation. Come early to get a seat. Register for childcare on Church Center.

Clothing for Home Ministry Guests

We are seeking gently used and new adult winter clothing for our unhoused neighbors. Go to parkstreet.org/clothingdonations for a complete list and Amazon Wishlist and email cityengagement@parkstreet.org for drop-off of bulk donations.

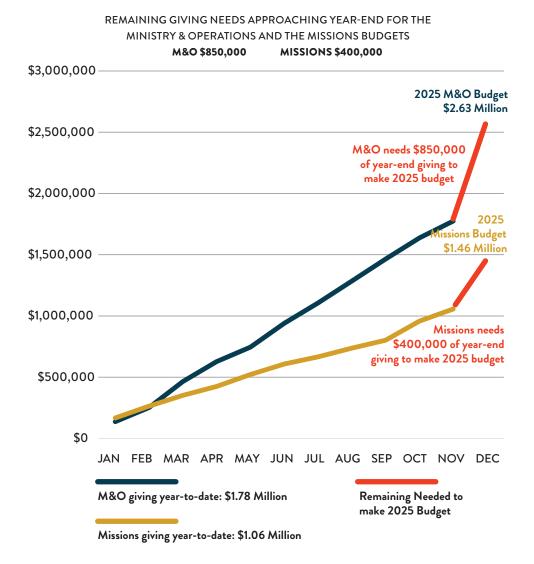
Urbana 25 Missions Conference | Dec 28 - Jan 1 | Phoenix, AZ

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

2025 YEAR-END BUDGET UPDATE

During the last weeks of the year our congregation's Ministry & Operations (M&O) and Missions giving is hoped to be \$850,000 for M&O and \$400,000 for Missions. While the remaining need may seem daunting, take heart; it is typical for 30% or more of the annual budgets to be funded by our gifts given in the last several weeks of the year.

Please pray, remembering that each of us should give sacrificially as we are able, and that God loves a cheerful giver. Remember that gifts intended for Missions must be specifically designated as such. The accompanying chart illustrates the situation.



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 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!