

*Looking Moving
back forward*
GLOBAL MISSION CONFERENCE 2025

SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, November 9, 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.*

INTROIT

(II AM)

Nation Shall Speak Peace Unto Nation

Nation shall speak peace unto nation.

It is their prayer that good seed sown,
may bring forth good harvest.

Words: adapt. from Micah 4:3 and Matt. 13:24ff | Music: 1982, Barry Rose (b. 1934)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 67

Leader May God be merciful unto us, and bless us,
and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us.

People **Let all the peoples praise you, O God.**

Leader Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.

People **Let all the peoples praise you, O God.**

Leader O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you shall judge the peoples righteously, and govern
the nations upon earth.

People **Let all the peoples praise you, O God.**

HYMN

Nº 347 The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

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

ANTHEM

(8:30 AM)

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that Your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

*Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.*

Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.
God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Words: Psalm 67, ESV | Music: The Corner Room, Adam Wright

(11 AM)

Chorus from the Oratorio *St. Paul*

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the Gospel of peace!
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

Words: Romans 10:15, 18 | Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

THE LESSON

Acts 4:1–12

pew Bible p. 911

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.*

Ye That Know the Lord is Gracious

HYFRYDOL



1. Ye that know the Lord is gracious,
ye for whom a cornerstone
stands, of God elect and precious,
laid that ye may build thereon,
see that on that sure foundation
ye a living temple raise,
towers that may tell forth salvation,
walls that may re-echo praise.
2. Living stones, by God appointed
each to his allotted place,
kings and priests, by God anointed,
shall ye not declare his grace?
Ye, a royal generation,
tell the tidings of your birth,
tidings of a new creation
to an old and weary earth.
3. Tell the praise of him who called you
out of darkness into light,
broke the fetters that enthralled you,
gave you freedom, peace and sight:
tell the tale of sins forgiven,
strength renewed and hope restored,
till the earth, in tune with heaven,
praise and magnify the Lord.

Words: 1950 | Cyril A. Alington (1872-1955)

Music: *Hyfrydol* 1855 | Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887) 87. 87. D

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¶ *The People sit.*

THE PSALM

118: 14–26

pew Bible p. 511

¶ *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

“You Must Be Crazy!”

Stuart Foster

HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

№ 437 O God, to Us Show Mercy

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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.*

Fantasy Piece No. 1

Niels Gade (1817–1819)

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

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till

all the world a-dore his sa-cred Name. *Fine*

1. Come, breth-ren, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,
 2. O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,
 3. Let ev-ery race and ev-ery lan-guage tell
 4. So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be:

our king vic-tor-ious, Christ the Son of God
 as thou hast prom-ised, draw the world to thee.
 of him who saves our souls from death and hell.
 praise to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry! *Repeat Refrain*

Words: 1887 | George W. Kitchin (1827-1912)
 alt. 1916 | Michael R. Newbolt (1874-1956)
 Music: *Crucifer*, 1916 | Sydney H. Nicholson (1875-1947)

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.

Lift High the Cross

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

PREACHER Stuart Foster, *staff missionary*
ASSISTING MINISTER Leonard Mosiah, *Minister to Youth*

ELDER David Murgatroyd

LAY READER Sindia Foster, *staff missionary*

PRAYER Jim Zvara, *staff missionary*

MISSIONARY PANEL Deborah Bliss, Jacquelyn Friberg, Carolyn Cummings

MUSICIANS The Sanctuary Choir; Daniel Schmunk, *Director of Choral Music*
 Hannah Tam, *clarinet*
 Ashley Schumacher, *voice*
 Samuel Bigus, *upright bass*

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

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.’” Matthew 9:36–38

Let us pray together...

- For our Global Mission Conference that the Holy Spirit would guide us in how to join in God’s mission in the world.
- For those around the world who have never heard the good news of Jesus the Christ, including those in people groups with no Bible in their language.
- For Christians around the world who are facing persecution, that God would strengthen their faith, deliver them from dangers, and give them daily joy in his presence.
- That the Lord would send out laborers into his harvest.

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 | *Sanctuary*

GMC25 Missions Market | 8 am–4 pm | *Ockenga Lobby*

Adult Sunday School in Regions | 9:45 am | *Terrace, Granary, & Fellowship Hall*

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

GMC25 Children's Drama Performance | 12:30 pm | *Sanctuary*

Park Street International Fellowship | 12:30 pm | *Fellowship Hall*

College Student Lunch | 12:30 pm | *Sky Room*

GMC25 All-Church Prayer for Missions and Dinner | 4 pm | *Sanctuary*

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 | *Welcome Center*

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*

GMC25 Dinner & A Story | Fri, 6 pm | *Welcome Center & Fellowship Hall*

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

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

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

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

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

General

Youth Friendsgiving | Fri, Nov 21, 7 pm | *Westgate Church, Weston, MA*

Join us for "Friendsgiving," a Thanksgiving celebration centered on our friendships in Christ, hosted with other churches. Register on Church Center.

Clothing for Home Ministry Guests

We are seeking gently used and new adult clothing for our unhoused neighbors (120-150 guests at Home ministry twice a week). Priority is for winter clothing: hats, gloves, coats, pants, boots and shoes, thermals. Go to parkstreet.org/clothingdonations for a complete list and Amazon Wishlist. To coordinate drop-off or to discuss bulk donations please email as at cityengagement@parkstreet.org.

GLOBAL MISSION CONFERENCE 2025

November 9–16

Today as our Global Mission Conference begins, we declare the wonderous works of God that he has allowed our church to be a part of for the last 200+ years. As we take this opportunity to “look back” at our rich missions history, it will be with a view toward “moving forward” to carry the Gospel into the next century. The full schedule and more details are available on the Global Mission Conference page of our website.

Highlighted Events

Children’s Drama

Today, our Sunday School children will present “The Morning Star,” a play about Park Street Church’s partnership with the Hawaiian church to reach the islands of Micronesia. This will take place in the sanctuary following the 11:00 service and will end around 1pm.

Missions Market

A market of trinkets from around the world and paintings by Sam Thompson, longtime supporter of Park Street Missions, is on display in the Ockenga Lobby today from 8am until 4pm with suggested donation amounts listed. All proceeds go to the Missions Budget.

All-Church Prayer for Missions* | Sun, Nov 9, 4 pm | *Sanctuary*

Join us today for a moving evening of prayer and worship, as we highlight the past 200+ years of Park Street’s missions history, and pray for God to continue the work that He started through us as we move forward to live on mission. Stay around afterwards to enjoy pizza and fellowship!

Dinner and a Story | Fri, Nov 14, 6 pm | *Welcome Center*

Join us for an evening of storytelling from Park Street’s rich missions history. Also enjoy a delicious ethnic meal. The meal begins at 6pm and the program at 7pm. Register on Church Center for the meal, which costs \$15.

Daily Devotional

Park Street retired missionaries share their insights and encouragement for us as we seek to live on mission. Sign up on the website (parkstreet.org/missions/gmc2025) to receive the special conference devotional and you’ll receive it in your inbox from Nov 9 to 16.

All-Church Breakfast and Lunch |
Sun, Nov 16, 9:45 am & 12:30 pm | *Fellowship Hall*

Gather around a home-style meal as together we consider our part in God's global mission.

Daily Devotional

Park Street retired missionaries share their insights and encouragement for us as we seek to live on mission. Sign up on the GMC25 website (parkstreet.org/missions/gmc2025) to receive the special GMC25 Devotional and you'll receive it in your inbox from Nov 9 to 16.

Other gatherings that will have a GMC focus this week include: Sunday School in Regions, College Students Lunch, PSIF, Morning Prayer, Café, WBS, Men's Bible Study, and Youth Group.

We'd love to have your help with these and other events!
Volunteer at parkstreet.org/everything.

ABOUT TODAY'S PREACHER

Stuart Foster and his wife Sindia met while serving in Park Street Church's college ministry; they were married at Park Street and currently serve as Park Street missionaries in Mozambique, focusing on Bible translation and theological education.

Stuart and a Lomwe team translated the whole Bible into Lomwe (*LOM-way*), published in 2017. He is currently a Bible translation consultant with the Sociedade Bíblica de Moçambique, responsible for two translation teams and for developing a Study Bible in Lomwe.

His degrees are from Harvard College, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and the University of Stellenbosch. His book in English is *Highly Favoured: Our God's Powerful Covenant With You*.

Jesus
Above
All

DID YOU KNOW...?

As a part of this year's Global Mission Conference, we are sharing facts each week from our two hundred-year history of missions at Park Street...

God has used Park Street Church throughout its 216 years to instruct, commission, send, and support more than 460 missionaries and their families in nearly 100 countries on 6 continents. They have engaged in construction, evangelism, literature distribution, theological education, Bible translation, church planting, professional development, radio broadcasting, relief aid, leprosy ministry, children's/youth and family ministry, ministry to young professionals, and prison ministry. They have established schools and Bible colleges, orphanages, medical clinics and hospitals, and served as grade school teachers, English teachers, pastors, mission administrators, surgeons, nurses, linguistic consultants, airplane pilots, and ship captains.

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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