



SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, December 14, 2025

The Third 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 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 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.

THE PRELUDE

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

Overture to *Paulus* "Sleepers, Wake!"

F. Mendelssohn (1809–1837)

Mendelssohn's oratorio on the life of St. Paul begins with a grand fantasia on today's opening hymn *Sleepers, Wake*. God's conversion of Paul (formerly Saul, persecutor of the Church) was uniquely consequential and glorious, iconic of the awakening of the whole world from spiritual death unto life, because through this man (who had been an enemy of God but was made *Apostle to the Gentiles*) all the nations were called to *wake up* to a life awaiting Christ's return.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

¶ *Immediately when the candle is lit, the People stand.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 12

Leader The LORD is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.

People Therefore we shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.

Leader Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his name.

People Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

HYMN

Sleepers, Wake

WACHET AUF



1. "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice a-stounds us, the shout of ram-part -
2. Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing; her heart with joy - ful
3. Lamb of God, the heav'ns a - dore you; let saints and an - gels



guards sur - rounds us: "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
 hope is spring - ing, she wakes and hur - ries through the night.
 sing be - fore — you, as harps and cym - bals swell the sound.



Mid - night's peace their cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons
 Forth he comes, her Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in
 Twelve great pearls, the ci - ty's por - tals: Through them we stream to



clear - ly spo - ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 truth vic - to - rious her star is risen, her light grows bright.
 join the im - mor - tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.



Rise up, and give us light; the Bride-groom is in sight. Al-le - lu - ia!
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate Word, Al-le - lu - ia!
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de - light: Al-le - lu - ia!



Your lamps pre - pare and has - ten there, that you the wedding feast may share."
 We fol - low all and heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 There - fore we sing to greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

Words: 1597 | Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

trans. 1982 | Carl P. Daw (b. 1944)

Music: *Wachet Auf*, 1597 | Philipp Nicolai

harm. 1731 | J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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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

ANTHEM

(8:30 AM)

Light of the World

The world waits for a miracle; the heart longs for a little bit of hope:
O come, O come, Emmanuel.
A child prays for peace on earth, and she's calling out from a sea of hurt:
O come, O come, Emmanuel. And can you hear the angels singing:

Glory to the light of the world
Glory, the light of the world is here.

The drought breaks with the tears of a mother;
a baby's cry is the sound of love:
Come down, come down, Emmanuel.
He is the song for the suffering,
he is Messiah. the Prince of Peace will come.
He will come, Emmanuel.

For all who wait, for all who hunger,
For all who've prayed, for all who wonder:
Behold your King. Behold Messiah, Emmanuel.

Words & Music: Lauren Daigle, Paul Duncan, and Paul Mabury

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(II AM)

Veiled in Darkness

Veiled in darkness Judah lay,
waiting for the promised day,
while across the shadowy night
streamed a flood of glorious light,
heav'nly voices chanting then,
"Peace on earth, good will to men."

Still the earth in darkness lies.
Up from death's dark vale arise
voices of a world in grief,
prayers of men who seek relief:
now our darkness pierce again!
"Peace on earth, good will to men."

Light of light, we humbly pray,
shine upon thy world today;
break the gloom of our dark night,
fill our souls with love and light,
send thy blessed Word again,
"Peace on earth, good will to men."

Words: 1915 | Douglas L. Rights (1891–1956)

Music: 1998 | Glenn L. Rudolph (b. 1951)

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 22:21–23:9

pew Bible p. 63

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.*

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

WINCHESTER NEW

1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2. Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; make
 3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee whose

1. noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake, and heark - en,
 2. straight the way for God with - in; and let each heart pre -
 3. ref - uge, and our great re - ward. With - out thy grace we
 4. bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5. ad - vent sets thy peo - ple free, whom, with the Fa - ther,

1. for he brings glad tid - ings from the King of kings!
 2. pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3. waste a - way, like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4. light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5. we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winifred Douglas (1867-1944)
 after John Chandler (1806-1876)

Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, 1690
 harm. W. H. Monk (1823-1889)

¶ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:8-14

pew Bible p. 948

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

Consecrated Living

Mark Booker

HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

№ 565 All for Jesus

WYCLIFF

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.*

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 320 Rejoice All Ye Believers

LANCASHIRE

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.*

March Upon Handel's "*Lift Up Your Heads*"

A. Guilmant (1837–1911)

SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

ASSISTING MINISTER Randall Wetzig, *Assistant Minister*

ELDERS 8:30 Mary Harvey
 11:00 Geoffrey Raux, *moderator*

LAY READERS 8:30 Alex Ichimura
 11:00 Jill VanderWoude

ADVENT WREATH 8:30 The White Family

MUSICIANS The Sanctuary Choir; Daniel Schmunk, *Director of Choral Music*
 Ashley Shumacher, *voice*
 Sam Bigus, *upright bass*
 Simon Chang, *piano*

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

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

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

Let us pray together...

- For the fulfillment of God's kingdom: "Come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev 22.20)
- That as we remember how our Lord came to us as a little baby, we would know how to come in humility to those around us he has called us to love.
- For those in our congregation who mourn the loss of a loved one and for whom Advent and Christmas are especially difficult.
- That the Lord would lead us as we consider how to join in his worldwide mission, particularly for those who may be considering joining a short-term mission next year.

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*

Children's Choir & Sunday School | 9:45 am | *Sky Room*

Children's Church & Nursery | 8:30 am & 11 am | *Various Rooms*

Adult Sunday School in Regions | 9:45 am | *Terrace, Granary, & Welcome Center*

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

Newcomers Lunch | 12:30 pm | *Granary Room*

Festival of Lessons & Carols | 7 pm | *Sanctuary*

This Week

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

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*

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

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

Upcoming Services

Tonight	7 pm	A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
Tue, Dec 24	5 & 7 pm	Christmas Eve Services
Sun, Dec 28	11 am	Worship Service <i>No 8:30 service, no Sunday School or Children's Church.</i> <i>Nursery is available for ages 0-4.</i>
Sun, Jan 4	11 am	Communion Service <i>No 8:30 service, no Sunday School.</i> <i>Children's Choir and Children's Church will meet.</i> <i>Nursery available for ages 0-4</i>

General

Art Fellowship Exhibition | Today through Dec 21 | Ockenga Lobby

View the creative gifts of our unhoused participants from Home ministry as well as the volunteers who have created art beside them throughout the past semester.

Perspectives of the World Christian Movement | Beginning Jan 2026

Perspectives is a 15-week class that is awakening the Body of Christ to pursue the fulfillment of God's global purpose for His glory. Classes begin Jan 2026 in Somerville, Andover, and Lynnfield. Visit perspectives.org for more.

Annual Meeting 2026 | Wed, Feb 25, 2026 | Sanctuary

More details will be available in the coming weeks.

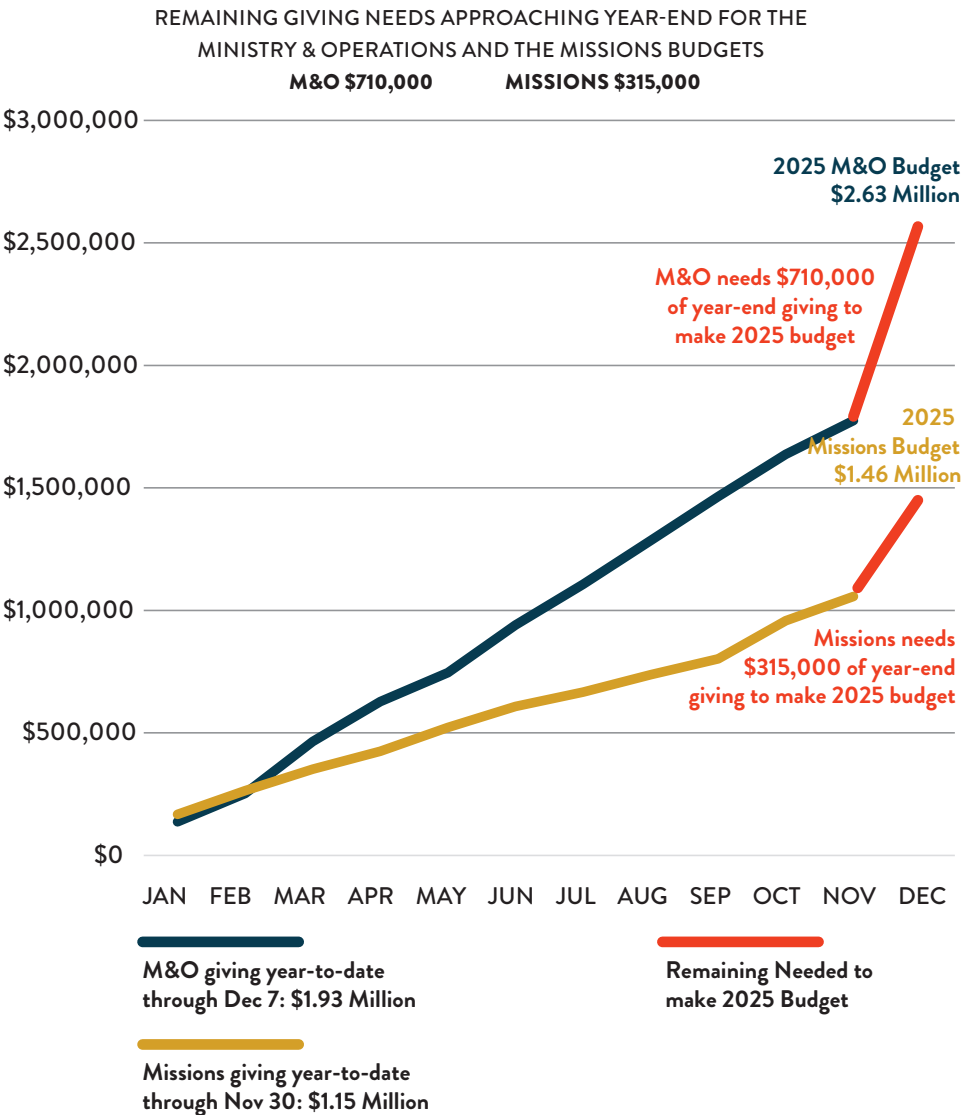
Early Morning Women's Bible Study

A small group of women is looking to form a Women's Bible Study that meets before working hours, beginning in the new year. If you're interested in joining, please email womensministry@parkstreet.org.

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 \$710,000 for M&O and \$315,000 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.



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!

