



SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, December 28, 2025

The First Sunday of Christmastide

***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 pилcrow 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.*

White and gold are the colors of the twelve-day season of Christmastide, during which the Church observes an extended celebration of Christ's Incarnation.

THE PRELUDE

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

In Dulci Jubilo

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

¶ *Immediately at the end of the Prelude, the People stand.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 98

Leader The Lord has shown his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

People All the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

Leader Alleluia! Unto us a child is born.

People O come, let us adore him. Alleluia!

HYMN

Nº 207 Good Christian Men, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

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

HYMN

¶ *The People stand for the hymn, sitting afterward.*

Nº 214 Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:10–62:5

pew Bible p. 621

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 201 O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

¶ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

John 1:1–18

pew Bible p. 886

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

Full of Grace and Truth

Randall Wetzig

HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

Nº 162 Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

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.*

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Dale Wood (1934–2003)

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 195 Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

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.*

Toccata on *He Is Born the Divine Christ Child*

Denis Bedard (b. 1950)

SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

PREACHER Randall Wetzig, *Assistant Minister*

ASSISTING MINISTER Adam Herndon, *Minister of Discipleship*

ELDERS Andrew Buckler

LAY READER Sam Beverage

MUSICIAN Jennifer Velázquez, *guest organist*

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

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:5

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* | 11 am | *Sanctuary*

Nursery | 11 am | *Nursery*

This Week

Morning Prayer | Weekdays, 8:30 am (except Jan 1) | *parkstreet.org/morningprayer*

Home Ministry Outreach Meals | Thu, 5:45 pm & 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*

Upcoming Service

Sun, Jan 4 | 11 am

Communion Service

No 8:30 service, no Sunday School.

Children's Choir and Children's Church will meet.

Nursery available for ages 0–4

General

2026 Candidate Slate Published

The Church Clerk, Margaret Sloat, sent an email publishing the slate of members who have been nominated for elder, officer, and Nominating Committee positions in 2026. We encourage you to review it in advance of the Annual Meeting (Wed, Feb 25). There are paper copies available at the back of the Sanctuary. Please visit parkstreet.org/candidates to view the slate online.

New Members Class | Sun, Jan 25, Feb 1, 8, 12:30 pm | *Granary Room*

Interested in learning more about the church? Join us three Sundays for lunch and an exploration of our community life, theological convictions, and unique priorities. Register by Jan 18 on Church Center.

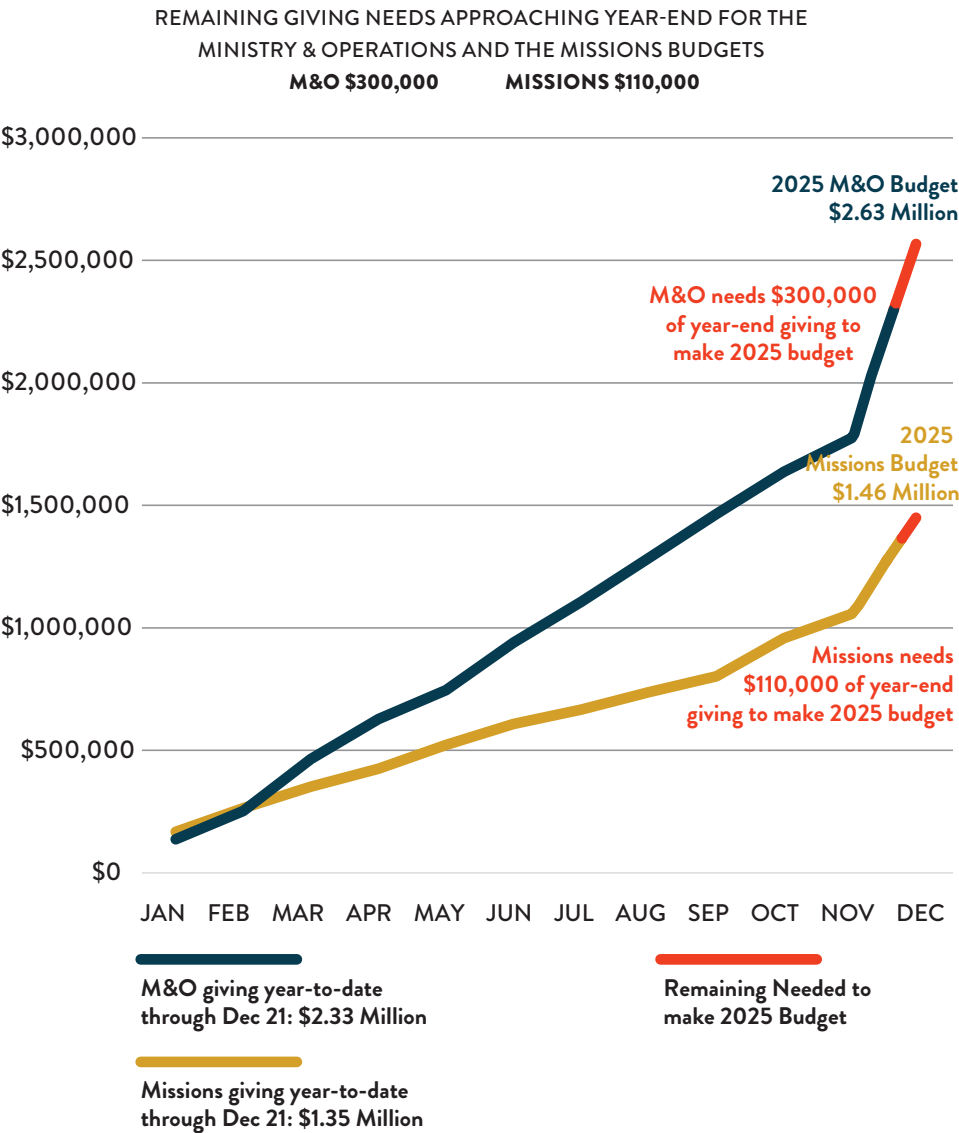
Save the Date for the Women's Day Retreat

Join us on Sat, Feb 7 from 9:00 am–4:00 pm at Glastonbury Abbey. We will connect as a community and grow deeper in the Lord together. Scholarships, rideshares, and childcare for young children will be available. Register on Church Center. Hope to see you there.

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!



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