



SERVICE *of* HOLY COMMUNION

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, December 7, 2025

*The Second 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.*

*Purple is the traditional color of preparation and penitence, and is used during Advent and Lent. Purple was historically the color of kings (the dye was extremely costly) so the color also emphasizes the royalty of Christ Jesus (cf. John 19).*

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## THE PRELUDE

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

Adagio-Allegro-Adagio, from *Concerto Grosso in G minor*     A. Corelli (1653–1713)

## INTROIT (II AM)

*O Antiphons V. O Oriens*

*O Oriens: O Radiant Dawn,  
Brightest of light everlasting.  
Son of Righteousness: come and shine,  
Shine upon those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.  
Ah, come.*

Words: Traditional | Music: 2022, Carol Barnett (b. 1949) commissioned by Park Street Church

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

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 120*

*Leader* When I was in trouble I called upon the Lord, and he answered me.

*People* Deliver us, O Lord.

*Leader* My soul has long dwelt among those who are enemies of peace.  
I labor for peace, but when I speak to them of it,  
they make themselves ready for battle.

*People* Deliver us, O Lord. Send us the Prince of Peace.

### HYMN

Nº 324 Christ is Coming!

NEANDER

### INVOCATION & 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

(II AM)

### Chorus *from Messiah*

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:  
and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor,  
The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace!

Words: Isaiah 9:6 | Music: G. F. Handel (1685–1759)

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Exodus 20:1–17*

*pew Bible p. 61*

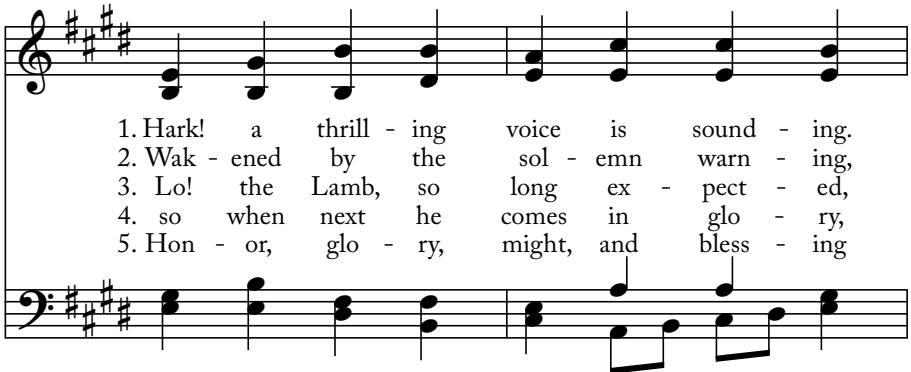
*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

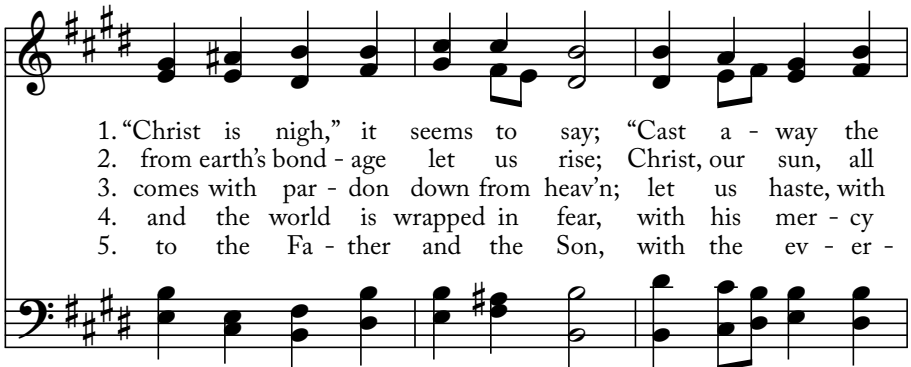
## HYMN

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

### Hark, a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding



1. Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing.  
2. Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing,  
3. Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed,  
4. so when next he comes in glo - ry,  
5. Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing



1. "Christ is nigh," it seems to say; "Cast a - way the  
2. from earth's bond - age let us rise; Christ, our sun, all  
3. comes with par - don down from heav'n; let us haste, with  
4. and the world is wrapped in fear, with his mer - cy  
5. to the Fa - ther and the Son, with the ev - er -

1. works of dark - ness, O ye chil - dren of the day.”  
 2. ill dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
 3. tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
 4. he may shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
 5. last - ing Spi - rit, while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Words: *Vox clara ecce intonat*, c. 6th cent. | Ambrosian breviary hymn for Advent  
 trans. 1849 | Edward Caswall (1814-1878)  
 Music: *Merton*, 1850 | William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

 *The People sit.*

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Mark 12:28-34*

*pew Bible p. 848*


*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

Ten Life-Giving Words

Mark Booker

## HYMN

 *The People stand. Children return during the hymn.*

№ 585 Take My Life, and Let It Be

HENDON

## APOSTLES' CREED

¶ *Standing, the People say together*

I believe in God the Father, Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS

¶ *The People kneel or sit. A Minister leads the People in prayer for the world, the church, the sick, and the suffering.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*from Psalm 51*

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,

so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.  
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.  
Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

#### OFFERTORY

¶ *The People sit. The offering plates are passed while music is offered to the Lord.*

*Aria from Messiah*

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low,  
the crooked straight, and the rough places plain.

Words: Isaiah 40:4 | 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.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

¶ *All baptized believers, along with their baptized children, are invited to partake of the Sacrament by coming forward (as directed by the ushers) to receive the elements. Departing from our usual custom, elements should be taken back to the pews and consumed at the Minister's prompt.*

*During the distribution, the People sing the following hymns:*

Nº 193 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth

PUER NOBIS

1. Come, thou Re-deem - er of the earth, and ma - ni -  
 2. Be - got - ten of no hu - man will, but of the  
 3. From God the Fa - ther he pro - ceeds, to God the  
 4. O e - qual to the Fa - ther, thou! Gird on thy  
 5. O Je - sus, Vir - gin - born, to thee e - ter - nal

1. fest thy vir - gin birth: let ev - ery age a -  
 2. Spi - rit, thou art still the Word of God, in  
 3. Fa - ther back he speeds, runs out his course to  
 4. flesh - ly man - tle now; the weak - ness of our  
 5. praise and glo - ry be, whom with the Fa - ther

1. dor - ing fall; such birth be - fits the God of all.  
 2. flesh ar - rayed, the Sav - ior, now to man dis - played.  
 3. death and hell, re - turns on God's high throne to dwell.  
 4. mor - tal state with death - less might in - vig - or - ate.  
 5. we a - dore and Ho - ly Ghost, for ev - er - more.



Words: *Veni, Redemptor Genium*, c. 397 | St. Ambrose of Milan (c. 340-397), trans. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

Music: *Puer Nobis*, 15th cent, adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621), arr. George Woodward (1848-1934)

¶ *After Communion, the People stand.*

## HYMN

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY



1. Lo! he comes with clouds descend - ing, once for  
2. Eve - ry is - land, sea, and moun - tain, Heav'n and  
3. Now Re - demp - tion long ex - pect - ed, See, in  
4. Yea, A - men, let all a - dore thee, high on  
fav - ored sin - ners slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
earth, shall flee a - way; All who hate him  
so - lemn pomp ap - pear; All his saints, by  
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sav - ior, take the  
saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
must, con - found - ed, Hear the trump pro - claim the  
man re - ject - ed, Now shall meet him in the  
power and glo - ry, claim the king - dom for thine  
train: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,  
day: Come to judg - ment! Come to judg - ment!  
air: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia God ap - pears on earth to reign.  
Come to judg - ment! Come to judg - ment! Come a - way!  
Al - le - lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Ev - er - last - ing God, come down!

Words: 1758 | Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Helmsley* | melody attr. Thomas Olivers (1725-1799) or Thomas Arne (1710-1778)

harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

## 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.*

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

James Vivian (b. 1974)

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## SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

ASSISTING MINISTERS Adam Herndon, *Minister of Discipleship*

Randall Wetzig, *Assistant Minister*

ELDERS 8:30 John Yee

11:00 Andrew Ziegler

LAY READERS 8:30 Sophie Wetzig

11:00 Alex Cist

ADVENT WREATH 8:30 The Liu/Chang Family

11:00 The Tong Family

MUSICIANS The Sanctuary Choir; Daniel Schmunk, *Director of Choral Music*

Greysen Kemper, *tenor*

*The Park Street Orchestra*

*Staff directory: [parkstreet.org/about-us/staff](https://parkstreet.org/about-us/staff)*

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## 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)
- For lasting peace in the world.
- For those in our congregation who mourn the loss of a loved one and for whom this season is especially difficult.
- For the family and friends of Dennis "DJ" Jackson, a long-time congregant of our church, who died on November 11.
- 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](https://parkstreet.org/requestprayer) (or call 617-523-3383)*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*More details at [parkstreet.org/everything](http://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*  
2026 Short-Term Missions Information Meeting | 12:30 pm | *Terrace Room*  
All-Church Prayer | 5 pm | *Welcome Center*

### *This Week*

Morning Prayer | Weekdays, 8:30 am | [parkstreet.org/morningprayer](http://parkstreet.org/morningprayer)  
ESL Classes & Activities\* | Tue, Wed, & Thu | *Various Rooms*  
Blue Christmas | Tue, 7 pm | *Sanctuary*  
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*  
Friday Family Night | Fri, 7 pm | *Various Rooms*  
Friday Night Youth Group | Fri, 7 pm | *Youth Room*  
Expressive Arts Workshop | Fri, 7 pm | *Common Room*  
Haitian ESL Classes | Sat, 9:30 am | *Granary Room & Common Room*  
Other Small Groups and Bible Studies | Various Times | *See [parkstreet.org/groups](http://parkstreet.org/groups)*

### *Upcoming Services*

Tue, Dec 9   7 pm	<b>Blue Christmas</b>
Sun, Dec 14   7 pm	<b>A Festival of Nine Lessons &amp; Carols</b>
Tue, Dec 24   5 & 7 pm	<b>Christmas Eve Services</b>
Sun, Dec 28   11 am	Worship Service ( <i>no 8:30 service</i> )
Sun, Jan 4   11 am	Communion Service ( <i>no 8:30 service</i> )

## *General*

### **All Church Prayer | Today | 5 pm | *Welcome Center***

This evening we will pray to the one who sent “the Light of the World” to us. On the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month we pray on Zoom at 8:30 am.

### **2026 Short-Term Missions Information Meeting | Today | 12:30 pm | *Terrace Room***

Move forward on mission in 2026 by joining a short-term mission team to Central Asia, Ivory Coast, South Africa, South Asia, Queens, NY, or Lewiston, ME. Find out more at today’s meeting or at a virtual information meeting on Dec 9 and 16. Additional details at [parkstreet.org/missions](https://parkstreet.org/missions).

### **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. Today volunteers will be available to answer questions and share more about the ministry.

### **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](mailto:new@parkstreet.org).

### **Annual Meeting 2026 | Wednesday, Feb 25, 2026 | *Sanctuary***

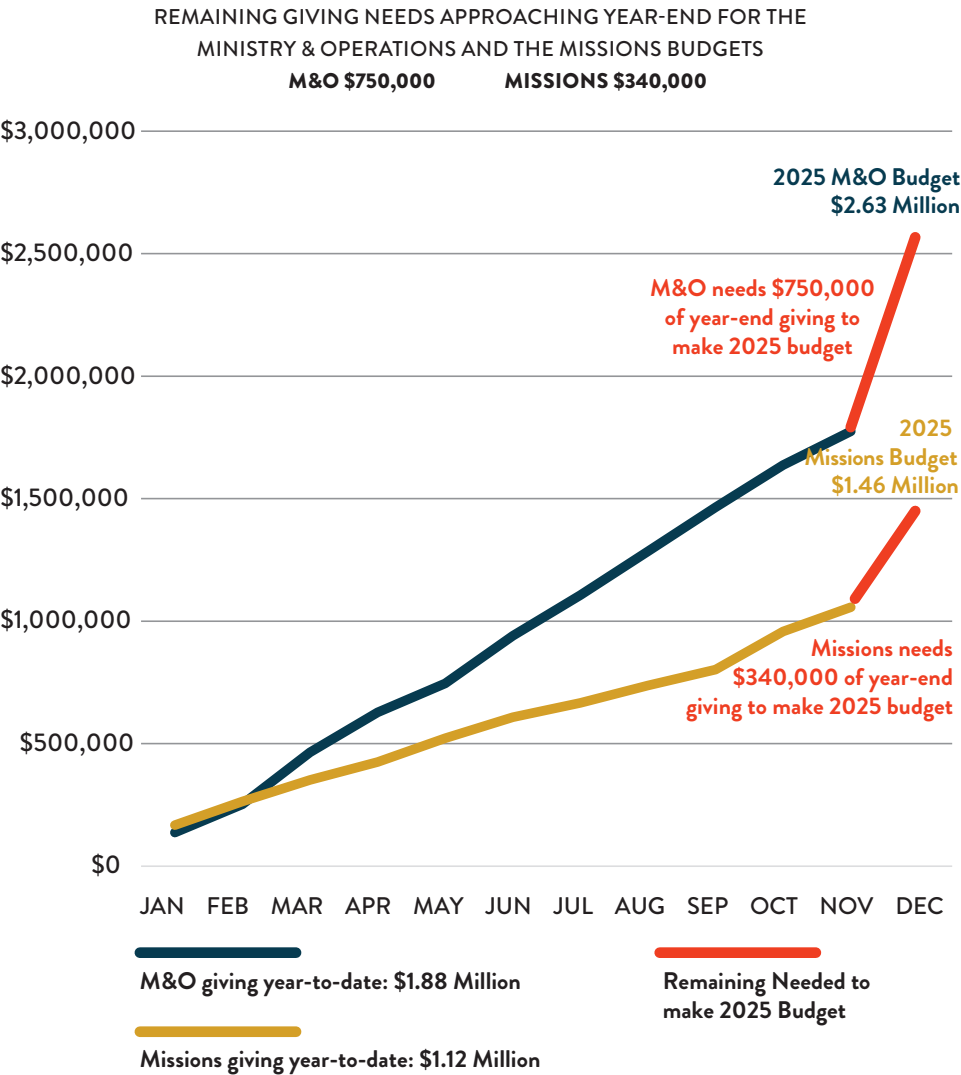
More details will be available in the coming weeks.

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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 \$750,000 for M&O and \$340,000 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.



# *Moving forward* with **SHORT-TERM MISSIONS** 2026 Short-Term Mission Trips

As you look for ways to move forward on mission in the coming year, we hope that you will consider joining a Short-Term Mission (STM) trip. The STM trips and internships listed below (all in 2026) will give you a front-row seat to see what God is doing across the globe.

## STM Information Meetings

December 7 | 12:30pm | *Terrace Room*

December 9 & 16 | 7:00pm | *Zoom* ([parkstreet.org/missions](https://parkstreet.org/missions))

## Park Street STM trips

**Ivory Coast** | Ministry of Trauma Healing for Young Women | May 16–30

**South Asia** | Cultural Learning Trip with Frontiers | May 24–Jun 7

**Central Asia** | Ministry to Young Professionals | Jul 16–26

**Lewiston, Maine** | Ministry to Refugee & Immigrant Community | Jul 26–31

**Queens, New York** | Kid's Ministry in Immigrant Community | Aug 2–7

**South Africa** | Prison Aftercare & Restorative Justice Ministry | Aug

## Summer Internship Programs with Pioneers

**U.K.** | Serve Unreached Immigrants and Refugees | May 20–Jul 24

**East Asia** | Teach English and Coach Sports | May 20–Jul 10

**Southeast Asia** | Sustainable Farming and Seeds of the Gospel | May 20–Jul 24

*For more information or to apply, email [missions@parkstreet.org](mailto:missions@parkstreet.org)*

*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](http://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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