



SERVICE *of* HOLY COMMUNION

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, January 4, 2026

*The Second 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 picro 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.*

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## THE PRELUDE

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

## INTROIT

The Glory of the Father

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.

We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.

In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God.

In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

He came to his own, and his own, and his own received him not.

Words: adapt. John 1 | Music: Egil Hovland (1924–2013)

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 97*

*Leader* A light has sprung up for the righteous,  
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

*People* Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,  
and give thanks to his holy Name.

*Leader* Alleluia! Unto us a child is born.

*People* O come, let us adore him. Alleluia!

## HYMN

Nº 218 Angels, From the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

## 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

Nativity Carol

Born in a stable so bare,  
Born so long ago;  
Born 'neath light of star  
He who loved us so.  
*Far away, silent he lay,  
Born today, your homage pay  
For Christ is born for aye  
Born on Christmas Day*  
Cradled by mother so fair,  
Tender her lullaby;  
Over her son so dear  
Angel hosts fill the sky.

Wise men from distant far land,  
Sheperds from starry hills  
Worship this babe so rare,  
Hearts with his warmth he fills.  
  
Love in that stable was born  
Into our hearts to flow;  
Innocent dreaming babe,  
Make me thy love to know.

Words & Music: John Rutter (b.1945)

### THE FIRST LESSON

*Exodus 13:1-16*

*pew Bible p. 55*

*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 213 What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

¶ *The People sit.*

### THE SECOND LESSON

*Luke 2:21-35*

*pew Bible p. 857*

*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

Holy to the Lord

Polo Kim

## HYMN

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

To the Name of Our Salvation

GRAFTON



1. To the Name of our sal - va - tion, laud and hon - or
2. Je - sus is the Name we trea - sure; Name be - yond what
3. 'Tis the Name for ad - o - ra - tion, Name for songs of
4. Je - sus is the Name ex - alt - ed o - ver eve - ry
5. There - fore we in love a - dor - ing, this most bless - ed



let us pay, which for man - y a gen - er - a - tion  
words can tell; Name of glad - ness, Name of plea - sure,  
vic - to - ry, Name for ho - ly med - i - ta - tion  
oth - er name; in this Name, when - e'er as - sault - ed,  
Name re - vere; ho - ly Je - sus, thee im - plor - ing



hid in God's fore - know - ledge lay; but with ho - ly  
ear and heart de - light - ing well; Name of sweet - ness,  
in this vale of mis - er - y, Name for joy - ful  
we can put our foes to shame; strength to them who  
so to write it in us here, that here - af - ter,



ex - ul - ta - tion we may sing a - loud to - day.  
pass - ing mea - sure, sav - ing us from sin and hell.  
ven - er - a - tion by the cit - i - zens on high.  
else had halt - ed, eyes to blind, and feet to lame.  
heav'n - ward soar - ing, we may sing with an - gels there.

Words: Latin, 15th century

trans. 1851 | John Mason Neale (1818-1866); rev. 1861 | *Hymns Ancient and Modern*

Music: Grafton, melody from *Chants ordinaires de l'Office Divin*, 1881 87. 87. 87

## 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.*

Welcome to Our World

Tears are falling, hearts are breaking;  
How we need to hear from God.  
You've been promised; we've been waiting:  
Welcome Holy Child, welcome Holy Child.  
Hope that you don't mind our manger—  
How I wish we would have known.  
But long-awaited, Holy Stranger  
Make yourself at home. Please, make yourself at home.  
Bring your peace into our violence,  
Bid our hungry souls be filled.  
Word now breaking heaven's silence:  
Welcome to our world, welcome to our world.

Fragile finger sent to heal us,  
Tender brow prepared for thorn,  
Tiny heart whose blood will save us  
Unto us is born, unto us is born.

So wrap our injured flesh around you,  
Breathe our air and walk our sod.  
Rob our sin and make us holy,  
Perfect Son of God, perfect Son of God.  
Welcome to our world.

Words & Music: Chri Rice

### 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 proceeding up to the front (as directed by the ushers) to receive the elements. As has been communicated elsewhere, today's distribution will follow an experimental pattern in which the elements should be taken back to seats and held until the Minister invites everyone to partake. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

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

Nº 230 Thou Who Wast Rich

QUELLE EST CETTER ODEUR AGREABLE

Nº 229 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

¶ *After Communion, the People stand.*



## HYMN

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen<sup>†</sup> (*the refrain follows each stanza*)

1 God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
Let nothing you dismay.  
For Jesus Christ our Savior  
Was born on Christmas Day;  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray.

*O tidings of comfort and joy,  
comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy*

2 From God our heavenly Father,  
A blessed angel came,  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same,  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by name.

3 "Fear not," then said the angel,  
"Let nothing you affright,  
This day is born a Savior,  
Of virtue, power, and might;  
To free all those who trust in him  
from Satan's power and might."

4 The shepherds at those tidings,  
Rejoiced much in mind,  
And left their flocks a-feeding,  
In tempest, storm, and wind,  
And went to Bethlehem straightway,  
The Son of God to find:

5 Now to the Lord sing praises,  
All you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood  
Each other now embrace.  
This holy tide of Christmas,  
all others doth deface.<sup>†</sup>

<sup>†</sup>God rest you merry was a contemporary phrase of blessing, appearing in Shakespeare's "As You Like It" and elsewhere.

deface: outshine (archaic)

Words & Music: traditional English carol

## 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 live stream.*

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## SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

PREACHING MINISTER Polo Kim, *Minister to Internationals*

ASSISTING MINISTER Adam Herndon, *Minister of Discipleship*

ELDER Joshua Wang

LAY READER Roselle Heckendorn

MUSICIANS The Chamber Choir; Daniel Schmunk, *Director of Choral Music*  
Ashley Schumacher, *soprano*

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

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## COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

*"...for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." Luke 2:30-32*

### Let us pray together...

- For our church, that God would increase our trust in him as we look to this new year.
- For our neighbors, that they would see the goodness of God in us as we learn to be more like Jesus.
- For our nation and our world, that the Prince of Peace would bring peace as only he can.

*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](https://parkstreet.org/everything)*

\* Indicates childcare available. Preregistration may be required.

### *Today*

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

Sunday Worship\* | 11 am | *Sanctuary*

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

All-Church Prayer | 2:00 pm | *Welcome Center*

### *This Week*

Morning Prayer | Weekdays, 8:30 am | [parkstreet.org/morningprayer](http://parkstreet.org/morningprayer)

Café Young Adults | Tue & Wed, 7 pm | *Welcome Center*

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

Life Together Women's Bible Study\* | Wed, 10 am | *Terrace Room*

Woman's Benevolent Society | Wed, 10 am | *Granary Room*

Home Ministry Outreach Meals | Thu, 5:45 pm & Sat, 8:30 am | *Fellowship Hall*

Friendship Bible Study | Thu, 7 pm | *Sky Room*

Youth Winter Retreat | Fri–Sun | *Camp Berea*

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](http://parkstreet.org/groups)

### *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](http://parkstreet.org/candidates) to view the slate online.

#### **Dinners in Regions | Sun, Jan 11**

Join others in your Region next Sunday, for small dinners in each others' homes. To hear about the dinner locations in your Region, make sure you have joined your Region in Church Center or at [parkstreet.org/regions](http://parkstreet.org/regions).

#### **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.

#### **Women's Day Retreat**

Join us on Sat, Feb 7 from 9:00 am–4:00 pm at Glastonbury Abbey where we will connect as a community and grow deeper in the Lord together. See details and register on Church Center.

#### **2026 Short-Term Missions**

**Ivory Coast** | Ministry of Trauma Healing for Young Women | May 16–30, 2026

**South Asia** | Cultural Learning Trip with Frontiers | May 24–June 7, 2026

**Central Asia** | Ministry to Young Professionals | July 16–26, 2026

**Lewiston, Maine** | Ministry to Refugee & Immigrant Community | July 26–31 2026

**Queens, New York** | Kid's Ministry in Immigrant Community | August 2–7, 2026

**South Africa** | Prison Aftercare & Restorative Justice Ministry | August 2026

*Summer Internship Programs with Pioneers*

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

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

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

For more information or to apply, visit [parkstreet.org/missions](https://parkstreet.org/missions).

*Applications are due by Jan 31.*

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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](https://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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