



Welcome

SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church

The Lord's Day, September 20, 2026

***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 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.*

Carillon de Westminster

L. Vierne (1870–1937)

INTROIT

(11 AM)

Lift Thine Eyes *from Elijah*

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains,
whence cometh help.

Thy help cometh from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved.

Thy keeper will never slumber.

Words: Psalm 121 | Music: F. Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 33

Leader Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous;
it is fitting for the just to be thankful.

People By the word of the LORD were the heavens made,
and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.

Leader Praise the LORD with the harp;
sing praises unto him with the ten-stringed lute.

People Let all the earth fear the LORD;
stand in awe of him, all you that dwell in the world.

Leader Sing unto him a new song;
make skillful melody and cry aloud with joy.

People For he spoke, and it was done;
he commanded and it stood fast.

HYMN

Nº 115 All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

INVOCATION

¶ *Led by the Elder*

SUMMARY OF THE LAW & CONFESSION OF SIN

¶ *At the Minister's invitation, the People kneel or sit. Silence is kept, then all pray*

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

¶ *The Minister declares God's forgiveness to the People and reminds them of the comforting words of Holy Scripture, after which the People stand.*

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)

☞ *The People stand and may sing the bold text.*

Jesus Strong and Kind

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.

No one else can satisfy, I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him.

No one else can be my strength, I should come to him.

For the Lord is good and faithful; he will keep us day and night.

We can always run to Jesus. Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him.

No one else can be my shield, I should come to him. (*chorus*)

Jesus said if I am lost, he will come to me,

And he showed me on that cross, he will come to me. (*chorus*)

Words & Music: Johnny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren, & Colin Buchanan |

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☞ *The People sit.*

(11 AM)

Loving Wisdom

O loving wisdom of our God! When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood, which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe, should strive and should prevail.

Words: John Newman (1801-1890) | Music: Thomas Hewitt Jones (b. 1984)

THE FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 31:10–31

pew Bible p. 552

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

¶ *Children are welcome to remain in the service, or to proceed to Children's Church during the next hymn. After the prayer, the People stand for the hymn.*

8:30 preschool to 1st grade | 11:00 preschool to 4th grade

HYMN

In Christ Alone



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| <p>1 In Christ alone my hope is found;
 he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
 firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
 here in the love of Christ I stand.</p> <p>2 In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
 fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
 scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
 the wrath of God was satisfied;
for every sin on him was laid—
 here in the death of Christ I live.</p> | <p>3 There in the ground his body lay,
 light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day,
 up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
 sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am his and he is mine—
 bought with the precious blood of Christ.</p> <p>4 No guilt in life, no fear in death—
 this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
 Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
 can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home—
 here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.</p> |
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Words: 2001, Stuart Townend (b. 1963) alt. Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

Music: *In Christ Alone*, 2000 | Keith Getty (b. 1974) LMD

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¶ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

James 3:13-18

pew Bible p. 1012

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

Living Well: Reprise

Mark Booker

HYMN

 *The People stand.*

Light of the Minds that Know Him

MOVILLE



- 1 Light of the minds that know him, may Christ be light to mine;
- 2 Life of the souls that love him, may Christ be ours in - deed;
- 3 Strength of the wills that serve him, may Christ be strength to me,
- 4 May it be ours to know him that we may tru - ly love,



my sun in ris - en splen - dor, my light of truth di - vine,
the liv - ing bread from heav - en on whom our spir - its feed;
who stilled the storm and tem - pest, who calmed the toss - ing sea;
and, lov - ing, ful - ly serve him as serve the saints a - bove;



my guide in doubt and dark - ness, my true — and liv - ing way,
who died for love of sin - ners to bear — our guilt - y load,
his Spir - it's power to move me, his will — to mas - ter mine,
till in that home of glo - ry, with fade - less splen - dor bright,



my clear light ev - er shin - ing, my dawn of heav - en's day.
and make of life's brief jour - ney a new Em - ma - us road.
his cross to car - ry dai - ly and con - quer in his sign.
we serve in per - fect free - dom our Strength, our Life, our Light.

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Music: *Moville* | Traditional Irish

Based on a prayer attr. to St. Augustine:

*Light of the minds that know you, Life of the souls that love you, Strength of the wills that serve you:
Help us to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may fully serve you,
whom to serve is perfect freedom.*

TESTIMONY

THE PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

OFFERTORY

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

Steal Away

arr. H. T. Burleigh (1866–1949)

*Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home! I ain't got long to stay here.*

My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the thunder!
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul,
I ain't got long to stay here.

Green trees are bending; poor sinner stands a-trembling;
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul,
I ain't got long to stay here.

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 94 How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

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.*

Moderato, *from Three Musical Pieces for Organ*

Niels Gade (1817–1890)

SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

ASSISTING MINISTER Randall Wetzig, *Assistant Minister*

ELDER 8:30 Kirstin Peltz

11:00 Andrew Ziegler

LAY READERS 8:30 Mike Ahearn

11:00 Alexandra Cist

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

Ashley Schumacher, *voice*

Samuel Bigus, *upright bass*

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

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.” Colossians 4:2

Let us pray together...

- For the ESL ministry as classes begin this week, that students would encounter God’s love through our teachers and volunteers.
- Thanking God for the vibrancy of our Youth Group; pray that the Lord would continue to increase their love and faith.
- For a deepening of our prayer life as a church, that we may experience spiritual renewal together.

Submit prayer requests to: parkstreet.org/requestprayer (or call 617-523-3383)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

** Indicates childcare available. Preregistration may be required.*

Today

*Sunday Worship | 8:30 am & 11 am | *Sanctuary*

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

A Nursing room is available on the 2nd floor of building 1.

Children & Youth Sunday School Classes | 9:45 am | *Various Rooms*

*Adult Sunday School in Regions | 9:45 am | *Various Rooms*

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

Park Street International Fellowship (PSIF) | 12:30 | *Fellowship Hall*

College Students Roundtable: Living in Community | 7 pm | *Wilson House*

This Week

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

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

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

Full list of weekly Bible studies and other groups on p. 12 and at parkstreet.org/groups

General

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

Welcome! If you're new to Park Street and considering making it your home church, bring your questions about the church and meet some of our leaders as we enjoy good food together.

Park Street International Fellowship (PSIF) | Today | 12:30 pm | *Fellowship Hall*

Good food, good music, and good friends. With 16 nations represented, every Sunday we celebrate the beauty of God's family—culturally diverse yet united in one gospel. Join us for lunch, musical worship, and Bible study. Just show up, or join the group at parkstreet.org/groups.

Register for a Small Group | Online

Registration for fall 2026 small groups is now open at parkstreet.org/groups. Small groups are the heart of the church that Jesus joins together so it "grows and builds itself up in love" (*Eph. 4:16*), and we hope that each person at Park Street will be connected with a small group, Bible study, or other smaller community gathering that meets regularly.

Park Street Dialogues | Sundays listed below, 5 pm | *Sanctuary*

- **Sep 27 | A Dialogue about Money, Generosity, and Joy**
Todd Harper, Co-Founder of Generous Giving, will challenge us with the question, “What does it look like to follow Jesus with our money and to discover freedom and joy through generosity?”
- **Oct 11 | A Dialogue about Emotional Resilience and Health**
Rankin Wilbourne, Co-Founder of Broom Tree Media, will address issues relating to emotional health in the church today.
- **Nov 8 | A Dialogue about the Movement of God in the Church in Iran**
David Yeghnazar, Executive Director, Elam Ministries, and speaker at our Global Missions Conference, will share on the exciting expansion of God’s church under difficult conditions in Iran.

Lifting the Veil Conference | Oct 23–24 | *Tremont Temple*

On Oct 23 & 24, HopeWords Writers’ Conference is hosting a 2-day conference at Tremont Temple’s Converse Hall with Poet Malcolm Guite. We have a limited number of discounted tickets available at parkstreet.org/register.

Family Ministry Apple Picking

On Saturday, October 3, we will be going apple picking at Carver Hill Orchards in Stow. We plan to be at the orchard from 10am to 1pm. We hope you’ll join us for a fun afternoon together. Please register on Church Center.

Save the Date: Global Mission Conference 2026 | November 8-15, 2026

Guest Preacher: David Yeghnazar | Theme: The Movement of God

God is moving in our world today, and he invites us to join the movement. David Yeghnazar serves as Executive Director of Elam Ministries, an organization committed to strengthening and expanding the church in Iran and across the Persian-speaking world.

Joining the Sanctuary Choir

“I will sing and give praise with the best that I have.” *Ps. 108:1* If you’re interested in being part of the choir, we’d love to hear from you at choir@parkstreet.org.

Weekly Bible Studies and other Groups

In addition to small groups, several Bible studies and other groups meet regularly, (including collaborations with other churches, indicated by a dagger †). Many of these groups have just started for the fall, or will be starting this week.

- †Faith Journey Women's Bible Study | Thu, 10 – 11:30 am | *Mount Hope Christian Church, Belmont*
- †Life Together Women's Bible Study | Wed, 10 – 11:30 am | *Terrace Room*
- Melrose Virtual Women's Group | Every other Wed, 7 – 9 pm | *Zoom*
- Moms' Group | Wed, 10 – 11:45am | *Common Room*
- Morning Prayer | Mon – Fri, 8:30 – 9 am | *Zoom*
- Redemptive History for the Rest of Us Bible Study | Tue, 7 – 8:30 pm | *Zoom*
- The Men's Bible Study | Wed, 7:30 – 8:30 am | *Welcome Center*
- Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study | Every other Thu, 7:30 – 8:30 am | *Common Room*
- †Wakefield Women's Bible Study | Tue, 9:30 – 11 am | *First Parish Congregational Church, Wakefield*
- Woman's Benevolent Society | Wed, 10am – 1:30 pm | *Granary Room*
- Missionary Care Teams | Various times
- Café Young Adult Small Groups | Tue, 7 – 9 pm | *Welcome Center*
- Friendship Bible Study (*adult, slower pace*) | Thu, 7 – 8:30 pm | *Sky Room*

For a list of small groups in homes, and to see more details or contact information for the groups above, visit parkstreet.org/groups.

Fall 2026 Special Events

Newcomers Lunches | 12:30 pm | Sep 20, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13

The Perspectives Course | 6 pm | Mondays through Dec 14

Park Street Dialogues | 5 pm | Sep 27, Oct 11, Nov 8 (*see p. 11*)

New Members Class | 12:30 pm | Oct 18, 25, & Nov 1

Global Mission Conference | Nov 8 – 15 (*see p. 11*)

Lessons & Carols | 7 pm | Dec 13

Christmas Eve | 5 pm & 7 pm | Dec 24

Church Center app parkstreet.org/app

Online calendar parkstreet.org/events

Register for our weekly newsletter parkstreet.org/enews

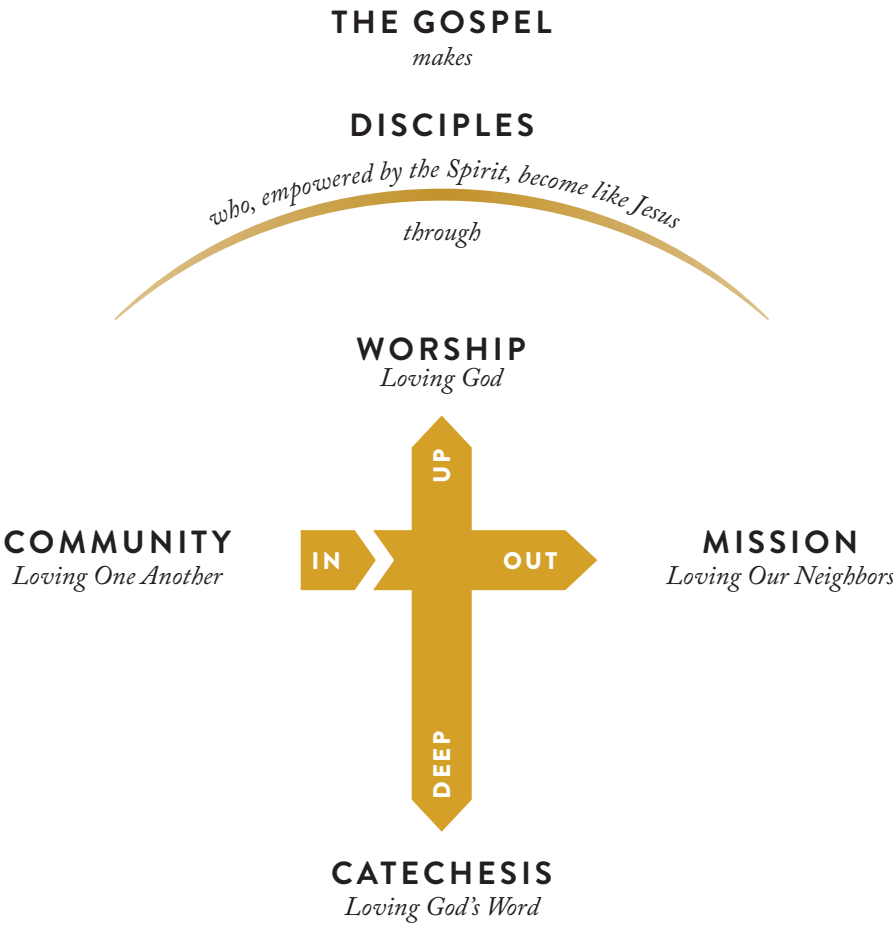
NEW ?

If you are new, please fill out a connect card (parkstreet.org/connect or scan the QR code at right) so that we can get to know you. We also warmly invite you to one of our newcomers lunches. Those lunches are at 12:30 in the Granary Room on the dates listed above. If you have questions today, speak with an elder at the Info Desk in the Welcome Center (one floor below the Sanctuary).



Welcome to Park Street Church

We are a Christ-centered community whose mission is to make disciples who become like Jesus together. We do that by pursuing four central elements of the Christian life: worship (*loving God*), community (*loving one another*), mission (*loving our neighbors*), and catechesis/teaching (*loving God's word*).



Whether you are new or have been here many years, we encourage you to

- **Each Sunday:** attend worship and Sunday School
- **Each week:** meet with a small group
- **Each month:** serve in a ministry at the church
- **Each day:** engage in the mission of God

As we take up these practices, we trust that we will grow to be more like Jesus together!

WORSHIP | *Loving God*

We worship together every Sunday morning and encourage each person in our community to spend time every day of the week engaging with God through Bible reading, prayer, silence, and other spiritual disciplines.

COMMUNITY | *Loving One Another*

We share life together throughout the week, seeking to know, love, and serve one another. For most of us, this means being part of a small group and serving within the church in a practical way once a month.

MISSION | *Loving Our Neighbors*

Jesus was sent into the world to carry out God's mission of reconciling and renewing the world, and he in turn, sends us. As a natural extension of our love for and trust in Jesus, we are compelled to live as his witness, in word and deed, on our front lines (work, school, home).

CATECHESIS | *Loving God's Word*

We study God's word, seeking to understand and live by the gospel it proclaims and the guidance it gives.

ACTION STEPS:

- Attend worship on Sundays. (Good news, you're already here!)
- Set aside dedicated time each day for prayer and Bible reading. (Start with 15 minutes if it is new to you.)
- Give generously and regularly as an act of worship to support the work of God locally and globally.

ACTION STEPS:

- Find a weekly small group at parkstreet.org/groups.
- Find a way to serve others in the church once a month at parkstreet.org/serve.
- Sign up for the church's weekly newsletter at parkstreet.org/enews.

ACTION STEPS:

- Engage with our city by volunteering with one of our ministries: parkstreet.org/city.
- Pray for our missionaries and missions program through the monthly church prayer guide (part of parkstreet.org/enews).

ACTION STEPS:

- Regularly attend a Sunday School class (for kids and adults) as part of your Sunday rhythm. See parkstreet.org/sundayschool.
- See *Worship* and *Community* above for other means of engaging in catechesis.



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