



Welcome

SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church

The Lord's Day, September 27, 2026

***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 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.*

Prelude and Fugue in C Major

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

INTROIT

(II AM)

All That Hath Life and Breath

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord,
Shout to the Lord, *Alleluia!*
Praise the Lord with joyful song,
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving, *Alleluia*,
Praise him, laud him, *Alleluia!*

Words: Psalm 150 & 95 | Music: René Clausen (b. 1953)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 103

Leader Praise the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.

People **Praise the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits:**

Leader Who forgives all your sin and heals all your infirmities.
Who saves your life from the pit
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness.

People **O praise the LORD, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion;
praise the LORD, O my soul.**

HYMN

Nº 53 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

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*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against each other,
in thought and word and deed,
in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
and 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.*

His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum,
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore.
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord, his mercy is more,
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. (*all sing chorus*)
What riches of kindness he lavished on us!
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost;
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. (*all sing chorus*)

Words and Music: Matt Boswell & Matt Papa

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¶ *The People sit.*

(II AM)

See What Love *from Paulus*

See what love hath the Father bestowed on us in his goodness,
that we should be called God's own children.

Words: 1 John 3:1 | Music: F. Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Chronicles 29:10–20

pew Bible p. 357

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

Sing, Ye Faithful, Sing with Gladness

FINNIAN

1. Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,
 2. Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him-self to
 3. So, he tast - ed death for all men, he, of all man -
 4. Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's

sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior
 Beth-leh'm's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,
 kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,
 throne, the Son, rules and guides the world he ran - somed,

let his house re - sound a - gain; him let all your
 bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the
 Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the
 till th'ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -

mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
 gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
 full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
 newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893)

Music: *Finnian*, 1975 | Christopher Dearnley (1930-2000)

 *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

perw Bible p. 967

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

Generosity & Joy

Mark Booker

HYMN

 *The People stand.*

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL



1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit,
into every troubled breast!
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest:
take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
4. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Words: 1747 | Charles Wesley (1707-1788), *alt.*

Music: *Hyfrydol*, 1855 | Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887) 87. 87. D

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.*

Aria from *Elijah*

F. Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel,
this day let it be known that thou art God,
and that I am thy servant.
Lord God of Abraham!

Oh show to all this people
that I have done these things according to thy word.
Oh hear me, Lord, and answer me!

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel,
Oh hear me and answer me,
and show this people that thou art Lord God;
and let their hearts again be turned!

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 295 Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

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.*

Prelude in F

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel (1805–1847)

SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

ASSISTING MINISTER Polo Kim, *Minister to Internationals*

ELDER 8:30 Joshua Wang

11:00 Richard Ibekwe

LAY READERS 8:30 Christine Vasko

11:00 David Idowu (*Harvard University; van Baay House*)

MUSICIANS The Sanctuary Choir; Daniel Schmunk, *Director of Choral Music*
Greysen Kemper, *tenor (Boston University; Wilson House)*

Ashley Schumacher, *voice*

Samuel Bigus, *upright bass (Wilson House)*

*The Wilson House is Park Street's residential hub for college ministry;
the Van Baay House is our residential hub for international students.*

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 Park Street Dialogues event with Todd Harper today, that it would be a time of learning and growing in how we steward our finances.
- For our Enable Boston ministry, that God would guide us as we seek to integrate people with disabilities into all aspects of our Christian community.
- For our choir and musicians, that their gifts and service would glorify God and be instruments of sanctification for his people.

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*

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

College Lunch | 12:30 pm | *Sky Room*

Park Street Dialogues | 5 pm | *Sanctuary*

Young Adults Dinner | 6:30 – 8 pm | *Common Room*

This Week

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

Perspectives Course | Mon, 6 pm | *Granary Room*

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. 11 and at parkstreet.org/groups

General

Father & Son Fall Campout | Oct 2–3

Join us for an overnight fall campout at Wompatuck State Park for dads and their lads of any age. Head over after work and school on Fri and enjoy good food, outdoor activities, and intentional time to connect with your son(s) and other dads. More details on Church Center.

Family Ministry Apple Picking | Sat, Oct 3

We will be going apple picking at Carver Hill Orchards in Stow, and plan to be at the orchard from 10 am to 1 pm. We hope you'll join us for a fun time together. Please register on Church Center.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

- †Faith Journey Women's Bible Study | Thu, 10 – 11:30 am |
Mount Hope Christian Church, Belmont
- Friendship Bible Study (*adult, slower pace*) | Thu, 7 – 8:30 pm | *Sky Room*
- Home Ministry Bible Study | Sat, 10 – 11 am | *Fellowship Hall*
- †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 – 11:45 am | *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, 7:45 – 8:45 am |
Common Room
- †Wakefield Women's Bible Study | Tue, 9:30 – 11 am |
First Parish Congregational Church, Wakefield
- Woman's Benevolent Society | Wed, 10 am – 1:30 pm | *Granary Room*
- Missionary Care Teams | Various times
- Café Young Adult Small Groups | Tue, 7 – 9 pm | *Welcome Center*

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

Third Quarter Giving Update

Our mission is to make disciples who become like Jesus, together. Your faithful generosity is essential to this mission. As we move into the fall, here's a quick look at where we stand financially:

Current Status of Giving through September 20:

- Ministry & Operations: \$1.46M received vs. \$2.02M budgeted (28% shortfall)
- Missions: \$650K received vs. \$1.10M budgeted (41% shortfall)
- Combined shortfall: \$1.02M

What this means:

Budget gaps at this point in the year do happen due to seasonal giving patterns. However, to close our current gap and finish 2026 on strong footing, we need approximately \$93K/week for M&O and \$61K/week for Missions.

The Opportunity:

Strong giving in these remaining months is essential to fully fund our ministry commitments and mission partnerships. We invite you to prayerfully consider your giving as we head into these last months of the year. Your generosity in these final months will help us start 2027 on solid financial footing and continue making disciples together.

Thank you for your faithful support.

Questions about giving or our budget? Contact mahearn@parkstreet.org.

Church Center app parkstreet.org/app

Online calendar parkstreet.org/events

Register for our weekly newsletter parkstreet.org/enews



A Dialogue About
Money, Generosity, and Joy
TODAY | 5PM

We live in an affluent society that constantly encourages us to earn more, spend more, and hold tightly to what we have. But what does it look like to follow Jesus with our money and to discover greater freedom and joy through generosity?

For more than 25 years, Todd Harper, Co-founder of Generous Giving, has invited people to explore what Scripture teaches about living generously. Drawing from countless conversations and gatherings, Todd brings a thoughtful and deeply experienced perspective, one that will challenge and encourage us to consider what God may be inviting us to experience through a new way of life.



Join us for an evening of honest dialogue and Q&A about money, generosity, and the joy of living with open hands. This conversation will include no solicitation or request for money, only an opportunity to listen, reflect, and explore together.

UPCOMING DIALOGUES

- **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.

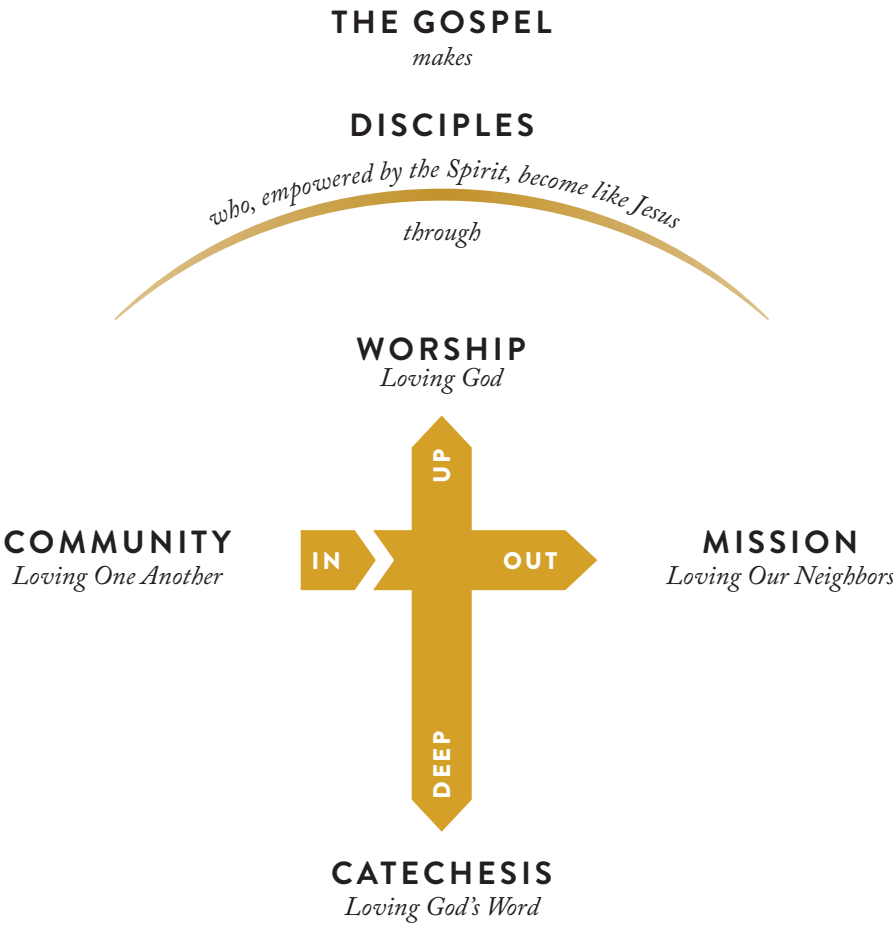
NEW ?

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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