



SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, October 25, 2026

***Welcome** to Park Street Church! We're glad you're worshiping with us today. If you're new, please take a look 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 PRELUDE

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

Peace Be with You

R. Purvis (1913–1994)

INTROIT (II AM)

God Be In My Head

God be in my head and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes and in my looking;
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;
God be in my heart and in my thinking;
God be at my end and at my departing.

Words: Sarum primer, 1514 | Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 90

Leader Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

People **You are God from everlasting,
and world without end.**

Leader O satisfy us with your mercy in the morning,
People **that we may rejoice and be glad
all the days of our life.**

HYMN

Nº 30 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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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 & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Infant Dedication (8:30 am)

ANTHEM

(8:30 AM)

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

Almost Home

Don't drop a single anchor,
we're almost home

Through every toil and danger,
we're almost home

How many pilgrim saints
have before us gone?

No stopping now,
we're almost home

That promised land is calling,
we're almost home

And not a tear shall fall then,
we're almost home

Make ready now your souls
for that "kingdom come"

No turning back, we're almost home

*Almost home, we're almost home,
So press on toward that blessed shore,
Oh, praise the Lord, we're almost home.*

This journey ours together, ...
Unto that Great For Ever ...
What song anew we'll sing
around that happy throne?
Come, faint of heart, ...

(chorus)

This life is like a vapor ...
That sun is setting yonder ...
Take courage for this darkness
shall break to dawn
Oh, lift your eyes, ...

(chorus)

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(11 AM)

I'll Make Music

Lord and master, I'll sing a song to you,
on the ten-string lyre I'll make music.

Lord and master, let your thoughts fall like rain
and just like showers on new grass.

We'll play for you with harps and trumpets,
we'll sing some psalms in praise of you.

Lord and master, let your words descend like dew
and just like droplets on tender leaves.

I'll make music, I shall make new music,
I shall make music for you.

Words: Deuteronomy 32:2, Psalm 144:9 and 1 Chronicles 13:8 | Music: Karl Jenkins (b. 1944)

¶ *The People sit.*

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 36:22–28

pew Bible p. 724

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

Nº 21 Sing Praise to the Lord

LAUDATE DOMINUM

¶ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 8:16–24

pew Bible p. 968

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

A Matter of the Heart

Mark Booker

HYMN

 *The People stand.*

All My Hope on God is Founded

MICHAEL



1. All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
2. Pride of man and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
3. God's great good-ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom,
4. Still from man to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



trust re - new, Me through change and chance he
tray his trust; what with care and toil he
pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light and life at -
praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
build - eth, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of naught. Ev - er -
prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth



known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
more from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

Words: Robert Bridges (1844-1930) based on German of Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

Music: Michael, 1930 | Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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TESTIMONY

(II AM)

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.*

(II AM)

The children are full participants with us in worship, ministering to God in his holy temple. They sing as an offering of praise and thanksgiving for which our Lord is the object and audience.

Thank you for not applauding during the service.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;

There's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;

There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;

There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind;

And the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind.

There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;

There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the head.

There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;

There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

Words: F. W. Faber (1814–1863) | Music: Maurice Bevan (1921–2006)

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 345 Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

AUSTRIA

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.*

Chorale Fantasia on *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* C. H. H. Parry (1848–1918)

SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

ASSISTING MINISTER Polo Kim, *Minister to Internationals*

ELDERS 8:30 Andrew Buckler

11:00 John Yee

LAY READERS 8:30 Mike Ahearn

11:00 Christine Vasko

MUSICIANS The Sanctuary Choir; Daniel Schmunk, *Director of Choral Music*
The Children's Choir
Ashley Schumacher, *voice*
Sam Bigus, *upright bass*

INFANT DEDICATION Jonathan White, *son of Michael & Julianne*

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COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

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

Let us pray together...

- For the Home Ministry, that acts of love and service would deepen relationships, enabling our guests to know Jesus and flourish in their lives.
- For the Youth Ministry and its fall lock-in event this weekend, that it would be a joyful time to fellowship and connect over God’s word.
- For our missionaries, Alberto and Joanna Parada, and their prison ministry in South Africa, that God would move powerfully through the various restorative justice programs.

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* | 8:30 am & 11 am | *Sanctuary*
Nursery & Children’s Church | 8:30 am & 11 am | *Various Rooms*
Adult Sunday School in Regions | 9:45 am | *Various Rooms*
Children & Youth Sunday Schools | 9:45 am | *Various Rooms*
Park Street International Fellowship (PSIF) | 12:30 pm | *Fellowship Hall*
College Students Lunch | 12:30 pm | *Sky Room*
Membership Class | 12:30 pm | *Granary Room*

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*
Tweens Hayride & Bonfire | Sat, 5 pm | *Krochmal Farm*
Perspectives Course | Mon, 6 pm | *Granary Room*
Small Groups and Other Bible Studies | Various Times | parkstreet.org/groups

General

Youth Ministry Fall Lock-In | Fri, Oct 30, 7 pm–Sat, Oct 31, 11:30 am

All youth (grades 7–12) are invited to join us for an overnight lock-in at the church. We will worship together, play games, and connect over God's word. We will serve with Home Ministry on Saturday morning before pickup around 11–11:30 am. We would love for your students to join us!

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (All-Church Prayer) Sun, Nov 1, 5 pm

Did you know that, around the world, more than 388 million Christians experience persecution because of their faith in Jesus? Join us and others around the world in praying for them as we anticipate the Global Mission Conference.

GMC26 Young Adults Lunch | Sun, Nov 8, 12:30 pm

Young adults will meet for lunch (RSVP in Church Center). We will enjoy a time of fellowship before attending the 2 pm Dialogue together.

GMC26 Park Street Dialogues | Sun, Nov 8, 2 pm

Join David Yeghnazar to hear and dialogue about the Movement of God in the Church in Iran.

GMC26: Dinner and a Discussion | Fri, Nov 13, 6 pm | Welcome Center

Join us for a Middle Eastern meal and hear testimonies from our brothers and sisters from around the globe about the challenges of living out their faith in difficult places, and how God is working in spite of these challenges.

6 pm – Meal in Welcome Center, \$15, registration required.

7 pm – Panel discussion in the Sanctuary, free to all.

7 pm – Family night for children preschool through 12th grade.

Sign up in Church Center. (Parents who need childcare for children 2 and under, email sverrengia@parkstreet.org.)

College Students Roundtable: Staying Human in an Age of Technology

Sun, Nov 15, 7–8:30 pm

In a world that is being increasingly absorbed by technology and AI, how do we hold onto the dignity and goodness of our humanity? Join us (and bring a friend) at PSC's Wilson House for an evening of tea (7 pm) and conversation with panelists (7:30 pm).

GriefShare | Sundays, Beginning Nov 15, 1 pm | 5th Floor Board Room

Join a safe and welcoming group where those who have faced the death of a loved one will find understanding, guidance, relief and support. This 13-week group is open and helpful to both Christians and non-Christians.

Register at parkstreet.org/events.

Financial Update

Our mission is to make disciples who become like Jesus, together. Your faithful generosity is essential to this mission.

Giving update through Oct 18:

- Ministry & Operations: \$1.71M received vs. \$2.23M budgeted (23% shortfall)
- Missions: \$751K received vs. \$1.22M budgeted (38% shortfall)
- Combined shortfall: \$984K

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 \$105K/week for M&O and \$76K/week for Missions.

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 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.

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, community, mission, and catechesis/teaching.**

Whether you are new or have been here many years, we encourage you to join us in the practices below, by which we trust God is actively working in us.

- **Each Sunday:** attend worship and Sunday School
- **Each week:** meet with a small group
- **Each month:** serve in a ministry
- **Each day:** engage in God's mission



WORSHIP | *Loving God*

- Attend worship on Sundays.
- Set aside dedicated time each day for prayer and Bible reading.
- Give generously and regularly as an act of worship.

MISSION | *Loving Our Neighbors*

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

COMMUNITY | *Loving One Another*

- Find a weekly small group at parkstreet.org/groups
- Serve monthly parkstreet.org/serve
- Sign up for the church's weekly newsletter at parkstreet.org/enews.

CATECHESIS | *Loving God's Word*

- Regularly attend a Sunday School class (for kids and adults) as part of your Sunday rhythm. See parkstreet.org/sundayschool.