

Service *of* Worship

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, November 22, 2026

Sunday Next Before 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 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.*

INTROIT
(11 AM)

What Shall I Render to the LORD?

What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and will call on the name of the LORD.
I will take the cup of salvation
and will call on the name of the LORD.
I will pay my vows to the LORD
now in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Words: Psalm 116: 12-14, 17-19 | Music: Peter Tiefenbach (b. 1960)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 106

Leader O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious,
and his mercy endures for ever.

People **Remember me, O LORD,**
according to the favor that you show to your people;
O visit me with your salvation.

Leader Our fathers disregarded your wonders in Egypt,
yet he saved them for his Name's sake,
that he might make his power known.

People **Deliver us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations;
that we may give thanks to your holy Name and glory in your praise.**

HYMN

№ 98 Now Thank We All Our God — Nun Danket

INVOCATION

¶ *Led by the Elder*

SUMMARY OF THE LAW & CONFESSION OF SIN

¶ *At the Minister's invitation, the People kneel or sit and 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

The Presentation of New Members

ANTHEM
(8:30 AM)

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

Trinity Song

Holy Father, Son and Spirit,
Holy communion, three in one. *(sung twice)*

Come with your peace, with your invitation,
Bind us together in holy love. *(sung twice)*

(repeat from beginning)

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¶ *The People sit.*

(11 AM)

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal

Hark, I hear the harps eternal
Ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters
With their deep and solemn roar:

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the Lamb
Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM.

And my soul, though stained with sorrow
Fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o'er those waters
To the city far away.

Souls have crossed before me, saintly,
To that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly
In the mansions of the blest.

Words and Music: Southern Harmony | arr. Alice Parker (1925–2023)

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 15:1–13 *pew Bible p. 57*

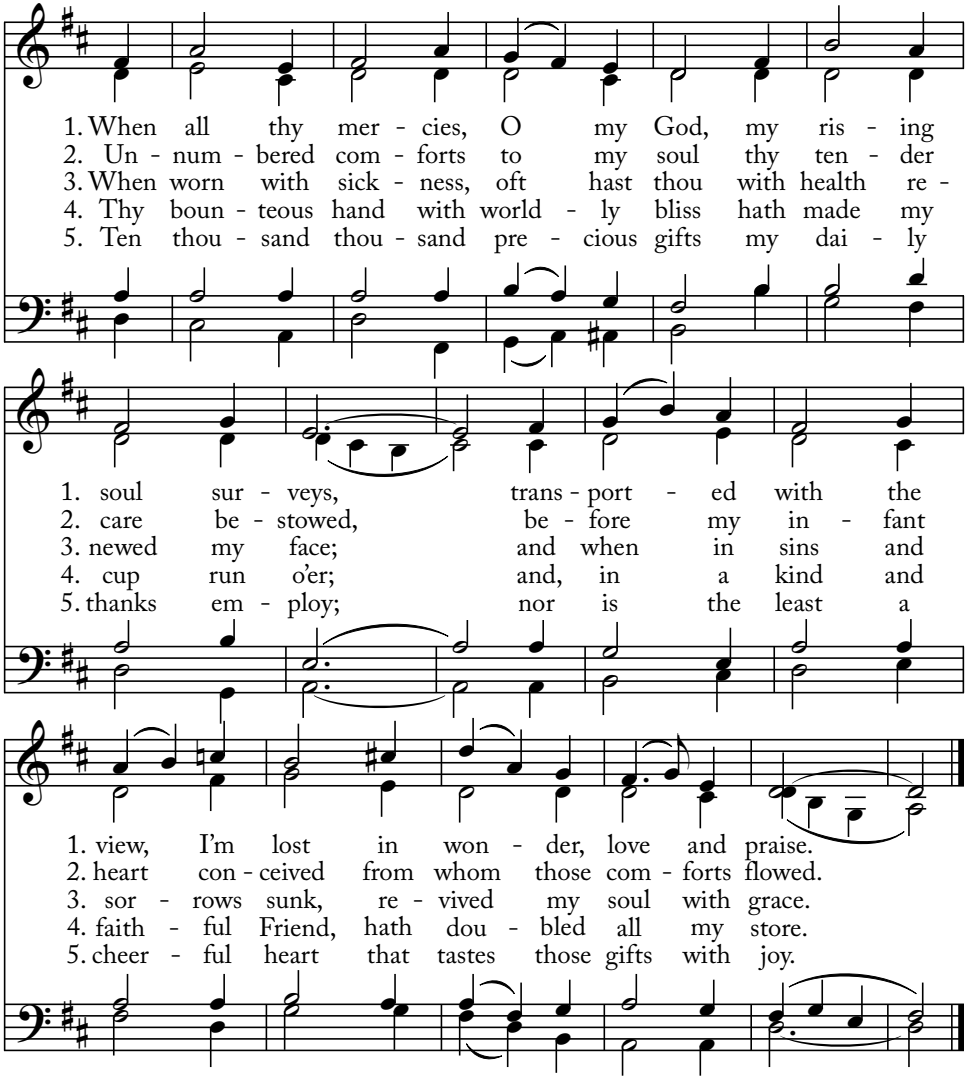
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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

When All Thy Mercies, O My God — CONTEMPLATION



6. Through every period of my life
thy goodness I'll pursue,
and after death, in distant worlds,
the glorious theme renew.

7. Through all eternity, to thee
a joyful song I'll raise;
for, oh, eternity's too short
to utter all thy praise!

Words: 1712 | Joseph Addison (1672-1719) Music: *Contemplation* | Frederick A. G. Ouseley (1825-1889)

¶ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 9:6–15 *pew Bible p. 968*

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

The Gift Mark Booker

HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

№ 714 We Plow the Fields and Scatter Wir Pflügen

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.*

Now Thank We All Our God — J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

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

№ 715 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come — St. George's, Windsor

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.*

Now Thank We All Our God — S. Karg-Elert (1877–1933)

SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*
Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

Assisting Minister — Polo Kim, *Minister to Internationals*

Elder — Juliet Halvorsen

Lay Readers — 8:30 Sam Beverage
11:00 Margaret Diffenderfer

Musicians — The Sanctuary Choir; Daniel Schmunk, *Director of Choral Music*
Daniel Geho, *trumpet*

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

NEW MEMBERS

Each of these candidates has been elected to membership at a meeting of the Membership Committee, and is today presented to the Congregation in accordance with our Bylaws.

Anne-Marie Conn
Timothy Conn
Lima Jamir
Lauren Marie Johnston
Boanerges Santos
Joanna Grace Sheldon
Ilsemes Sousa
Catherine Stienstra
Emil Stienstra

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

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

Let us pray together…

- Praising God for the birth of baby boy Finn Daniel Montmeny, born to Chloe and Aidan; and baby girl Elise Rehn, daughter of Sidney and Linus.
- Thanking God for the new members who have joined us; pray that they would experience the love of God through the Park Street community and be a blessing to others.
- For the city of Boston that, as Thanksgiving approaches, the Holy Spirit would be present in conversations and communities, drawing people to God.

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 & 11 am | *Sanctuary*
Nursery & Children's Church | 8:30 & 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*
GriefShare | 1 pm | *5th Floor Board Room*

This Week

Morning Prayer | Weekdays *(incl. Thu)*, 8:30 am | *parkstreet.org/morningprayer*
Perspectives Course | Mon, 6 pm | *Granary Room*
Home Ministry Outreach Meals | Sat, 8:30 am & 11:30am | *Fellowship Hall*
Small Groups and Other Bible Studies | Various Times | *parkstreet.org/groups*

General

Festival of Lessons and Carols | Sun, Dec 13, 7 pm | *Sanctuary*
Our traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols retells the story of humanity's redemption in scripture and song, from the fall of man to the birth of the Messiah with music by the Sanctuary Choir and Park Street Orchestra, and hymns sung by the congregation. Come early to ensure getting a seat. Register for childcare on Church Center.

Blue Christmas | Tue, Dec 15, 7 pm | *Sanctuary*
Blue Christmas is a service that acknowledges suffering and offers hope, filled with music, a parable, and personal prayer for any who desire it.

Jesus
Above
All

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*

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

COMMUNITY | *Loving One Another*

- Small groups **parkstreet.org/groups**
- Serve monthly **parkstreet.org/serve**
- Sign up for **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**.


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