



WELCOME

Thank you for joining us for worship today. We would love for you to be a regular part of what God is doing in and through this church. If you have any questions please ask one of our greeters or a member of the pastoral staff. To indicate your presence with us, please fill out the form on the back page of this program and place it in the offering plate, or give it to a greeter.

VISITORS WITH CHILDREN IN THE MORNING SERVICE

Children of all ages are welcome in the worship service.

INFANT NURSERY

(0-18 months) Please follow signs or ask a greeter.

TODDLER CLASS

(19-36 months) Please follow signs or ask a greeter.

PARENTS, PLEASE...

- Sign your children into the nursery and toddler rooms using the sign-in sheets
- Label all personal items
- Pick up your children immediately after the service

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children 3 to 6 years of age may be dismissed prior to the sermon for age appropriate activities and will return before communion. Of course, children of all ages are welcome to remain in the worship area for the entire service.

AFTER THE SERVICE

Please join us for refreshments in the cafeteria.

VISITORS WITH CHILDREN IN THE EVENING SERVICE

A volunteer nursery for children 0-2 years of age is provided. Please follow signs or ask a greeter.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

In addition to weekly worship, we offer many small groups that meet during the week in the surrounding area. Community Groups are excellent ways to develop genuine relationships with others while providing opportunities to investigate Christianity and get involved in local service projects. For a complete list of Community Groups, please visit our website at www.parkslopechurch.com or call the church office at 718.369.7972.



REFLECTION

The best lack all conviction and the worst are full of passionate intensity
—W.B. Yeats

We are, ultimately, liturgical animals because we are fundamentally desiring creatures. We are what we love, and our love is shaped, primed, and aimed by liturgical practices that take hold of our gut and aim our heart to certain ends. So we are not primarily homo rationale or homo faber or homo economicus; we are not even generically homo religiosus. We are more concretely homo liturgicus; humans are those animals that are religious animals not because we are primarily believing animals but because we are liturgical animals--embodied, practicing creatures whose love/desire is aimed at something ultimate.
—James K. A. Smith

I hate mankind, for I think myself one of the best of them, and I know how bad I am.
—Samuel Johnson



The Lord's Day
September 27th, 2009

Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost¹

PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: The heavens are telling the glory of God;
People: *and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.*
Minister: Day to day they pour forth speech,
People: *and night to night they declare knowledge.*
Minister: There is no speech, nor are there words;
People: *no voice is heard from them;*
Minister: yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
People: *and their words to the end of the world.*
Minister: In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
People: *which comes out like a bridegroom from his canopy,*
Minister: and like a strong man runs its course with joy;
People: *its rising is from the end of the heavens,*
Minister: and its circuit to the end of them;
People: *and nothing is hid from its heat.*
--from Psalm 19

Minister: Grace, mercy, and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: **and also with you.**

HYMNS

Arise O God And Shine
Be Still My Soul
Father Long Before Creation

¹ The Church has long used symbolic color in its worship. As the dominating colors of God's creation change from season to season, so do the liturgical colors of the Church calendar. The sequence of colors is meant to enhance the celebratory aspect of worship and to teach the Gospel story throughout the year. Green is the color of living things and God's creation and is used during the season of Pentecost to celebrate the growth of the church.



ARISE O GOD AND SHINE

Words by William Hurn
Music by Chris Miner

1. Arise, O God, and shine
2. Bring distant nations near
3. Put forth Thy glorious pow'r,
4. To God, the on-ly Wise,

in all Thy sav- ing might, And
to sing Thy glo- rious praise; Let
that eve- ry one may see And
the one im- mor- tal King, Let

pros- per each de- sign
eve- ry peo- ple hear
earth pres- ent her store,
hal- le- lu- jahs rise,

to spread Thy glo- rious light;
and learn Thy ho- ly ways.
in con- verts born to Thee.
from eve- ry liv- ing thing;

Let heal- ing streams of mer- cy flow
Reign, might- y God, as - sert Thy cause,
God, our own God, His Church will bless,
Let all that breathe, on eve- ry coast,

that all the earth Thy truth may know,
and gov- ern by Thy right- eous laws.
and fill the world with right- eous- ness,
praise Fa- ther, Son, and Ho- ly Ghost.



BE STILL MY SOUL

Words by Katharina von Schegel
Trans. by Jane Borthwick
Music by Jean Sibelius

D A D G A G A D

1. Be still, my soul! The Lord is on thy side;
2. Be still, my soul! Thy God doth undertake
3. Be still, my soul! The hour is hastening on

Bear pa-tient-ly the cross of grief or pain;
To guide the future as He has the past;
When we shall be forever with the Lord,

Leave to thy God to order and provide;
Thy hope, thy con-fidence, let no thing shake;
When dis-ap-point-ment, grief, and fear are gone,

In ev-ery change He faith-ful will re-main.
All now my - ster - ious shall be bright at last.
Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re-stored.

Be still, my soul! Thy best, thy heaven-ly Friend
Be still, my soul! The waves and wind still know
Be still, my soul! When change and tears are past,

Thro' thor - ny ways leads to a joy - ful end.
His voice who ruled while He dwelt be-low.
All safe and bless - ed them ed we shall meet at last.

4. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

5. Be still, my soul: begin the song of praise
On earth, believing, to thy Lord on high;
Acknowledge Him in all thy works and ways,
So shall He view thee with a well-pleased eye.
Be still, my soul: the Sun of life divine
Through passing clouds shall but more brightly shine.



FATHER LONG BEFORE CREATION

Chinese Hymn
Trans. by Francis P. Jones
Music by Jonathan Barnes

Capo III

Em7 F G Am7

1. Fa - ther long be - fore cre - a - tion,
2. Though the world may change its fas - ion,
3. God's com - pas - sion is my sto - ry,
4. Lov - ing Fa - ther now be - fore Thee

3 Em F G C

Thou hadst cho - sen us in love,
Yet our God is e'er in the same;
Is my boast - ing all the day;
We will ev - er praise Thy love,

5 Em F G Am7

And that love so deep, so mov - ing
His com - pas - sion and nev - His cov - enant
Mer - cy free and nev - er fail - ing
And our songs will sound un - ceas - ing

7 Em F G C

draws us close to Christ a - bove,
Through all a - ges will re - main.
Moves my will, di - rects my way,
'Til we reach our home a - bove,

9 Bb F Bb F

Still it keeps us, Still it keeps us
God's own child - ren, God's own child - ren
God so loved us, God so loved us
Giv - ing glo - ry, giv - ing glo - ry

11 Em F C/G G C F/A Dm G C F/A Dm G

Last Time To Coda

firm - ly fixed in Christ a lone
Must for - ev - er praise His name.
That His on - ly Son He gave.
To our God and to the

17 Bb F Bb F Em F C/G G

Giv - ing glo - ry, giv - ing glo - ry To our God and to the

21 C F/A Dm G C

Lamb



PRAYER OF ADORATION *(concluded by the following prayer in unison)*

Our Father, you are in heaven, high and lifted up,
higher than our highest thoughts.
Holy is your name; beside you there is no other!
You are God, and you alone! Receive us into your kingdom—the coming kingdom—
the kingdom of your anointed Son, Jesus, whose name we bear.
Receive us, for we come to you in his name—
we pray in him and with him.
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DOXOLOGY *(sung in unison)*

All ye who are of tender heart,
Forgiving others take your part.
Sing his praises. Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care.
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness.
O Praise him. Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



GOD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Father and creator,
you fill the earth with your glory,
and your handiwork is all around us.
Yet we have not sought wisdom in your decrees,
nor have we rejoiced in your precepts.
We do not always desire your commandments,
nor is their taste sweet to us like honey.
Have mercy on us and forgive us;
cleanse us from our hidden faults,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRIVATE CONFESSION

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Hear the good news! The Lord, our rock and our redeemer, forgives and
cleanses us from our sins, and restores us in the image of his Son, Jesus
Christ, to the praise and glory of his name.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

The people greet one another, followed by news of the church's life.



MINISTRY REPORT: Sandhya Boyd, Director of Brooklyn Jubilee



DEAR REFUGE OF MY WEARY SOUL

Words by Anne Steele
Music by Kevin Twit

C G/B Am Am/G

1. Dear re - fuge of my wear - y soul, On
oh! When gloo - my doubts pre - vail, I
Thou not bid me seek Thy face, And
mer - cy seat is o - pen still, Here

5 F G C C G/B

Thee when sor - rows— rise On Thee when waves of
fear to call Thee mine On The springs can ear - fort
shall I seek in— mine? And hum - ble hope at -
let my soul re - treat With

8 Am Am/G F G C

trou - ble roll, My fain - ting hope re - lies To
seem to fail, And all my hopes de - cline Yet
sov - ereign grace, Be deaf when I com - plain? No
tend Thy will, And wait be - neath Thy— feet Thy

12 G C Dm Am

Thee I tell each ri - sing grief, For
gra - cious God where shall I flee? Thou
still the ear of is sov - ereign grace, At
mer - cy seat is o - pen still, Here

15 F G Dm G C G/B

Thou a - lone canst hea - st Thy Word can bring a
art my on - ly tru - st And still my soul would
tends the mour - ner's pray - er Oh may I ev - er
let my soul re - trea - t With hum - ble hope at -

19 Am Am/G F G C

sweet re - lief, For eve - ry pain I— feel 2. But
cleave to Thee, — Though pro - strate in the— dust 3. Hast
find ac - cess, — To breathe my sor - rows— there 4. Thy
tend Thy will, — And wait be - neath Thy— feet

HYMN

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

During the hymn children ages 3-3rd grade may be dismissed for Children's Church.
They will return prior to communion. (Morning service only.)



GOD SPEAKS WITH US

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the waters of baptism, the church is called to be God's family, to minister to one another and to serve the world. Therefore we pray for ourselves, for one another, and for all those in need of our prayers.

Leader: Almighty creator and loving Father, you make us and sustain us.
Reveal your glory to us in the heavens and throughout our world.
Grant us the ears to hear the speech that all your works declare.
May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer;
for this, O Lord, we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Father of the fatherless and protector of the vulnerable,
we pray for the marginalized in our communities.
Grant them access to material and spiritual resources
and the motivation to pursue them.
May Brooklyn Jubilee, and the congregations of Brooklyn Presbyterian Church,
be faithful in our efforts to participate in your renewal of all things.
for this, O Lord, we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbors,
that we may honor all people as the offspring of our one Father.
Bless and guide our leaders and give wisdom to all in authority.
Direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace,
so that all may rejoice in your precepts and desire your law;
for this, O Lord, we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Father of mercies, your sun rises on both the evil and the good,
and you send rain upon both the righteous and the unrighteous.
Help us to show your comfort and healing even to our enemies,
so that all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit may see your love,
that together we may be perfect, even as you are perfect;
for this, O Lord, we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.



SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 4:16-30

¹⁶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³ And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well."

²⁴ And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵ But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶ and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷ And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸ When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹ And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰ But passing through their midst, he went away.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



SERMON

Pastor Galt

LUKE: The Gospel for Everyone
"THE SCANDAL OF JESUS"

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 and of all things visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of his Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made; of one substance with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
 He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified;
 he spoke by the prophets.

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
 we acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins;
 we look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY

The offering is a way for members and friends of Park Slope Presbyterian Church to support the church's mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give.

If you would prefer to make your gift online, please visit <https://parkslopechurch.com/giving/> to arrange one-time or recurring donations.



GOD STRENGTHENS US

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & CONSECRATION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: *We lift them up to the Lord!*

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Minister: With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you have created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us— even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whose grace we may triumph over temptation, be more fervent in prayer, and be more generous in love. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly ho ly, Lord, God of pow'r and might



Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - sanah in the High - est



Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - nah in the



High - est. Ho - san - nah in the High - est.

The minister continues this prayer, concluding with the Lord's Prayer in unison (found on the following page).



SOVEREIGN GRACE O'ER SIN ABOUNDING

Words by John Kent
Music by Sandra McCracken

Capo V



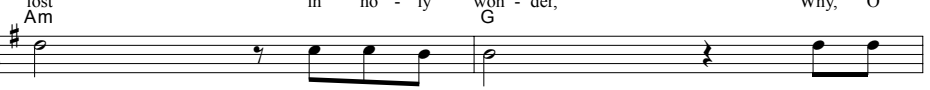
1 Sov - ereign grace o'er sin a - bound - ing! Ran - somed
2 What from Christ that soul can sev - er; Bound by
3 Heirs of God, joint - heirs with Je - sus, Long ere
4 On such love, my soul, still pon - der, Love so



souls, the tid - ings swell; 'Tis a
ev - er - last - ing bands? Once in
time its race be - gun; To His
great, so rich, so free; Say, while



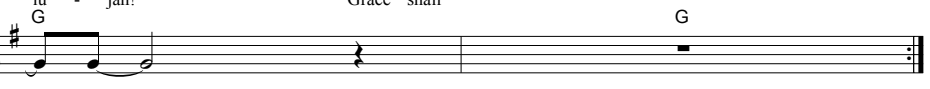
deep that knows no sound - ing; Who its
Him in Him for ev - er; Thus the
name e - ter - nal prais - es; O what
lost in ho - ly won - der, Why, O



breadth eter - nal length can tell? On its
won - ders love has done! None shall
Lord, such love to me? Hal - le -



glo - ries, Let my soul for - ev - er
take Thee From the Strength of Is - rael's
Je - sus, By e - Strength of Is - rael's
lu - jah! Grace shall ter - nal un - ion



dwelling hands. one.



reign Hal - le - lu - jah! Grace shall reign Hal - le -



lu - jah! Grace shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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, forever and ever. *Amen.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Minister: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:
People: *Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!*

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD & THE CUP

Park Slope Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians—those who are trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel—to receive the Holy Communion with us.

We will be coming forward to receive the Holy Communion. Those unable to receive Communion (including children who do not yet receive) may cross their hands over their chest and will receive a blessing from the minister (or you may simply stay in your seat). If you cannot receive wine, non-alcoholic grape juice is available in the outer ring of the trays.

COMMUNION MUSIC (found on the following pages)

Sovereign Grace O'er Sin Abounding
Come Then Lord Jesus

SILENT PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION (found on page 19)



COME THEN, LORD JESUS

Words by Horatius Bonar
alt. by Hutson and Bowser
Music by Kenny Hutson
and Katy Bowser

E A F#m B

1. The Church has wait - ed long, Her ab - sent Lord to see, And
 2. The ser - pent's brood in - crease, The pow'rs of hell grow bold, The
 3. We long to hear thy voice, To see Thee face to face, To
 4. The whole cre - a - tion groans, And wait to hear that voice, That

5 E A F#m B E

still in lone - li - ness she waits, A friend - less stran - ger she,
 con - flict thick - ens, faith is low, And love is wax - ing cold, How
 share Thy crown and glor - y then, As now we share thy grace, Should
 shall re - store her come - li - ness, And make her wastes re - joice, Come,

9 E A F#m B

Age af - ter age has gone, Sun af - ter sun has set, And
 long, O Lord our God, Ho - ly and true and good, Wilt
 not the lov - ing bride, The ab - sent Bride - groom mourn? Should
 Lord, and wipe a - way, The curse, the sin, the stain, And

13 E A F#m B E

still in weeds of wid - ow - hood, She weeps a mourn - er yet,
 thou not judge Thy suf - fring Church, Her sighs and tears and blood?
 she not wear the weeds of grief, Un - til her Lord re - turn?
 make this blight - ed world of ours, Thine own fair world a - gain.

17 A B E A A B E A B E A

Come then, Lord Je - sus, come; Come then, Lord Je - sus; — Come then, Lord Je - sus, come,

23 A B E A B E A B E

Come, — come. come. Come, — come. Come, — come.



SILENT PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. *Amen.*

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weak and sinful, but through you I am loved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death in order to offer me forgiveness and renewal. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and faithfully follow you in life. *Amen.*

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT TO GOD'S PEOPLE

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the steps necessary to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. *Amen.*



THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

Words by Samuel Stone
Music by Brian Moss

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(unison)*

Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts; you have satisfied our hunger with good things. In giving all, you have not withheld from us your own dear Son. How can we withhold anything from you, our Lord and our God? Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit, that we may give ourselves completely to your service and walk with joy in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GOD COMMISSIONS US

CLOSING HYMN *(found on the following page)*

The Church's One Foundation

BENEDICTION

Minister: May the grace of Christ, which daily renews us, and the love of God, which enables us to love all, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, which unites us in one body, make us eager to obey the will of God until we meet again, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
—based on 2 Corinthians 13:13

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

The pastoral staff and other church leaders are available following the service to pray with you or to answer your questions about the Christian faith or Park Slope Presbyterian Church.

CAPO II

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord, She
lect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
is His new crea - tion, by wa - ter and the Word, From
char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth; One
Em D/F# G Asus A
heaven ho - ly Name and she sought bless - es, to par - takes His ho - ly bride; With
And
14 D D/F# G A D
His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died, 2. E -
to one hope she press - es, with eve - ry grace en - dued

3. Though with a scornful wonder,
Men see her sore oppressed
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping,
Shall be the morn of song

4. The church shall never perish,
Her dear Lord to defend
To guide, sustain and cherish,
Is with her to the end
Though there be those that hate her,
And false sons in her pale
Against a foe or traitor,
She ever shall prevail

5. Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation,
Of peace for evermore
Till with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest

6. Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won
O happy ones and holy,
Lord gives us grace that we
Like them the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.



PSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Join us from 9:30 am to 10:15 am for Sunday School classes, designed to help you grow in your understanding and practice of the Christian faith and in your relationships with others in the church. We are currently offering for adults an Introduction to Park Slope Presbyterian class with Brian Steadman, Core Values for Christian Living with Pastor Jamison Galt, and Exodus with Keith Darrell. If you have more questions or need more information, please check out the Sunday School page on our website or contact the church office at admin@parkslopechurch.com

Please also note that in addition to the Adult classes we always provide contemporaneous nursery for infants and toddlers and age appropriate classes for children up through 6th grade. During this semester, a catechism class will be offered by Pastor Matt for children in 4th grade and above.

ETHIOPIA HIGHLIGHT EVENT

Andy Warren, the director of the Addis Ababa, Ethiopia HIV/AIDS Project will be spending the evening of Tuesday, September 29th with the PSPC community! Please join Andy and the pastoral staff at 7:30 pm at Greenwood Baptist Church (461 6th St b/w 5th and 6th Streets) on the 29th to hear more about this important project to which we send a team each year.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Halloween is a huge event in Park Slope and we like to celebrate this neighborly festival with our own open house. Come by the Brown's house (489 3rd St.) between 5:30 and 9:00 to greet hundreds of trick-or-treaters while enjoying some of the finest mac & cheese you've ever eaten. And if you have a favorite mac-& cheese recipe, please bring it along. N.B. Costumes are not required but greatly appreciated.

ETHIOPIA MEDICAL MISSION TRIP

Park Slope Presbyterian will once again be participating in a medical mission trip to Addis, Ethiopia from February 12-27, 2009. While the trip is open to those with various proficiencies, preference is given to those with expertise in the medical professions. For more information, please contact the church office at admin@parkslopechurch.com.

FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF 8/31/09

Income To Date --\$358,518
Budget to Date--\$348,010



BROOKLYN JUBILEE BENEFIT

Come join us as Brooklyn Jubilee celebrates three years of service by hosting our first benefit concert on October 15, 2009 in Fort Greene, Brooklyn!

This will be a special night of retro-country musical talent from Brooklyn Presbyterian Church's own Steve Elliot and band, with an opening act from Theo Prince. One-of-a-kind prizes will be awarded through a silent auction.

When:

Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

Where:

South Oxford Space, 138 S. Oxford Street, Brooklyn NY 11217
(between Fulton and Atlantic Streets, Fort Greene, near the C train to Lafayette, the G train to Fulton, or any train to Atlantic/Pacific Street in Brooklyn)

Who:

Opening - Theo Prince (www.myspace.com/weaponno1)
Main Act - Steve Elliot (www.myspace.com/rockemsockemguitarbot) and band.

Opportunities to volunteer at this event are still available. If you are interested in volunteering during the concert, or if you would like further info, please contact Michelle at volunteer@brooklynjubilee.org.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Community Groups are small gatherings designed to foster Christian community and spiritual growth through regular fellowship, prayer, Bible study, and service. They are a principal way we as a church care for one another and our neighbors. If you would like to visit any of our groups, please email the respective leader and request more specific directions and information. Each group meets on a bi-weekly basis unless otherwise noted.

PARK SLOPE GROUPS:

Union St.

Thursdays, 7:30-9:00, weekly
Union St. @ 6th Ave.
Doug Hamilton, rdhamilton_ra@msn.com

First St.

Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30, weekly
6th Ave. @ 1st St.
Kris Larsen, kl29@nyu.edu

10th St.

Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00, weekly
10th St. b/w 8th Ave. and PPW
Christy Hayner, christyrae37@hotmail.com

Center Slope

Thursdays, 7:30-9:30, weekly
3rd Street b/w 6th and 7th
Ryan Simms, rlsimms@gmail.com

OUTLYING NEIGHBORHOODS GROUPS:

Prospect Heights

Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30, weekly
Dean St. and Carlton Ave.
Ping Moy, themoy@aol.com

Windsor Terrace

Sundays, 3:00-4:30
Seeley St. & 20th St.
Frank Sills, francissills@juno.com

Kensington

Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00
Ocean Pkwy & Caton Pl.
John Adamek, skadamek@gmail.com

Ft. Greene

Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00, weekly
South Oxford b/w Fulton and Atlantic
Jeff Newell, jdnewell@juno.com

Carroll Gardens

Thursdays, 8:00-9:30, weekly
3rd Place b/w Clinton St. & Court St.
Andy Nigro, its_nigro@yahoo.com

Clinton Hill

Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00, weekly
Classon Ave & Lexington Ave.
Richard Vernon, richard.vernon@gmail.com

Dumbo

Sundays, 5:00-7:00, weekly
Water St. & Adams St.
Tim Kline, TKline@cravath.com

Bay Ridge

Thursdays, 7:00-8:30, weekly
Madeleine Ct. off 68th St.
b/w 3rd Ave. and Ridge Blvd.
Amy Bowser, amyann106@yahoo.com



COMMUNITY MINISTRIES HIGHLIGHT

John Jay High School Saturday Tutoring

Contact: Brian Steadman, briansteadman@parkslopechurch.com

The School of Research in John Jay High School will hold Saturday tutoring sessions on select dates throughout the 2009-10 school year. If you helped out with the tutoring back in the spring, please mark your calendars.

For those interested in tutoring at John Jay or any other NYC Department of Education school, please contact Brian Steadman for information on becoming a certified tutor through Learning Leaders.

Here are the selected Saturdays for tutoring, 10:00AM - 1:00PM:

October 3
October 24
November 21
December 19
January 16
February 27
March 27
April 24
June 5



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ELDERS

Park Slope Presbyterian Church is a mission church of the Metro New York Presbytery and is granted oversight by a temporary session of the Presbytery. The members of the session are the Rev. Craig Higgins, the Rev. David Bisgrove, Kirk Balzer and Phil Petronis.

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THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP OPERATIONS & CHILDREN’S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

***Growth by Megan Prince**

Born in California, raised in eastern Washington, Megan moved from Seattle to Brooklyn to attend Brooklyn College, CUNY for her MFA (2008). Prior to New York Prince received a BFA, Painting and a BA, Interdisciplinary Visual Arts from University of Washington. Following graduation she founded FAC (Fine Art Community) to help artists gain confidence and insight in their work. A prolific mixed media artist, Prince was included in eight New York exhibitions in the last year, by mature and emerging curators alike, and has been awarded several grants and fellowships. She is currently a studio fellow with EFA in Midtown.



SERMON SERIES:

The Season After Pentecost

SEPT	27	21 Pentecost	Luke 4:16-30 “The Scandal of Jesus”
OCT	4	22 Pentecost	Luke 4:31-44 “The Works of Jesus”
	11	23 Pentecost	Luke 5:1-11; 27-32 “The New Israel”
	18	24 Pentecost	Luke 6:1-11 “The New Sabbath”
	25	25 Pentecost	Luke 6:27-36 “The New Warfare”

PSALMS: A Primer on Prayer

COMMUNITY GROUP SERVING NEXT SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 4th:

Prospect Heights & Dumbo

September/October:

- October 11- Union St
- October 18- Kensington
- October 25- Bay Ridge
- November 1- First Street & Windsor Terrace
- November 8- Tenth Street
- November 15- Carroll Gardens
- November 22- Fort Greene & Clinton Hill
- November 29- Center Slope

PRAYER TEAM VOLUNTEERS

Steve Pilgrim and Debbie Wells

SOUND VOLUNTEER

Andy Evans

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR LUKE 4:31-37

1. What is said in verses 31-32 about Jesus’ teaching? How do you suppose that was different than other teachers his listeners had heard? How does Jesus follow up his unique teaching with similar actions?
2. What do we learn about demons and their relationship to Jesus? How does Jesus’ work parallel his words in this passage? Where does the combination of Word and Deed leave these witnesses?
3. How does Jesus’ ‘deed’ ministry in your life prove the teachings in his word; how do they go together? Why is authority so important for Jesus to demonstrate in our lives? Do you think of him as such a powerful authority for you, over you, and when necessary, against you? In what ways?



DAILY WORSHIP RESOURCES

Please use your bulletin as a personal, family or group worship resource for prayers, hymns and readings this week. The scripture readings below are part of a two-year cycle that will take you through the Old Testament once, the New Testament twice and the Psalms frequently.

PROPER 21

SUNDAY

Evening: Psalm 19, 46 Luke 5:1-11

MONDAY

Morning: Psalm 89:1-18 2 Kings 17:24-41 1 Corinthians 7:25-31
Evening: Psalm 89:19-52 Matthew 6:25-34

TUESDAY

Morning: Psalm 97, 99 2 Chron. 29:1-3,30:1, 10-27 1 Corinthians 7:32-40
Evening: Psalm 94 Matthew 7:1-12

WEDNESDAY

Morning: Psalm 101, 109:1-4, 20-30 2 Kings 18:9-25 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Evening: Psalm 119:121-144 Matthew 7:13-21

THURSDAY

Morning: Psalm 105:1-22 2 Kings 18:28-37 1 Corinthians 9:1-15
Evening: Psalm 105:23-45 Matthew 7:22-29

FRIDAY

Morning: Psalm 102 2 Kings 19:1-20 1 Corinthians 9:16-27
Evening: Psalm 107:1-32 Matthew 8:1-17

SATURDAY

Morning: Psalm 107:33-43, 108 2 Kings 19:21-36 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Evening: Psalm 33 Matthew 8:18-27

SUNDAY

Morning: Psalm 118 2 Kings 20:1-21 Acts 12:1-17

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Andy Warren [Beverly], Addis, Ethiopia





CONTACT INFORMATION

Please use this page to indicate your presence with us or to make us aware of any changes in your contact information.

- Visitor
- Second Time Visitor
- Regular Attendee
- Member

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Children (Ages):

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

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If you have concerns for which you'd like us to pray, please write them in the space below and submit them in the offering collection.

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 admin@parkslopechurch.com

Morning Worship Location:
 John Jay High School
 237 7th Avenue, b/w 4th and 5th Sts.
 Brooklyn, NY 11215
 Sundays, 10:30 am

Evening Worship Location:
 Living Hope Methodist Church
 120 16th Street, b/w 4th and 5th Aves.
 Brooklyn, NY 11215
 Sundays, 5:30 pm

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