

Parkman Congregational Church

December 3, 2023

Member of the Conservative Congregational
Christian Conference

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If there is an emergency, please call one of the Elders'
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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM
SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE 6:00 - 7:00PM

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1823 - 2023 Bicentennial

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Ministers: Members of this Congregation

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THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sunday, **December 3** Sunday school, 9:00 am
 Fellowship Time, 10:00 am
 Worship Service, 10:30 am
 Evening Prayer Service 6-7:00 pm
- Monday, **December 4** Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, **December 6** **Centerpiece Making, 6:00 pm**
- Saturday, **December 9** AA 8:30 pm
- Sunday, **December 10** Sunday school, 9:00 am
 Fellowship Time, 10:00 am
 Worship Service, 10:30 am
 Evening Prayer Service 6-7:00 pm
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NOT God's plan for my life
BUT my life for God's plan
NOT God's vision for our church
BUT our church for God's Vision

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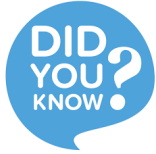
MATTHEW	
12/03 -Matthew 7:15-20	Beware!

2nd Week of Advent



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Ask Seek, Knock

Ask and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be open.

To fully understand what Jesus is saying, we have to realize that when we ask, we must ask aright. We must not ask for selfish reasons. We must not ask in an attitude that blasphemes the Holy Spirit. We must ask according to what God endorses in His Holy Word. He could have expanded that little aphorism to give a thousand qualifications, but He did not do that, because He is giving us a general truth. It is important that we realize that our Father is a God who loves to give to those who ask. As James wrote, "You do not have because you do not ask." (James 4:2)

Jesus told this crowd that our Father knows what we need before we ask Him (Matt 6:32). So why now does He add this invitation for taking our requests before God? We do not improve God's knowledge by our prayers. Our prayers benefit us. Distorted Calvinists believe that since God ordains all things, we need not bother to pray at all, but that is an offense to biblical teaching. We are told in James's epistle that "the effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 4:2)

- R. C. Sproul

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SUNDAY EVENINGS PRAYER SERVICE



PARKMAN CONGREGATIONAL

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Scripture of the Month

Matthew 7:14 "For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few."

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CENTERPIECE MAKING

**Evergreen Center Piece Making
in the Church Social Hall**

Wednesday December 6th at 6:00 pm

**Please bring accent pieces for your centerpiece
or to share along with containers.**

**If you have any Fresh Evergreens
please bring them. Everyone is welcome!**

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**We are again taking orders for Poinsettias to decorate
the church this holiday season.**

**If you would like to order flowers in memory or honor of
a loved one, please fill out a form (located in the narthex)
and drop it along with your check in the Secretary's
mailbox.**

**We will include the dedications in our Christmas Eve
Worship Service bulletin.**

**Please order your flowers early and please remember to
take your flowers home after the Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service. The latest date to order is Sunday,
December 10th.**

**Thank you and please see Laurie if you have any
questions.**