

# Parkman Congregational Church

December 10, 2023

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Christian Conference

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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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## I NEVER KNEW YOU

Matthew 7:21-23



*Pastor: Reverend Will Coley*

*Ministers: Members of this Congregation*

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## THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Monday, **December 11**                      Elders, 7:00 pm  
   Women's Fellowship, 7:00

Friday, **December 15**                      **Family Christmas Party, 6:00 pm**

Saturday, **December 16**                      AA 8:30 pm

Sunday, **December 17**                      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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<b>MATTHEW</b>	
<b>12/10 – Matthew 7:21-23</b>	<b>I Never Knew You</b>

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in 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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**Church Family Christmas Party**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15th - 6:00 PM**  
**In the Church Social Hall**

**Please bring a Dish to Share for the Potluck Style Dinner**  
**Ham will be provided by the Women's Fellowship**  
**Caroling, Devotions, Crafts for the kids**  
**NO ADULT GIFT EXCHANGE**  
**Everyone is Welcome!**

**NOTE:** If you're interested in helping, we are looking for small gifts for the kids that are wrapped and no names on them. The kids will be able to select a wrapped gift and there will be games for them to play. Ideas would be little toy's, race cars, puzzles, activity books and playdough.  
Children's ages are 2-10 years old.

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER!**

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.