



**Sunday, November 21, 2021**



**Walk with God • Connect as Family • Love People in Jesus' Name**

## WELCOME GUESTS!

Thank you for joining us today. We'd love to get to know you and help you get connected to our community. If this is your first time with us either in person or virtually, if you are looking to take your next step of connection, or you are simply wanting to find out how to participate please [click here to fill out our Connect Card](#) and a staff member will be in touch!

## THIS MORNING

Prayer	8:30 a.m.
Journey Adult Sunday School	9:10 a.m.
Wonderland, ECHO, Ascent	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	10:00 a.m.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ***A Night of Thanksgiving (Thanksgiving Eve)***

*Wednesday, November 24, 7 p.m., Sanctuary*

*"Surely, the LORD has done great things" - Joel 2:21b*

Let us come together as a church family to hear and speak gratitude for who God is and what he has done. Join us as we worship through thankfulness and fellowship. This year we will be providing a slice of pie to go!

## ***Let Us Adore Him - Advent Series begins Sun, Nov. 28***

Our Advent Series this year will center around our Adoration of Christ, considering who He is, what He does, and how his first advent meets our deepest needs. We will use both traditional and non-traditional elements in our worship. Our desire is that this series will bring fresh perspectives to an annual celebration of our relationship with God through Christ. We will seek to view this through past (pre-incarnation), present (His coming and presence), and future (anticipation) lenses.

***And mark your calendar for worship on Christmas Eve, December 24 at 5:30 p.m.***

## ***Serving Opportunity! Praise & Prayer Team***

Our team is looking for individuals to help plan Tuesday Praise and Prayer nights. Musicians and artists are most needed but any individual who has a passion for this is welcome! Contact Gretchen at [gretchen.gullo@gmail.com](mailto:gretchen.gullo@gmail.com) for more information.

### **3rd Quarter Winter Wingding**

*Friday, December 3, 7 - 9 p.m., MPR*

Join your 3rd Quarter friends for an evening of Christmas-y fun including games, a photo booth, and more! WEAR your ugly Christmas sweater and BRING a Christmas cookie/bar to share plus a "white elephant" for a gift exchange. This will be the perfect way to welcome the Christmas season with friends.

[Click here to RSVP!](#)

### **Women's Blessing Bags Take & Bake**

*Saturday, December 4, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Cafe*

Have you ever driven past someone in need and wondered what you could do to help? We will be putting together Blessing Bags filled with basic toiletries, snacks and items to keep warm. If you'd like to join and/or donate supplies [email Libby Cheser at che-ser4.lc@gmail.com](mailto:ser4.lc@gmail.com)

### **Women's Advent Night - Joy, Joy, Joy**

*Friday, December 10, 7p.m., Sanctuary*

Join us for Advent Night as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. Guest speaker Becky Baudouin will inspire women to reclaim their joy! The evening will also include music, reflection, refreshments, and social time. No RSVP needed. Invite a friend for a joy-filled evening!

## ***Gingerbread Nativity Home Kits***

*Pick up on Sunday, December 19, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.*

Join us as we celebrate the joy of Jesus' birth from home with our at home gingerbread nativity kits! Kits are \$15 each and you can pick up your kit by the main entrance during our coffee and cocoa time after service on Sunday, December 19th. [Click here to register for your kit\(s\) today.](#)

## ***Journey Adult Sunday School Hybrid!***

*Sundays, 9:10 a.m., Zoom & Fellowship Hall*

John Barcanic is leading a series called "Refresh, Renew, and Restore: Caring for Your Soul in Tough Times." Do you remember a time when you were more passionate about life and faith than you are now? Are you rushed, weary, or irritable? Do you feel spiritually dry, numb, or disconnected? Join Journey in November to discover how the Gospel meets the deepest needs of our souls. Today John is talking about distractions in our lives. John Barcanic is a former pastor at SPC and now an Outreach partner with Intersekt.

Print outs of the participant guide will be provided for those attending in person. If you will be participating from home, [click here to download the week three participant guide.](#)

Journey starts at 9:10 am in Fellowship Hall following the prayer meeting. Attend in person or participate in Journey using Zoom. Visit [www.zoom.us/join](http://www.zoom.us/join) and use Meeting ID: 833 1146 0818 and password 554103. Check out recordings of past Journey classes anytime [here on our website.](#)

## **Sunday Morning Prayer**

*Sundays, 8:30 a.m., Zoom & Fellowship Hall*

Join us in person or online as we praise God and seek His presence and favor. Visit [www.zoom.us/join](http://www.zoom.us/join) and use Meeting: 874 0226 6783, Password: 807766

## **Always We Begin Again Podcast**

*available on PodBean & Spotify*

We invite you to listen to weekly episodes of this podcast hosted by Adam Nelson. This formational podcast is for those who want to practice and discern ways to deepen and broaden our spiritual journey through guided practices, enlivening conversations, and engaging with ancient and modern wisdom.

[Click here to listen on PodBean.](#)

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## **WEEKLY GIVING REPORT**

### **Week ending October 31, 2021**

YTD 2021	\$	852,167
YTD BUDGET	\$	1,211,692
YTD Surplus(Shortfall)	\$	(359,525)

## CARING FOR EACH OTHER

If you or someone in our church family are experiencing hardship and have a need for resources, financial help, or prayer, please reach out to Kristin Sorensen, Care Director. Kristin can be reached via email at [kristin@southparkchurch.org](mailto:kristin@southparkchurch.org) or give her a call at 847 825-5507 and press 125

## PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

*I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.*

Psalm 130:5-7

Pray that we may be people that wait patiently with hope for God's continued work in our individual lives, our families, and our church.

Pray for South Park Church as we faithfully seek God's will for the next pastor of our church. Pray that the Search Team will coalesce into a unified group working together to seek the person God desires to be the next Senior Pastor. Pray that God would give wisdom in developing guidelines for the search and in determining appropriate sources for soliciting potential candidates. Pray also that God would begin preparing the hearts of the congregation for whomever He would lead to be the next Senior Pastor.

Pray for Greg Schimmel who has learned the cancer drug that has been working to keep the cancer at bay is no longer a viable option as the cancer growth has continued. Please storm the throne of grace with confidence on behalf of our dear brother asking that God make Himself more real and present to Greg, Judy, and their family now more than ever. Pray that the transfusions Greg will likely continue to receive will serve the purpose of increasing his energy allowing Greg to eat and interact with others in the ways he enjoys. Pray that Greg and Judy will feel strengthened, helped and upheld by the righteous right hand of God and that fear and dismay will be held at bay.

Pray for our local and national government leaders and judicial system as they have many complicated issues before them. Please pray that they seek God's wisdom, seek common ground, seek justice, and seek to unify our nation. And, please pray for those being persecuted for their faith around the world. Let's pray that each of us bring the hope of Jesus to our areas of influence.

Continue to pray for: Bob Janke, Art Engle (Scott's dad), Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky



# SERMON NOTES

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. What image of God or God's kingdom sticks with you? Do you see any way this has influenced your life or expectations of God's work?
2. Has there been a time when an "aha" moment made you rethink how you view yourself, your community or God? What were your emotional reactions?
3. What childhood book, or movie, or place can you recall without trying? Are there ways this helped shape your world?
4. What changes when we see the prophets as pastoral in how they communicate to their people?