



**Sunday, November 7, 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

## ***40: The Gospels with Joel Schoon Tanis***

*Saturday, November 20, 3 - 6 p.m.*

Joel Schoon-Tanis returns with his latest project exploring and reimagining 40 stories within the Gospels. All are invited to allow art, community, imagination, and wisdom to shape our conversations as Joel's work opens up new ways for all ages to see familiar stories and our place in them. Most of the original works will be on display with an artist talk and Q&A at 4 p.m.

## ***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 take-home mini-pies!

## ***Attention 4th and 5th Grade Students!***

*Sundays at 10 a.m. beginning TODAY*

Starting on November 7th, our 4th and 5th graders will be moving into their own space on the 3rd floor! For more details, please email [Michaela@southpark-church.org](mailto:Michaela@southpark-church.org)

## ***Women's Ministry Prayer and Worship Night***

*Thursday, November 18, 7 p.m.*

Join us (either in-person or virtually) for an evening of prayer and worship where we'll reflect on how God is and has been faithful throughout this past year and prepare our hearts to celebrate Thanksgiving. Prayer & Worship Night will be held on Thursday, November 18th from 7:00 - 8:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Hope you'll be able to participate!

## ***Sunday Morning Prayer Hybrid! 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.](#)

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

***Journey Adult Sunday School Hybrid! Sundays, 9:10 a.m.  
Zoom & Fellowship Hall***

John Barcanic will be leading a new 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. 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 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.](#)

**WEEKLY GIVING REPORT**

***Week ending October 24, 2021***

YTD 2021	\$	836,971
YTD BUDGET	\$	1,184,154
YTD Surplus(Shortfall)	\$	(347,182)

## 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

*Surely he has done great things! Do not be afraid, land of Judah; be glad and rejoice. Surely the Lord has done great things!* Joel 2:20b-21

Pray that, through our study of the book of Joel, we have learned that confession and repentance are vital components of our daily walk with Christ, that God's grace in restoration and renewal is instrumental in our relationship with Him, and that hope and anticipation are foundational in the Christian life. Please pray for God's direction in our church and your role in it.

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.

Please pray for regained strength and for reduction of pain for **Pastor Marty** as he begins physical therapy and a few other treatment plans. Please pray he remains encouraged and upheld by the Great Physician along with the prayers of many.

Pray for our **local and national government leaders** as they have many complicated issues before them. Please pray that they seek God's wisdom, seek common ground, 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), Greg Schimmel, Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky

# SERMON NOTES

## The Final Triumph *Joel 3:1-21*

Introduction: The Lord is a refuge for His people.

One: Vindication vs. 1 – 8

Two: Security vs. 9 – 16

cf. 2 Peter 3:9

cf. Isaiah 2:4

Three: Peace vs. 17 – 21

Conclusion: God's care for His people is anchored in the work of Christ.



## DIGGING DEEPER

1. How does God's dispensing of justice at the return of Christ motivate us to pursue justice in our world today?
2. In what ways does our security in Christ encourage us in our walk with Him day today?
3. Why do so many people deny the reality of ultimate judgment upon their sin?
4. How does the reality of perfect peace in Christ's coming kingdom provide peace for us in trials now?
5. Why is the celebration of Communion such a fitting conclusion of worship for the prophecies of Joel?