

Glad Tidings

Saturday, December 24, 2022



SOUTH  **PARK**
CHURCH

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

Welcome!

Thank you for joining us!
We'd love to get to know you and help you get connected to our community.

If this is your first time with us, if you are looking to take your next step of connection, or you are simply wanting to find out more about South Park Church, we invite you to fill out an online connect card and a staff member will be in touch!

www.southparkchurch.org/connect

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The banner features the text "Info Hub" in a large, light green font, with a white cross icon to the right. Below this is the website URL "www.southparkchurch.org/info". At the bottom, there are social media icons for Instagram and Facebook, both with the handle "@southparkchurch". A blue button with a white arrow and the text "Learn more" is positioned to the right of the Facebook icon.

We've made it easy for you to find info about what's happening at South Park Church! Visit the info hub!

www.southparkchurch.org/info

Join us on New Years Day!

SAME GOD NEW YEAR

Sunday, January 1 at 10 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Same God, New Year! Join us as we gather to celebrate the New Year with a unique time of worship, prayer and communion on January 1 at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Child-care will be available for children birth through 3 years old.

JONAH 
PRISCILLA SHIRER

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. or 7 p.m.

 *Winter Study begins*
Thursday January 19

Register at www.southparkchurch.org/info 

You can't escape life's interruptions. but you can change your perspective on them. Join us for this 6 week series as we discover that what you see as an interruption may truly be God's divine invitation to a life so much bigger than you can imagine. Visit www.southparkchurch.org/info to register.

the Landing™
CelebrateRecovery® for Teens

Monday Nights, 7 - 8:45 p.m.
beginning January 16

SOUTH PARK CHURCH
1330 Courtland Avenue, Park Ridge, IL

Teens are welcome to this Christ-centered space to help support them as they face hurts, habits, and hangups. Email southparkchurchlanding@gmail.com for more info.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

TUTORING
& Homework Help

SPC has an opportunity to work one-on-one
with students at Apollo Elementary School
in Des Plaines!

EMAIL DOROTHY AT
DOROTHYCC11@GMAIL.COM

If you are available at 3:45 pm on Monday or Tuesday afternoons, tutoring students from Apollo School in Des Plaines would be a meaningful way to serve in the community. To learn more, email Dorothycc11@gmail.com.



We are excited that our ECHO ministry is growing! Beginning on January 8th, ECHO students (1st-3rd grade) will meet in the MPR on Sunday mornings! Please check in as usual, then head downstairs for ministry time.

A colorful flyer for "first WEDNESDAYS". The word "first" is in a small, black, sans-serif font above "WEDNESDAYS", which is in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font with a white outline. Below this, it says "A Midweek Ministry for 1st- 5th Graders" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. The time "5:00- 6:30pm" is in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. To the left of the time is a yellow splash shape with the word "FUN" in black. To the right is a white splash shape with the text "Don't forget to invite a friend, or 3!". At the bottom, a black banner contains the text "1st - 5th grade students are invited to come to FIRST WEDNESDAYS January 11, 2023 at South Park Church" in white, sans-serif font. There are blue and red splash graphics at the bottom corners.

Students in 1st-5th grade are welcome to come on **Jan. 11th*** for our monthly *First Wednesdays*. We will meet from 5:00pm-6:30pm for Fun, Fellowship, & Food! Dinner will be provided, and don't forget to invite a friend!

First Wednesdays usually takes place on the first Wednesday of every month but in January, it falls on the second week. Mark your calendars for January 11th!

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 contact our Kristin, Director of Care and Connections.

kristin@southparkchurch.org

847 825-5507 x 125

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

These prayer requests represent just some of the ways we are uplifting each other in prayer. For additional opportunities to pray, share, and celebrate answered prayer, please attend Sunday Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and over Zoom.

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Please pray for those suffering around our country and world due to natural disasters, gun violence, injustice and so many other issues. Pray that Christ would be made known in the midst of heartbreak and that suffering would cease through the powerful name of Jesus and the spirit-led actions of believers.

Continue to pray for: Genson family, Greg VanCalbergh, Catherine Hankins, Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky

Light John 8:12

1. Jesus is the Light of the World (vs. 12)
 - a. Context - The woman caught in sin
 - b. The grace/light Jesus extends
2. The importance of light (Isaiah 9:2)
 - a. Understanding our own darkness
3. The light/grace Jesus extends to us (1 John 1:8-9)
4. Sharing that light/grace with others (John 3:16-21)

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Do you have a tendency to compare yourself to other people? Why do you think that is? And what would God say in response to your reasoning?
2. Having a thorough understanding of our own sin not only gives us a better understanding of God's grace...but it also keeps us from becoming like the religious leaders in our story today. Take some time in confession this week to think about your own need for God's grace.
3. In what ways might God be calling you to share His light with the people in your life?
4. In what ways can you continue to put into practice what you learned during this Advent season (God's hope, peace, joy & love)?