



Sunday, November 22, 2020

SOUTH  **PARK**
CHURCH

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 form](#) and a staff member will be in touch!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Night of Thanksgiving - Wednesday, November 25, 7 p.m.

Join us THIS Wednesday at 7 p.m. to praise God for who He is and thank Him for what He's done. So that more of us can join in sharing this year, we will gather virtually via Zoom. Look for an email in the upcoming days with details including the link to access Zoom. If you are new to Zoom and would like to give it a test run before Wednesday, we are having a "Dress Rehearsal" on Tuesday from 7-8 p.m.! Info on how to join our dress rehearsal will be included in the same email. We hope you join us! For questions please reach out to us at info@southparkchurch.org or (847) 825-5507.

Gingerbread Nativity - Saturday, December 5, 12-1:30 p.m., Parking Lot

Grab some hot cocoa and turn on the Christmas tree because it is time for some at home Christmas fun! This year we're excited to offer take-home Gingerbread Nativity kits with everything you'll need to create your own gingerbread nativity scene at home! Each kit is only \$15 and will also include an age appropriate activity guide so that you can experience the story of Jesus' birth together as you build your gingerbread nativity. [Click here](#) to register today for your kit! Then, pick up your kit in the parking lot at church on December 5 between 12-1:30 p.m.!

Congregational Meeting - Virtual! Sunday, December 13, 12 p.m.

Please plan to attend this meeting that will be broadcast on the South Park Church [YouTube Channel](#)! For members, links to sign in and vote will be sent by email on the day of the meeting. Important info about the present and future of our church will be shared as well as a vote on three elected positions. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Posting of Nominations

Here are the members of our congregation that the Nominating Committee is presenting to the congregation for serving in the following open positions: Nick Powell and Cathy Gregg Barthel for Elders, and Steve Schimmel for Trustee at Large. Members of South Park will have the opportunity to vote on these open positions during the congregational meeting on December 13.

Sign-up to Pack a College Care Package

This is an opportunity to support our college students as their church family! Please consider creating a “finals survival” kit for one of our students as they enter their final exams. When you sign up you will receive the name of a college student, along with some of their favorite goodies, and a way you can be praying for them. Then put together a finals survival kit including

snacks and other goodies (provide your own box or pick one up on Sunday)! [Click here](#) to register!

Women's THRIVE Advent Service - Friday, December 11, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Join us for a time of worship through singing, various Scripture readings and reflections, a brief devotional, special dance performance, and a personal testimony. Stay tuned for details for how to join in in the upcoming weeks.

Donations Needed for the Safe Families Closet

The Safe Families for Children Closet at South Park Church provides for the needs of many children and families in the wider Chicago area. The Safe Families Closet accepts donations year round of kids' clothing items, shoes, diapers, etc. and presently has a large supply of most items, but is in need of select items! Currently the closet is in need of:

- (used) Boys clothes and winter coat, size 3
- (used) Girls clothes, sizes 4,5, and 8
- (used) Kids' gym shoes and boots, sizes 8-13, 1-6 (not baby sizes)
- (used) Baby exersaucers
- (new) Boys underwear sizes 2/3, 10, and 12
- (new) Pull-ups sizes 3/4 and 4/5
- **\$20 Target gift cards**

Please note, the closet no longer accepts donations of used underwear or socks. If you would like to donate items please schedule a pick-up or drop-off by contacting Peggy Boysen, Safe Families Ministry Lead, at peggyboysen@gmail.com or (847) 494-9362.

Join our Team!

We are currently hiring a Director of Care and Senior Ministries. The full job description and details on how to apply can be found online by [clicking here](#).

Register to attend Indoor Worship Services

Register to join us in person next Sunday! We have family friendly indoor worship venues in Fellowship Hall and the MPR so you and your family can spread out at a table without worrying about sitting still or maintaining a particular volume level. Safety measures are in place and you'll get detailed info when you register. Registration opens for the following week each Sunday. [Click here](#) to register to attend on Sunday, Nov. 29!

Operation Christmas Child

South Park Church will not be participating this year in Operation Christmas Child as a drop-off location, but there are still multiple ways to get involved! You can pack

a shoebox and drop it off at a local drop-off location during Collection Week from Nov. 16-23, or you can now build a virtual shoebox online! [Click here](#) to find another local drop-off location near you, for suggestions on what to pack, or to build your online shoebox.

The nearest shoebox drop off location to Park Ridge is the Branch Community Church at 6125 W. Foster Ave. in Chicago (you can also pick up shoeboxes at this location). Please [click here](#) to visit their website for more info and drop-off times.

You can also volunteer at the OCC Processing Center in Elk Grove by helping inspect the shoeboxes before they are shipped. [Click here](#) for more info!

Join the Tech Team!

The tech team has expanded video capabilities and needs people interested in live video production! No experience required, but a desire to learn and serve through operating cameras and/or calling the production shots. Contact Adam Nelson if you are interested at adam@southparkchurch.org

Virtual Sunday Morning Prayer - Sundays, 9-9:55 a.m.

Join us at the Virtual Prayer Room on Sunday mornings. We will gather from 9-9:55 a.m, just prior to Sunday

Worship. If you're interested in joining, please email info@southparkchurch.org

Join a Moms in Prayer group!

If you are a mom and you would like to join with other moms in prayer for our schools, children, educators, and one another please contact Pat Moy at pat@southparkchurch.org to learn more or join a Moms in Prayer Group. Groups meet to pray on Mondays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. or Tuesdays from 8-9 p.m.

CARING FOR EACH OTHER

If you or someone in our church family are experiencing hardship and have a need or would like to receive prayer, please reach out to Jesse Hallock at jesse@southparkchurch.org or give him a call at 847-825-5507 and press 1 to leave a message.

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Week ending November 8, 2020

YTD 2020	\$ 1,202,890
YTD BUDGET	\$ 1,411,785
YTD Surplus(Shortfall)	\$ (208,895)
YTD % change	-14.8%

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

Pray for **South Park Church** that God would lead, guide, strengthen and sustain our staff and elected leaders as we seek to submit to Him.

Prayer and praise for **those working with refugees in Lesvos**: “We praise God that unprecedented openness continues to be the theme of the ministry on Lesvos despite these crises. In the midst of the camp burning down and people living on the streets, we saw several refugees come to faith and we baptized a handful of people. We are now seeing these believing refugees being emboldened in the Spirit and meeting as churches in their tents in the camp. Seeing videos of them huddled together and singing, they are living out Colossians 3:16.”

Continue to pray for:

Annette Schweiger's son, Steve - Rest, care, and assistance to pull through Covid.

Lela, Gregg Talley's mother - Continued protection from blot clots. Doctors have been working to keep it from reaching the brain or heart.

Libby Cheser's mother - In hospice care. Pray for her and her family in this season.

Mary Schetter's Brother, Lou - Significant spinal cord injury. Recent surgery and PT has allowed him to slowly begin walking again! Prayers for healing and salvation.

Kay Stecher - Ongoing health complications including congestive heart failure and CLL cancer.

SERMON NOTES

Confident Assurance - 1 John 5:13-21

You can live with confident assurance that you belong to Christ.

1. Rest in Christ.

2. Resist evil.
3. Run to prayer.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. If you were to die tonight, do you know you would go to heaven? How do you know?
2. Based on 1 John 5:11-21, what can a Christian know?
3. How would you counsel someone who has doubts about eternal life? (John 20:31; 1 John 5:13-21)
4. What do you make of the way John ends his letter in 5:21?