



Sunday, December 20, 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

Christmas Eve Worship - Thursday, December 24

This year we invite you to join in online for this special video worship experience available on demand beginning the morning of December 24. Hear families from our church read and respond to scripture, reflect on original artwork that illuminates God's grand story, and sing cherished carols with our worship team. Tune in at anytime throughout the day to worship on our [website](#), [Facebook Page](#), or [YouTube Channel](#). We hope you join us!

Silent Night Chicago - Christmas Eve, 9:09 p.m.

On Christmas Eve at 9:09 p.m., let's come together as the church in Chicago to light a candle, sing Silent Night, and reflect on the things that truly matter. Tune into a participating radio station on Christmas Eve at 9:09 p.m. or visit the live stream available online at 9 p.m. at www.silentnightchicago.com Then go outside on your porch, deck, balcony, or curb and shine a light (candle or cell phone) and sing along to Silent Night as we stand together in solidarity and take a moment to reflect on the meaning of Christmas. Participating radio stations will be added soon to their website at www.silentnightchicago.com

Posting of Nominations

The Nominating Committee is presenting Brad Olson to the congregation for serving in the position of Nominator. Members of South Park will have the opportunity to vote on this positions during the congregational meeting on January 24.

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:

- Pull-Ups Training Pants size 2T-3T and 3T-4T
- \$20.00 gift cards
- Used baby exersaucer
- Used Duplos and Legos building blocks
- Gently used board books

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.

Register to attend Indoor Worship Services

Register to join us in person next Sunday! 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 next Sunday!

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 December 6, 2020

YTD 2020	\$ 1,281,614
YTD BUDGET	\$ 1,537,277
YTD Surplus(Shortfall)	\$ (255,663)
YTD % change	-16.6%

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

*For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory.
Let his faithful people rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds.*

Psalm 149:4-5

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.

Thank you for praying for **Dawn Phillips**. She made it through a 12-hour heart surgery this week. She will have a long recovery process and will need a feeding tube for the near future. Please pray for her full recovery and for strength, grace, and endurance for the whole family.

John Schimka's sister, **Debbie**, passed away this week after a battle with Covid. Thank you for all who have prayed. Please continue praying for Debbie's family as they grieve her passing.

Continue to pray for:

Kay Stecher - Kay has had ongoing health problems, but her CLL leukemia has been worsening. Doctors are going to begin pill treatments.

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

SERMON NOTES

Rejoicing in God Our Savior

Luke 1:45-56

We can sing with Mary because God is _____

1. _____

—The Merciful One _____.

2. _____

—The Mighty One _____.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. How is Mary's song like and unlike your favorite Christmas songs?
2. What does God's choice of Mary tell us about how God works? (Luke 1:26-38)
3. What comforts you and challenges you about God's actions? (Luke 1:46-56)
4. How will Jesus fulfill the themes of this song?
5. How can you become an ally with God as he orchestrates history?