



Sunday, December 26, 2021

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

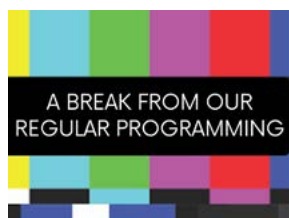
THIS MORNING

Prayer

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.



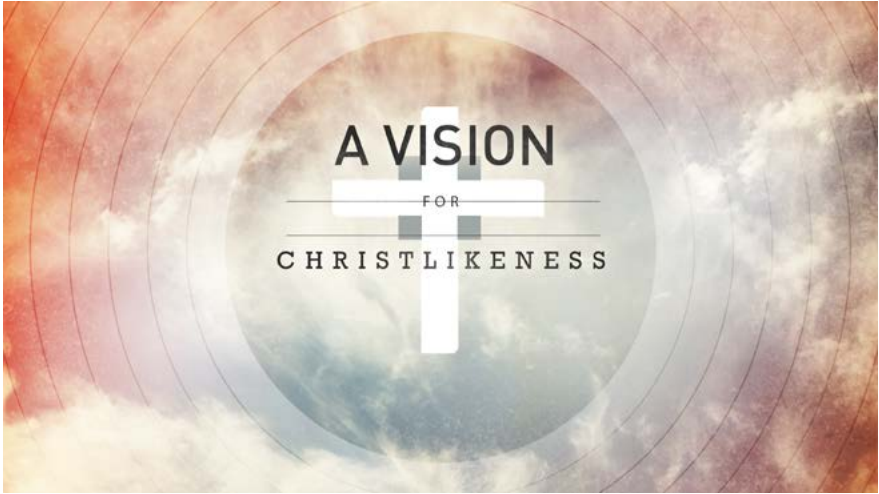
In a season that is often full of activity, we want to intentionally take a day off as a way to care for the many volunteers and staff who faithfully serve to make Sunday mornings happen week after week.

There will be no church service or ministry programming on January 2nd.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



A Vision for Christlikeness

New Series Begins January 9

What is God's vision for South Park Church? This series will seek to answer this question from a biblical perspective, considering both big picture elements and specific areas of needed growth. Our future orientation will be applied to collective and personal areas of worship, service, ministry, and witness for Christ. We trust that such a vision will become a contagious motivation for us to Make Christ Known in all that we are, think, say, and do.

Pictures for New Church Directory

Sunday, January 9, Before and After Church

Let's ring in the new year with a new church directory! On Sunday, January 9 between 8:30 - 10 and 11:15 - 12:30 professional photographer will be on site to capture individual and family photos. We're asking everyone to have their picture taken and fill out a form to be included in the church directory. There is no obligation to purchase prints but prints will be available to take home that day at a reasonable price! If you know you'll be here, [please sign up for a 5-minute slot here](#) or simply show up in your Sunday best!

LOST AND FOUND

Today, Sunday, December 19 and Sunday, December 26

Are you missing reading glasses or a sweatshirt? How about a book or your Bible? It might be in our lost and found! Visit the table at the bottom of the ramp the today or next Sunday to claim your items. Any items not claimed by December 26 will be donated. Not able to attend but looking for something you are missing? Email info@southparkchurch.org before December 23.

Women's Ministry "What's Your Focus"

Saturday, January 15, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

[Register here for "What's Your Focus?"](#) on Saturday, January 15th from 9:00 AM - noon as we spend time in reflection over the past year and anticipation of the new year seeking God's direction and focus. There will be time alone with God and then time debriefing in discussion groups followed by a canvas craft with a specific Scripture verse or a word to focus on in the upcoming year.

Thrive Winter Series: Philippians

Thursdays beginning January 20, 9 a.m. or 7 p.m.

We hope you'll be able to join us for the upcoming Winter Series: Philippians as we study the book of Philippians with Jo Saxton. Jo Saxton is an author, speaker, podcaster, and entrepreneurial coach. Born to Nigerian parents and raised in London, Jo brings a multicultural and international perspective to her leadership training for women. There is no cost for the study guide. Childcare will be provided at \$10 per child (max. of \$30). [Click here to register.](#)

Youth Ministry Winter Camp

[Middle School - Jan 21 - 23](#); [High School - Feb 25 - 27](#)

That's Right! We are finally going back to Timber-Lee for Winter Camp 2022! Without a doubt, winter camp ends up being one of the most fun, memorable, and transformative experiences we have as a community each year! Click on the dates above to sign up for the early-bird rate! Scholarships are available upon request! If you would like to contribute to our scholarship fund to send a kid to camp this year, email nick@southparkchurch.org

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 and use Meeting: 874 0226 6783, Password: 807766

Journey Adult Sunday School Hybrid!

Journey will not be meeting on December 26th or January 2nd. We will resume on Sunday, January 9 with a series of classes designed to help you get the new year off to a good start. Check out recordings of past Journey classes anytime [here on our website](#).

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Week ending December 5, 2021

YTD 2021	\$	957,434
YTD BUDGET	\$	1,349,385
YTD Surplus(Shortfall)	\$	(391,951)

As we approach the end of the year, please note, in order to count toward 2021 giving, your contributions must be postmarked on or before December 31, 2021.

Thank you for your generosity!

2021 giving statements are available online to download and print. Visit <https://southpark-church.ccbchurch.com/> and log into your account. If you need assistance with your username/ password, or prefer a printed copy of your giving statement, call the church office and leave a message or email info@southparkchurch.org and put "GIVING STATEMENT" in the subject line.

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 or give her a call at 847 825-5507 and press 125

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

Pray that we each will capture the true joy and peace that can only be found in Christ this Christmas season.

Please pray for **Wanda Mejia** (an Outreach Partner along with her husband Guillermo and the beloved mother and grandmother of the Mejia family) as she has recently been diagnosed with what is believed to be an aggressive form of breast cancer. Please pray that our God will supply Wanda's doctors with great wisdom as they determine a treatment plan. And, pray that the peace that only Christ brings will fill Wanda and Guillermo as they begin this journey.

Please pray for **Ev Janke** as her beloved husband Bob went home to Jesus on Thursday following some time of declining health. Please pray that Ev will be enveloped with the comfort and unfailing love of her Savior as she mourns.

Please pray a blessing over those in **our congregation** who are struggling this Christmas whether it's from the loss of a loved one, walking through a struggling marriage, experiencing division amongst family members, enduring treatment for cancer, feeling overwhelmed and anxious with how to navigate Covid 19, or from other sources of stress. Pray that our Wonderful Counselor will be near in a very tangible way.

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 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: Art Engle (Scott's dad), Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky

SERMON NOTES

Becoming a Holy Temple Ephesians 2:19 – 22

Introduction: Christians have a privileged relationship with God.

cf. Ephesians 2:12, 14

One: God's Household

vs. 19, 20

cf. 1 Peter 2:9

Two: Holy Temple

vs. 21, 22

cf. 2 Corinthians 6:16; Romans 12:1

Conclusion: Believers in Christ collectively demonstrate that God lives among us as we worship Him.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. How do you appreciate “togetherness” as a member of God’s household?
2. How are the apostles and prophets foundational to your faith?
3. What images does the concept of “temple” bring to your mind?
4. How have you experienced God “living” among His people?
5. In what ways is God motivating you to become more a part of His collective dwelling?