



**Sunday, January 17, 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 form](#) and a staff member will be in touch!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ***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 on Sunday!

## ***THRIVE Women's Ministry Winter Series***

The THRIVE Women's Ministry Winter Series will explore mentoring relationships in the Bible as well as hear from women already in mentoring relationships within the church. There's still time to join us for this 4-week virtual series beginning on January 14/15 on either Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. or Fridays from 9:15-11:15 a.m. [Click here to register!](#)

## ***Journey Class - Sunday, Jan. 24, 11:15 a.m., Noon***

Join us for the relaunch of Journey Adult Sunday School via Zoom starting at 11:15 a.m. until shortly after noon. The next class will be held on Sunday, January 24 with Rachel Hands teaching on "Seeing Jesus in God: what the Law means for Christians." The link will open at 11:05 a.m. if you would like to join early and chat with others. [Click here to join the Zoom](#)

meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/94431939491?pwd=Vy9SS1kzOWdvdvXFkM09WVWoxelR4QT09>

### ***Congregational Meeting - Sunday, January 31, noon***

The winter Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 31 at noon. It will be a virtual format available on the [South Park Church YouTube Channel](#). We will vote on a new nominator (Brad Olson), vote on the 2021 budget, and receive updates on the 5-Phase Action Plan. We hope you join us!

### ***Posting of Nomination***

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 position during the congregational meeting on January 31.

### ***Virtual City-wide Prayer - Sunday, Jan. 31, 6:30-7:30 p.m.***

Chicagoland United in Prayer will host their annual city-wide prayer gathering online on Sunday, January 31 from 6:30–7:30 pm. Virtual Hosts, located in both the city and suburbs, will lead you and your Prayer Huddle through 7 themes of prayer over the course of an hour. Let's join in prayer for our communities

and city! To register visit [www.chiunitepray.com](http://www.chiunitepray.com) or on Facebook [@chicagolandunitedinprayer](https://www.facebook.com/chicagolandunitedinprayer)

### ***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, click here to join the Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87402266783?pwd=QUI0aIZyVkwzNG1PYnptR1VmVWZCQT09>

### ***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](mailto: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 Kristin Sorensen, Care Director, at [kristin@southparkchurch.org](mailto:kristin@southparkchurch.org) or give her a call at 847-825-5507 and press 125 to leave her a message.

## WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

*Week ending December 31, 2020*

YTD 2020	\$ 1,429,137
YTD BUDGET	\$ 1,631,393
YTD Surplus(Shortfall)	\$ (202,256)
YTD % change	-12.4%

## PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

*“He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the LORD is the key to this treasure.”*  
Isaiah 33.6

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.

Pray for our **country** - Pray for the peace of our nation (Jer. 29:7) and specifically for our leaders (1 Tim. 2:1-2).

**Dawn Philips** - Dawn transferred to Shirley Ryan Ability Lab last week for rehabilitation. Dawn is doing better but still struggling with a few significant challenges. Continue to pray for full recovery in the months ahead and for strength, grace, and endurance for the whole family.

**Woerz Family** - Please pray that Jeannine and family experience the peace that El Roi – the God who sees – gives to those in their heartache. Pray that they will experience 2 Corinthians 1:3 in new ways in the days and months ahead.

**Cox Family** - Pray for God to be close to June and her sons, Josiah and Nathan, as they grieve the loss of Tom this week. May God give them His comfort as they grieve this loss as well as celebrate Tom's well-lived life of service to the Lord and the people of the Lummi Nation.

***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 Inara and her family in this season.

## SERMON NOTES

### *Immanuel: God With Us - Rachel Hands*

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14

“Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). Matt. 1:20b-23

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 2 Tim. 3:16

## DIGGING DEEPER

### **Immanuel: God With Us**

Scripture reading: Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:20-23; 2 Tim. 3:16



## **Question:**

What stood out to you from today's sermon? What is one next step you might take in getting to know God better?

## **Verses:**

### **God is Loving and Merciful**

Ex. 34:6-7; 2 Chron. 20:21b; Psa. 23:4-6, 34:8, 103:8, 118:1; Isa. 26:3, 41:10, 41:13, 43:1, 43:4; Jer. 29:11, 31:9; Lam. 3:22-23; Jonah 4:2; Zech. 2:8b

### **God Saves People of All Nations**

Gen. 12:3, 26:4; 1 Sam. 17:46b; Isa. 45:22, 56:6-7; Dan. 6:25-27; Jonah 4:2; Zech. 8:23

### **God Teaches Us Through Stories: History and Parables**

Deut. 4:6; 1 Cor. 10:11; 1 Tim. 3:16

### **God cares for society's vulnerable**

Lev. 23:22, 25:35; Deuteronomy 14:28-29; Prov. 19:17; Isa. 1:17, 10:1-2; Ezekiel 16:49

### **God Corrects Us**

Matt. 24:24; Acts 20:30

## **Additional Resource:**

Bible Project Character of God link: [Bible Study: Character of God | BibleProject™](#)