



Sunday, November 29, 2020



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

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.!

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.

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.

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, Dec. 6!

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 15, 2020

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| YTD 2020 | \$ 1,216,964 |
| YTD BUDGET | \$ 1,443,158 |
| YTD Surplus (Shortfall) | \$ (226,194) |
| YTD % change | -15.7% |

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4

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 **Guillermo and Wanda Mejia** as they continue leading, coaching and teaching through the seminary in Columbia, while here in the United States. Pray for wisdom as decisions need to be made about how the seminary will move forward during the pandemic. Praise the Lord that the 9th seminary year has completed and there will be a Zoom graduation in December! The Lord is continuing to raise up workers for his fields even during the pandemic.

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

The Lesson that Will Change Your Life - John 2:1-12

John 2:1-12, NIV

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, 2 and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

4 "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so

they filled them to the brim.

8 Then he told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.”

They did so, 9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside 10 and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.”

11 What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

12 After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. List all the characters that appear in John 2:1-12. Then pick one and look at the story through their eyes. What stands out to you from that perspective?

2. When you heard the lesson that will change your life, what was your response?
3. How does this sign fit into the larger story of John's gospel and the story of God?
4. What was it like to practice silence? What are you willing to practice in the week ahead?