



Sunday, October 24, 2021



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.
Journey Adult Sunday School	9:10 a.m.
Wonderland, ECHO, Ascent	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	10:00 a.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW Podcast!

Always We Begin Again available on PodBean & Spotify

We invite you to listen to weekly episodes of this podcast hosted by Adam Nelson. This formational podcast is for those who want to practice and discern ways to deepen and broaden our spiritual journey through guided practices, enlivening conversations, and engaging with ancient and modern wisdom.

[Click here to listen on PodBean.](#)

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Small Groups - Get connected today!

Small groups are one of the most important ways that people connect and grow in their faith together. Whatever your age, stage of life, or interests, there is a small group for you! For the sign up form [click here!](#)

Trunk or Treat - Saturday, Oct. 30, 3 - 5 p.m.

Parking Lot

Join us for some Trunk or Treating in our own backyard! Wear your very best costume and bring a bag to collect your treats! If you would like to sign up for a parking spot to take part in our car decorating and the passing out of treats, please email Michaela@southparkchurch.org or Hillary@southparkchurch.org by Wednesday October 27th.

Safe Families Closet

The Safe Families Closet at South Park Church appreciates all your generous donations! Currently we have specific needs so we are only accepting those items. [To see a list of items we are accepting, click here.](#) Drop off your donation (of currently accepted items only) to the Safe Families bin at the church on Sunday mornings or M - F between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. For questions, email peggyboysen@gmail.com or text/call 847-494-9362

Journey Adult Sunday School Hybrid! Sundays, 9:10 a.m. Zoom & Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, October 31, your friends from South Park Church will be sharing their experiences and what they learned during the Be The Bridge discussion groups this past spring.

Journey starts at 9:10 am in Fellowship Hall following the prayer meeting. Attend in person or participate in Journey using Zoom. Visit www.zoom.us/join and use Meeting ID: 833 1146 0818 and password 554103. Check out recordings of past Journey classes anytime [here on our website.](#)

Sunday Morning Prayer Hybrid! Sundays, 8:30 a.m.
Zoom & Fellowship Hall

Join us in person or online as we praise God and seek His presence and favor.

Join Zoom Meeting: 874 0226 6783, Password: 807766 or click the link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87402266783?pwd=QUl0aUZyVkwxNG1PYnptR1VmVWZCQT09>

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

PASTORAL SEARCH UPDATE

We're happy to announce that the Pastoral Search Team has been assembled! The members of the team are Larry Boysen, Will Holm, Tony Johnson, Will Mejia, Linda Ng, Lori Olson, and Nick Powell (Elder member)

We appreciate your prayers as the team was being formed. Please pray that the search team will find joy in their service. Pray as they humbly seek God's leading, for our new senior pastor (whom the Lord of course already knows), and for all of our hearts to be prepared for the person he has for us.

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Week ending October 10, 2021

YTD 2021	\$	805,007
YTD BUDGET	\$	1,129,077
YTD Surplus(Shortfall)	\$	(324,070)

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

Surely he has done great things! Do not be afraid, land of Judah; be glad and rejoice. Surely the Lord has done great things!

Joel 2:20b-21

Pray that as we continue in the book of Joel we may call out, "To you, oh Lord, I call" when facing calamity and then testify, "Surely the Lord has done great things". Pray that we have hearts open to confession and true repentance so that we may do our part in revival and healing.

Pray for South Park Church as we faithfully seek God's will for the next pastor of our church. Please pray that God will bless the efforts of the Pastoral Search Committee. And, please pray that we will each have patience and grace in the process and answer God's call to serve in the meantime.

Pray for our local and national government leaders as they have many complicated issues before them. Please pray that they seek God's wisdom, seek common ground, and seek to unify our nation. Let's pray that each of us bring the hope of Jesus to our areas of influence.

Pray for Bob Janke as he is back in rehab now. Please pray that Bob's strength and health will slowly be regained with physical therapy and continued nursing care. And, please pray that Ev will feel the comfort and care of her Savior as she cares for Bob.

Please continue to pray that **Scott Engle's dad, Art**, continues to make steady progress in rehab and for full healing in his recovery. Please pray that Dagny, Scott's mom, will feel the supernatural peace of her Heavenly Father in Art's absence. Please pray for endurance and wisdom for Scott and his brothers as they continue to care for both of their parents.

Continue to pray for: Greg Schimmel, Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky

SERMON NOTES

The Great Reversal *Joel 2:18 – 32*

Introduction: God's work of grace involves a complete restoration of relationship with Him.

One: Material Restoration vs. 18 – 27

Two: Spiritual Restoration vs. 28 – 32

cf. Acts 2:17 – 21

Conclusion: God's work of restoration is received in its entirety through Jesus Christ.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What were your motives for first becoming a believer in Christ?
2. How have your motives for following Christ changed since you first became a believer?
3. Why can't material blessings be a final indicator of our relationship with God?
4. How does the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life affect both your walk with God as well as your ability to serve Him?
5. How is your worship of God through Jesus rooted in your life?