



**Sunday, October 3, 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

## ***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! Stop by the welcome center to scan a sign up form [or click here!](#)

## ***Thrive Women's Ministry Fall Gatherings -***

*Friday, Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m. or Saturday, Oct. 16 at 9:30 a.m.*

Mark your calendars for the Fall Gatherings in October which will tentatively be held at various homes. The Fall Gatherings provide a special opportunity for women of all ages to gather together and get to know each other better. [Register here!](#)

## ***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=QUI0aIZyVkwzNG1PYnptR1VmVWZCQT09>

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

Our Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) is a doctrine central to our faith. Yet misconceptions abound, and many of us have trouble describing or explaining it. Join Journey on October 10 and 17 as Dave Wolfe explores where we look for answers regarding the Trinity. Attend in person or participate in Journey using Zoom. Visit [www.zoom.us/join](http://www.zoom.us/join) and use Meeting ID: 833 1146 0818 and password 554103.

***Family Dedication***

*Class - Sunday, October 10 from 3 - 5 p.m.*

*Celebration - Sunday, November 14, 10 a.m. service*

Family Dedication is a time when parents publicly express their commitment to raise their child in a home that honors Christ. Dedication isn't about ONE DAY but rather a choice to dedicate your lives, as parents, to sharing and modeling the Truth of the Bible and the love of Christ. It's about making a commitment to raise your children in an environment that leads their hearts to God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Join us for our Fall Family Dedication class taking place on October 10 from 3:00- 5:00p (childcare provided for FREE). Our Family Dedication service will take place November 14 during the 10:00a service.

[Click here to register!](#)

## **World Relief Welcome Kit**

Thank you to all who signed up to donate items for our World Relief Refugee Welcome Kit. Donations can be dropped off on Sunday mornings or during office hours Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please drop off items by October 17. For questions or more information email Renie at [renieproctor@gmail.com](mailto:renieproctor@gmail.com).

## **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](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 September 19, 2021***

YTD 2021	\$	752,992
YTD BUDGET	\$	1,046,462
YTD Surplus(Shortfall)	\$	(293,469)

## PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

*Do good to your servant according to your word, Lord.  
Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I trust your  
commands.* Psalm 119:65-66

All of the attributes of God that we've studied these past weeks prove that God is the ultimate good in this world. Let's pray that we can see the evidence of His goodness in our lives each day and that His goodness would be contagious.

**Pray for South Park Church** as we faithfully seek God's will for the next pastor of our church. Please pray that we will each have patience and grace in the process and that we will answer God's call to serve in the meantime.

*Continue to pray for:*

**Pray for displaced people** who are seeking safety for themselves and their families in the southwest border of the United States, Afghanistan and other places around the world. Pray that these image-bearers would experience the presence of their creator. Pray that God would supply world leaders with great wisdom and compassion to determine a humane plan that would bring resolution to this crisis.

**Greg Schimmel** -- Please pray that the current oral medication Greg is on will get the cancer under control so the tumors will stop growing and that the upcoming scans will show evidence of that. Please pray that Greg's persistent and exhausting cough will reduce. Please pray for Greg and Judy as they make plans to spend more time in Florida. Pray that moving and medical care logistics get worked out and that this time would bring Greg and Judy increased joy and contentment. And, please pray that God proves to be their rock and salvation, in whom they will not be shaken.

**Kathy Palansky**-- Please pray that the Lord will surround Kathy with His deep love for her. And, pray that Kathy would experience His presence and peace.

**Dawn Phillips**-- Dawn has requested prayer for physical strength and endurance. Please also pray for emotional strength as Dawn is struggling with depression. Please pray for Bill as he manages Dawn's care needs as well as for God's comfort and endurance for Bill, Michael and Gregory. What a joy it has been to see the Phillips' family in church these past Sundays!

# SERMON NOTES

## A Plague of Judgment

*Joel 1:1 – 20*

Introduction: Calamity should drive us to our knees before God.

cf. Psalm 119:68

One: Calamity Itself vs. 1 – 4, 6, 7, 15

cf. 1 Peter 4:17

Two: Experience of Loss

vs. 5, 9a, 10 – 12, 16 – 18

cf. Deuteronomy 29:29



Three: Mourning

vs. 8, 9b, 13

cf. Hebrews 12:10; 1 Corinthians 10:12

Four: Calling on the Lord

vs. 14, 19, 20

cf. Psalm 139:23

Conclusion: God wants us to deal with calamity by processing it rightly in our relationship with Him.

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. Why is it that we typically want to blame others when calamity falls upon us?
2. Why do some Christians believe we shouldn't experience grief in loss?
3. How have you processed grief in your life?
4. How have you experienced mourning in your relationship with God?
5. When we call on the Lord, what gives us confidence that He will respond?