



**Sunday, November 13, 2022**



**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!



Take a break to reconnect with Sunday's message during the week - available only through the SPC app. Text **SPCAPP** to **77977** and make sure to allow notifications to receive a weekly prompting that helps apply Sunday's message to the rest of your week.



Not always sure where to find info about what's happening? Check out the Info Hub! Visit [www.southparkchurch.org/info](http://www.southparkchurch.org/info) or connect to it from the link in our Instagram bio, or "Learn More" button on our Facebook page.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ***Women's Ministry Prayer and Worship Night***

*Thursday, November 17, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

In preparation to celebrate Thanksgiving, we invite all SPC women to join us for an evening of reflecting over the past year, sharing about God's goodness, and giving thanks to God for what He has done as well as lifting up specific petitions and worshipping Him with music and songs.

## ***Night of Thanks***

*Wednesday, November 23, 7 p.m., MPR*

This year we will be sharing pie, stories, and plenty of laughter in the MPR for a family feast/reunion type of vibe! Again, we want ALL AGES (0-100+) present and having fun together! And invite a friend or neighbor because when others hear the amazing and real ways God shows up in our lives, they are drawn to him!

## ***Invite Cards Available at the Welcome Center***

Are you excited about what is happening at SPC? Want to invite neighbors, friends and family? Visit the Welcome Center on Sunday to pick up a few invite cards and have them with you for when an opportunity arises!

## ***Fall Youth Food Hunt***

*Sunday, November 20, 2 - 4 p.m.*

Our annual Fall Food Drive Scavenger Hunt is BACK! All students grades 6-12 are invited to team up and compete for the prize: signing the GOLDEN SHOVEL, the most coveted trophy of all time! Teams will go door to door through the neighborhood collecting non-perishable food to donate to local food pantries for the Holiday season! Invite a friend, and come serve our city-- and have a lot of fun doing it! Contact [nick@southpark-church.org](mailto:nick@southpark-church.org) with any questions.

## ***BaseCamp Friendsgiving***

*Saturday, Nov 19, 5 - 8 p.m., 511 N. Aldine Park Ridge*

4th & 5th graders, you're invited to join us for "Friendsgiving"-- a chance for us to share time, laughter, and food as friends, with (of course!) lots of turkey! Bring a friend, and a dish to share! Please RSVP to John Schimka at 847-372-5074

## ***Women's Ministry Cookies and Community***

*Thursday, December 1, 7 p.m., Cafe*

Join us for Cookies & Community in the Cafe as we informally gather to eat a variety of cookies, share homemade cookie recipes with each other, and enjoy community with each other.

## ***Women's Ministry Advent Night***

*Friday, December 9, 7 p.m., Sanctuary and Cafe*

All SPC women (middle school age and older) are invited to prepare for the celebration of Christmas through Advent Night. A time of silence will be set aside in order to still and quiet your soul as you reflect on various passages of Scripture as well as a time of worship through singing songs of the Advent and Christmas season.

## ***Join the Worship Team***

We are looking for experienced electric guitar and drum set players to join the team. If you are passionate about worship and have a heart for leading others in praise, we would love to hear from you! Please email [bernie@south-parkchurch.org](mailto:bernie@south-parkchurch.org) for more information.

## ***We're Hiring an Audio Visual Tech Coordinator!***

[www.southparkchurch.org/employment-opportunity](http://www.southparkchurch.org/employment-opportunity)

Do you have tech expertise? Want to work with an incredible staff? We're hiring a part-time A/V Tech Coordinator! Visit [www.south-parkchurch.org/employment-opportunity](http://www.south-parkchurch.org/employment-opportunity) for job description and to apply online!

## **Sunday Morning Prayer**

*Sundays at 9 a.m., Fellowship Hall and [Zoom](#)*

Each Sunday morning you are invited to join in-person or on-line for a wonderful time of group prayer prior to the worship service. We together trust the Holy Spirit to lead us in prayers of praise and thanksgiving, and then expectantly bring the needs of our church and our world before the God who hears and answers. All are welcome to drop in for as long as you are able for this warm-up for Sunday worship! Come try it out!

## **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, at [kristin@southparkchurch.org](mailto:kristin@southparkchurch.org) or give her a call at 847 825-5507 and press 125.

## PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

*These prayer requests represent just some of the ways we are uplifting each other in prayer. For additional opportunities to pray, share, and celebrate answered prayer, please attend Sunday Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and over Zoom.*

Pray that our current sermon series, SALT, will propel us deeper in our relationship with God and will reveal how God might be calling us to serve the family of God. Pray that we will, as individuals and as a church, see others through the eyes of Jesus and accept that all people are of unsurpassable worth.

Pray a prayer of thanksgiving and blessing over active duty service members and veterans for their sacrifice and service. Pray that those with physical, spiritual, and emotional wounds would experience healing through our powerful and all-knowing God.

Please pray for South Park Church to seek the Lord's will individually and corporately, pray that we will be a church where authentic Christian community is evident, and pray for peace and unity to abound in our congregation.

Please pray for those suffering around our country and world due to natural disasters, gun violence, injustice and so many other issues. Pray that Christ would be made known in the midst of heartbreak and that suffering would cease through the powerful name of Jesus and the spirit-led actions of believers.

Continue to pray for: Mike Mazer, Catherine Hankins, Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky

# SERMON NOTES

## Lifting our Enemies up in Prayer *Matthew 5:43-48*

1. Jesus reframes the “law” (vs. 43-44)
  - a. We love/pray for our neighbors AND our enemies
  
2. We love/pray for our enemies because:
  - a. It’s following in our Father’s footsteps (vs. 45)
  
  - b. It’s our testimony to the world (vs. 46-47)
  
  - c. It’s how we mature (vs. 48)



## DIGGING DEEPER

1. Can you think of any ways in which we add to/take away from God's Word? (i.e. like the Israelites did with "hating their neighbor?") How might Jesus want to reframe our thinking about His Word?
2. How does our humanity (our struggle with anger, adrenaline, etc...) affect our witness at home, at school or at work?
3. Spend some time asking God to point out any people in your life (or who used to be in your life) who He wants you to start praying for.
4. Does viewing our spiritual maturity in connection with our willingness to obey God (even when we don't feel like it) make you feel encouraged or uncomfortable? Why?