

Glad Tidings

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SOUTH  **PARK**
CHURCH

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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!



Join us this advent season as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. From the prophetic promises to Christ's miraculous birth, we will explore the advent themes of peace, joy, hope, and love as we prepare our own hearts for the coming of Christ this Christmas.

**Christmas Eve services will be held on
December 24 at 3 p.m. & 8 p.m.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Discovery Group Potluck

Friday, December 2, 12 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Please bring your favorite main dish, vegetable, salad, side dish or dessert to share. Please RSVP to Margaret at 847-298-9535 to let her know what you are bringing.

Second Annual 3rd Quarter Winter Wingding

Friday, December 2, 7 p.m., MPR

Friends 50(ish)-75(ish), join us at 7pm on December 2nd in the South Park Church MPR. We'll have sing along Christmas carols, a photo booth, a white elephant gift exchange (be creative and ready to steal), an ugly sweater contest, Christmas trivia, silly reindeer games, and tasty sweet and savory snacks. There is no cost to attend but please visit www.southparkchurch.org/info to RSVP so we know how many to plan for. Bring yourself, your friends, and let's get into the spirit of Christmas together!

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 Christmas season.

Jingle Jam

Sunday, December 18, 11:30 a.m., MPR

Looking for something exciting for the ENTIRE FAMILY to do this Christmas? Don't miss Jingle Jam! Take a break from all the baking, the shopping, the endless rolls of wrapping paper, and join us for an unforgettable Christmas experience complete with fun, games, music, and more! Email us at spckids@southparkchurch.org with questions.

The Landing: Celebrate Recovery for Teens

Mondays at 7 p.m., beginning January 16

Teens are welcome to this Christ-centered space to help support them as they face hurts, habits, and hangups. Beginning January 16, we'll meet every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor conference room. Email southparkchurchlanding@gmail.com for more information.

Youth Winter Camps at Camp TimberLee

M.S. - 1/20-1/22 H.S. - 2/24-2/26

It's that time of year again! TIME TO GO TO WINTER CAMP! Everything you could want in a weekend away - Tubing, Tobogganing, Karaoke, Worship, The Gospel, Staying up WAY too late. Without a doubt, winter camp up in East Troy, Wisconsin, ends up being one of the most fun, most memorable, and most transformative experiences we have as a community each year! If you have never gone before, this is the year!

The DEADLINE for sign up is JANUARY 6th! [Visit www.southparkchurch.org/info to SIGN UP TODAY](http://www.southparkchurch.org/info) & invite a friend! The cost is \$215 (optional extra \$20 for a shirt). We never want the cost of our events to be a barrier from anyone attending! So...if you are willing to provide a scholarship donation, or you personally need a scholarship, please email nick@southparkchurch.org.

Info Hub - www.southparkchurch.org/info

Not always sure where to find info about what's happening? Visit the info hub! Visit our website at www.southparkchurch.org/info or connect to it from the link in our Instagram bio, or "Learn More" button on our Facebook page.

Invite Cards Available at the Welcome Center

Are you excited about what is happening at SPC? Want to invite neighbors, friends and family? [Click here and text them this invite!](#) (Make sure to add a personal message from yourself too). Or, visit the Welcome Center to pick up a few invite cards to have with you for when an opportunity arises!

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 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 recent 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 take stewardship seriously by surrendering our time, talents, and treasure to God's purposes in our lives and in our church.

Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the ways we've seen God's faithfulness and goodness as a church both over the years and recently. Let's offer thanksgiving for our newcomers who now call South Park Church home, for our ministries that are providing fellowship and faith growth, for new ministries that are beginning, for our faithful ministry leaders and volunteers, for our God-honoring leadership, and for our new pastor and the entire Hempfen family.

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

Hope

Matthew 24:36 - 44

1. Advent
 - a. The First Coming of Jesus
 - b. The Second Coming of Jesus
2. Understanding Hope
3. Jesus Describes His Return (vs. 36-39)
 - a. Unexpected
 - b. Final
4. The Last Days (vs. 40-42)
 - a. Make it Personal
 - b. Be Ambassadors
5. The Sense of Urgency (vs. 43-44)
 - a. He could come back today!

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What are some holiday or year-end stresses that tempt you to take your eyes off of Jesus during Advent?
2. How would your life change if you knew Jesus was coming back on December 25th? What changes would you make?
3. Spend some time in prayer and ask God to put friends/family/acquaintances on your heart to invite to an SPC Event this year...and then follow through with the invitation!
4. How does my life reflect the hope I have in Jesus? Would my friends and family say that they see that hope in my life...even during difficult or stressful times? If not, what could I do to better reflect it to the people around me?