



Sunday, November 28, 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.
Wonderland (No ECHO, Ascent)	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	10:00 a.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

3rd Quarter Winter Wingding

Friday, December 3, 7 - 9 p.m., MPR

Join your 3rd Quarter friends for an evening of Christmas-y fun including games, a photo booth, and more! WEAR your ugly Christmas sweater and BRING a Christmas cookie/bar to share plus a "white elephant" for a gift exchange. This will be the perfect way to welcome the Christmas season with friends.

[Click here to RSVP!](#)

Women's Blessing Bags Take & Bake

Saturday, December 4, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Cafe

Have you ever driven past someone in need and wondered what you could do to help? We will be putting together Blessing Bags filled with basic toiletries, snacks and items to keep warm. If you'd like to join and/or donate supplies [email Libby Cheser at cheser4.lc@gmail.com](mailto:emailLibbyCheser@cheser4.lc@gmail.com)

Women's Advent Night - Joy, Joy, Joy

Friday, December 10, 7p.m., Sanctuary

Join us for Advent Night as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. Guest speaker Becky Baudouin will inspire women to reclaim their joy! The evening will also include music, reflection, refreshments, and social time. No RSVP needed. Invite a friend for a joy-filled evening!

Gingerbread Nativity Home Kits

Pick up on Sunday, December 19, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the joy of Jesus' birth from home with our at home gingerbread nativity kits! Kits are \$15 each and you can pick up your kit by the main entrance during our coffee and cocoa time after service on Sunday, December 19th. [Click here to register for your kit\(s\) today.](#)

Serving Opportunity! Praise & Prayer Team

Our team is looking for individuals to help plan Tuesday Praise and Prayer nights. Musicians and artists are most needed but any individual who has a passion for this is welcome! Contact Gretchen at gretchen.gullo@gmail.com for more information.

Always We Begin Again Podcast

available on [PodBean](#) & [Spotify](#)

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.

Sunday Morning Prayer

Sundays, 8:30 a.m., Zoom & Fellowship Hall

Join us in person or online as we praise God and seek His presence and favor. Visit www.zoom.us/join and use Meeting: 87402266783, Password: 807766

Journey Adult Sunday School Hybrid!

Sundays, 9:10 a.m., Zoom & Fellowship Hall

PLEASE NOTE: Journey is not meeting this morning.

John Barcanic is leading a series called "Refresh, Renew, and Restore: Caring for Your Soul in Tough Times." Do you remember a time when you were more passionate about life and faith than you are now? Are you rushed, weary, or irritable? Do you feel spiritually dry, numb, or disconnected? **Join us on December 5 as John concludes this series on how the Gospel meets the deepest needs of our souls.** John Barcanic is a former pastor at SPC and now an Outreach partner with Intersekt.

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.](#)

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Week ending November 14, 2021

YTD 2021	\$	895,159
YTD BUDGET	\$	1,266,769
YTD Surplus(Shortfall)	\$	(371,611)

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

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

Pray that we may have a fresh view of biblical stories, and therefore a deepening of our faith, as we experienced last Sunday through the art of Joel Schoon-Tanis.

Pray for **South Park Church** as we faithfully seek God's will for the next pastor of our church. Pray that the Search Team will coalesce into a unified group working together to seek the person God desires to be the next Senior Pastor. Pray that God would give wisdom in developing guidelines for the search and in determining appropriate sources for soliciting potential candidates. Pray also that God would begin preparing the hearts of the congregation for whomever He would lead to be the next Senior Pastor.

Please storm the throne of grace with confidence on behalf of our brother, **Greg Schimmel**, asking that God make Himself more real and present to Greg, Judy, and their family now more than ever. Greg has entered hospice care. Please pray that Greg be comforted and experience the promise of God's peace that passes understanding as he prepares to meet his Savior face to face.

Please pray for **Bob Janke** who has returned home from the hospital and rehab. Please pray for strength and wisdom for Ev as she makes plans to move within their building so Bob can receive a higher level of care. Pray that the details get worked out and that Ev can rest in the knowledge that her God will walk through this transition with them.

Pray for our **local and national government leaders and judicial system** as they have many complicated issues before them. Please pray that they seek God's wisdom, seek common ground, seek justice, and seek to unify our nation. And, please pray for those being persecuted for their faith around the world. Let's pray that each of us bring the hope of Jesus to our areas of influence.

Continue to pray for: Bob Janke, Art Engle (Scott's dad),
Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky

SERMON NOTES

The Coming King *Isaiah 9:1 – 7*

Introduction: The Christmas season can be wrought with frustration.

One: The Promise of Joy

vs. 1 – 4

Two: The Promise of Peace

vs. 5 – 7

Conclusion: Christians experience the joy and peace found only in Jesus!

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Why do most people have such difficulty finding true and lasting joy in this life?
2. Which title of Christ from verse 6 do you most appreciate at this point in your life? Why?
3. In what area do you find the most difficulty in finding peace: peace with God, peace with other people, or peace within yourself? How does Jesus address this?
4. How does the peace that only Jesus can give provide you with greater joy in life?
5. How might you set aside time during this Advent season to more personally express your adoration of Jesus and find greater joy and peace in His presence?