

# Glad Tidings

**Sunday, December 11, 2022**



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CHURCH

**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!



Join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus - the Light of the world. Through worship, Scripture, videos & some rather unconventional family-friendly fun we're excited to celebrate our Savior as a church family. We hope you can join us at one of two identical services.

**Christmas Eve services will be held on December 24 at 3 p.m. & 8 p.m. Childcare will be available for children 0 - 3 years at the 3 p.m. service.**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ***Lost and Found***

*Sunday, December 11 - 18, table outside main office*

Are you missing reading glasses, sweatshirt, scarf or water bottle? It might be in our lost and found! Visit the table at the bottom of the ramp Sunday, December 11 through December 18 to claim your items. Items not claimed by December 18 will be donated. Not able to attend but looking for something you are missing? Email [info@southparkchurch.org](mailto:info@southparkchurch.org) before December 15 to [info@southparkchurch.org](mailto:info@southparkchurch.org).

## ***Discovery Christmas Party***

*Friday, December 16, 2 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

Join your Discovery friends as we celebrate Christmas together through fellowship and lots of fun.

## ***Jingle Jam***

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

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! Our Wonderland and Echo children (ages 4 through 3rd grade) will perform songs during our program, so mark your calendars-- we can't wait to see you there!

## ***Newcomers Brunch***

*Today, December 11 , following service in the Cafe*

Today, immediately after service in the Cafe, we are hosting a Newcomer's Brunch. Most newcomer's have received an email invitation but if you are new, even today, please join us! You'll meet and learn from staff and ministry leaders about the history and how God is at work through the vision and ministries of South Park Church. If you're new to South Park and are seeking God's will in this being your new church home, join us immediately after service in the Cafe.

## ***JAM: White Elephant Gift Exchange***

*Wednesday, December 14, 6:30 p.m., MPR*

Wrap up some useless junk lying around your house, and give some Christmas cheer at our annual White Elephant gift exchange! Bring a friend!

## ***Summit: White Elephant Exchange & Story-time with Nick!***

*Sunday, December 18, 7 p.m., Cafe*

Wear your PJ's, bring a blanket, wrap up some junk as a gift for our White Elephant exchange, and come snuggle up for some Christmas storytelling! Then, you can go home with someone else's garbage from their house!

## **Youth Winter Camps at Camp TimberLee**

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

The deadline to sign up for Youth Winter Camp is January 6! [Visit www.southparkchurch.org/info](http://www.southparkchurch.org/info) to **SIGN UP TODAY** & 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. If you are willing to provide a scholarship donation, or you personally need a scholarship, please let Nick know by emailing [nick@southparkchurch.org](mailto:nick@southparkchurch.org).

## ***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](mailto:southparkchurchlanding@gmail.com) for more information.

## ***Info Hub***

Not always sure where to find info about what's happening? Visit [www.southparkchurch.org/info](http://www.southparkchurch.org/info)

## ***Safe Families Donations Needed***

Give back this season by donating to items Safe Families.

- Hypoallergenic Baby Wipes
- NEW girls and boys underwear in all sizes
- NEW girls and boys socks in all sizes
- Gently used CLEAN boys and girls clothes and coats in all sizes

Place in Safe Family Bins by the main entrance.

## ***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.*

Please lift up Melissa, Landon, Jameson and Nolan Genson in prayer as they grieve the loss of Red. Please pray for the Prince of Peace to envelop them with the peace that truly passes all understanding, especially at a time like this. Please pray that God will give us, their church family, the wisdom, creativity and compassion to love them well in this next season.

Pray that our sermon series, Glad Tidings, will help us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus this Advent season and that we'll live in the urgency of His return.

Pray that the Prince of Peace, who offers us the peace that truly passes understanding, will be so active in our lives that there is no room for worry.

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: Greg VanCalbergh, Catherine Hankins, Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky

# SERMON NOTES

## Joy

*John 15:9-11*

### 1. Advent

- a. Celebrating Jesus' first coming
- b. Preparing for His second coming

### 2. Understanding Joy

- a. Even in difficult circumstances

### 3. Jesus' instructions on Joy

(vs. 9-11)

- a. Obeying God
- b. Remaining in Him

### 4. Remaining in God

(vs. 17:20-23)

- a. Embracing union with God
- b. Daily interaction
- c. Reprioritizing



## DIGGING DEEPER

1. Mid-Advent Check in...how are you preparing yourself (and the people you love) for the second coming of Jesus?

2. Have you ever experienced a time in your life when you felt heartbroken, but still had God's joy? Describe what it was like to live in both realities.

3. How would you describe your relationship with God? What happens when you meet with Him...is it transactional or intimate?

4. What changes is God calling you to make so that your union with Him spills over into joy?