



Sunday, December 12, 2021

SOUTH  **PARK**
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!

THIS MORNING

Prayer	8:30 a.m.
Journey (Adult Sunday School)	9:30 a.m.
Wonderland, ECHO, Ascent	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	10:00 a.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



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\(s\).](#)

Youth Ministry Winter Camp

[Middle School - Jan 21 - 23](#); [High School - Feb 25 - 27](#)

Thats Right! We are finally going back to Timber-Lee for Winter Camp 2022! Without a doubt, winter camp ends up being one of the most fun, memorable, and transformative experiences we have as a community each year! Click on the dates above to sign up for the early-bird rate! Scholarships are available upon request! If you would like to contribute to our scholarship fund to send a kid to camp this year, email nick@southparkchurch.org

Pictures for New Church Directory

Sunday, January 9, Before and After Church

Let's ring in the new year with a new church directory! On Sunday, January 9 between 8:30 - 10 and 11:15 - 12:30 professional photographer will be on site to capture individual and family photos. We're asking everyone to have their picture taken and fill out a form to be included in the church directory. There is no obligation to purchase prints but prints will be available to take home that day at a reasonable price! [Please sign up for a 5-minute slot here.](#)

LOST AND FOUND

Sundays, December 19 and 26

Are you missing reading glasses or a sweatshirt? How about a book or your Bible? It might be in our lost and found! Visit the table at the bottom of the ramp the next two Sundays to claim your items. Any items not claimed by December 26 will be donated. Not able to attend but looking for something you are missing? Email info@southparkchurch.org before December 23.

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.

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: 874 0226 6783, Password: 807766

Journey Adult Sunday School Hybrid!

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

Please join Journey on December 19 as Dave Wolfe teaches the second in a two-part series called "God's Covenants: Why Are They Important?" Learn what God's covenants teach us about his character, the entire Biblical story, and God's unfolding plan of redemption. This is an especially appropriate topic as we approach Christmas. Journey starts at 9:10 am in Fellowship Hall. Attend in person or participate 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 28, 2021

YTD 2021	\$	933,906
YTD BUDGET	\$	1,321,846
YTD Surplus(Shortfall)	\$	(387,940)

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

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

Pray that we each will capture the true joy and peace that can only be found in Christ this Christmas season.

Please continue to pray for **the Schimmel family** as they mourn the loss of Greg while they, at the same time, experience joy and peace knowing with certainty that Greg is face to face with his Savior.

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.

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

Included in His People
Ephesians 2:11 – 18

Introduction: Reconciliation is at the heart of Christ's birth.

cf. Eph. 2:8, 9

One: Alienation

vs. 11, 12

Two: Reconciliation

vs. 13 – 17

cf. Colossians 3:11; Galatians 3:28

cf. Revelation 7:9, 10

Conclusion: Experiencing God's peace in Christ is an eternal reality for believers. vs. 18

cf. Philippians 4:4 – 9

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Why has mankind never been able to achieve peace in this world?
2. Under what circumstances have you ever felt a desperate need for the peace offered by Jesus?
3. Under what circumstances have you found it difficult to offer God's peace to others?
4. What steps have you taken to become a peacemaker (cf. Matt. 5:9)?
5. How does the peace of God manifest the glory of Christ at Christmas?