

Glad Tidings

Sunday, December 18, 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!



Are you missing reading glasses, a sweatshirt, a scarf or water bottle? It might be in our lost and found! Visit the table at the bottom of the ramp today to claim your items. Items not claimed today will be donated.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Eve Services

Saturday, December 24, 3 p.m. & 8 p.m.

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. Please note: There will not be Sunday service on Christmas Day.

Jingle Jam

Today at 11:30 a.m., MPR

Take a break from all the baking, the shopping, the endless rolls of wrapping paper, and join us today at 11:30 a.m. 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. All are welcome and we can't wait to see you there!

New Year's Day Service

Sunday, January 1, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Same God, New Year! Join us for a unique time of worship as we celebrate the New Year on Sunday morning, January 1 at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

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 to SIGN UP TODAY](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.

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.

Info Hub

Not always sure where to find info about what's happening? Visit 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 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 continue to pray for Melissa, Landon, Jameson and Nolan Genson. Pray that Red's memorial service brought God glory and comfort to Melissa, the boys, and so many others who are grieving his loss. 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 we'll be filled with God's full and complete joy even during difficult circumstances.

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

Love

1 John 4:7-12

1. Advent Goal Check In
2. Understanding the nature of God and Love
3. Being known by our love (vs. 7&8)
 - a. It grows from our union with God
4. God's love is humble (vs. 9)
5. God's love is sacrificial (vs. 10)
6. a. Our call to love others (vs. 11)
 - a. With Humility & Sacrifice
7. Our love = Our witness (vs.12)

DIGGING DEEPER

1. With one week left of Advent, what is God calling you to prioritize for or before December 25th?

2. How is your current relationship with God? Are you so connected that His love would naturally overflow into the people and relationships around you? If not, what changes is God calling you to make?

3. Do you have any hidden expectations of the people you love? What might those be?

4. Knowing that we are supposed to be known in this world by the way we love each other, what sacrifices (big or little) is God calling you to make...that you might be a witness to the people around you?