

Glad Tidings

Sunday, December 4, 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

First Wednesdays Nativity Escape Room

Wednesday, December 7, 5 - 6:30 p.m.

1st-5th Graders are invited join us for our Nativity Escape Room! The Christmas season is a wonderful time to GIVE to our community, so we will be collecting canned goods to donate to our local food pantry. We can't wait to see you! Don't forget to bring a FRIEND and some CANNED GOODS. (As always, dinner will be provided.) Contact hillary@southparkchurch.org for more information.

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.

Info Hub

Not always sure where to find info about what's happening? Visit www.southparkchurch.org/info

Discovery Group Hymn Sing

Friday, December 9, 2 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Join us this month for our Carol Sing and Christmas Cookies as we sing familiar Christmas carols. This is a Discovery favorite! See you there!

Jingle Jam

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

Looking for something exciting for the ENTIRE FAMILY to do this Christmas? Take a break from all the baking, the shopping, the endless rolls of wrapping paper, and join us Sunday, December 18 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, so mark your calendars-- we can't wait to see you there!

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

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.

Lost and Found

Sunday, December 11 - 18, table outside main office

Are you missing reading glasses or a sweatshirt? How about a scarf or water bottle? It might be in our lost and found! Visit the table at the bottom of the ramp next Sunday 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? Send an email before-December 15 to info@southparkchurch.org.

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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

November 27, 2022

Budgeted Giving	YTD	\$1,228,333
Actual Giving	YTD	\$942,039
Last Year Actual Giving	YTD	\$971,723

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 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. And, pray that our lives will reflect the hope we have in Jesus to a watching world.

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 Hempen 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

Peace

Philippians 4:6-7

1. What is Peace?
 - a. The Absence of Conflict v. Peace with God
 - b. Rebellion v. Surrender

2. How to maintain God's peace (the recipe)
 - a. Reject Worry
 - b. Pray about Everything (tell God what you need)
 - c. Thank God for all He's done

3. The peace that surpasses understanding

4. In Christ alone

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What are the things in your life that cause you to worry?
2. Are there any sinful reasons behind that worry that you need to ask forgiveness for? (i.e. seeking the approval of others, pride, rebellion, etc.)
3. Scripture tells us to bring EVERYTHING to God in prayer...what are the biggest obstacles in your life that prevent you from doing that? What changes can you make to remedy that?
4. Make a list of all the things you can thank God for...it's a faith builder!