



Sunday, December 5, 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



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\(s\).](#)

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.](#)

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: 874 0226 6783, Password: 807766

Journey Adult Sunday School Hybrid!

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

Please join Journey on December 12 as Dave Wolfe teaches the first 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 21, 2021

YTD 2021	\$	910,082
YTD BUDGET	\$	1,294,308
YTD Surplus(Shortfall)	\$	(384,225)

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 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. Please pray a blessing over the visitation and Celebration of Life that will occur next Friday and Saturday. And, please pray that people may grow deeper in their faith, or even come to know the Lord for the first time, through the example of Gregs' life.

Please pray that God would surround **Outreach Partners Derrick and Rae Sekamalira** as they mourn the sudden passing of Rae's brother, Jerrell. Please pray for safety as they travel to New Orleans for Jerrell's homecoming celebration and that the presence of our merciful God will bring comfort to Rae's family as they mourn.

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

The Coming Savior *Matthew 1:18 - 25*

Introduction: The reason for the birth of Jesus is evident in His name.

One: He Shall Save

cf. Isaiah 7:14

Two: His People

cf. Luke 2:10; John 1:11 - 13

Three: From Their Sins

cf. Hebrews 10:4; 2 Corinthians 5:21

Conclusion: The incarnation of Christ was God's avenue for our reconciliation with Him.

cf. 2 Corinthians 9:15

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Why might Joseph be considered an unsung hero in the birth of Christ?
2. What aspects of salvation in Christ are most meaningful for you?
3. What is the significance for you in being considered one of His people?
4. Why does Scripture indicate that reconciliation with God is the greatest need of people?
5. How will you make time during this season to consider the grace of Jesus as you express adoration for Him and His work?