



Sunday, January 16, 2022



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!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 6, 2022
following service

Congregational Meeting - Sunday, February 6

Save the date for our next congregational meeting! We will present the 2022 budget for approval, reaffirm our current elders and vote on adding LaDonna Buschmann as an additional elder. [Click here to learn more about LaDonna.](#)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

2021 Giving Reports - Now Available Online

Thank you for your generosity!

As part of our continued efforts to be good stewards, we encourage you to print your own giving statement this year. To do so, click on the following link or copy and paste it into your browser:

https://southparkchurch.ccbchurch.com/give_detail.php?show=history

- Log in with your Username and Password
- Click "Giving Statement" on the top right
- Click "Quick Date", scroll down to "Last Year", choose "Deductible Only" then "Run Report."

You have the ability to access giving statements online even if you haven't given online. If you need help with your username/password, [email info@southparkchurch.org](mailto:info@southparkchurch.org) and a staff member will be in touch.

If you prefer a printed copy of your giving statement, email info@southparkchurch.org and put "GIVING STATEMENT" in the subject line or call the church office and leave a message at extension 121.

Thrive Winter Series: Philippians

Thursdays beginning January 20, 9 a.m. or 7 p.m.

We hope you'll be able to join us for the upcoming Winter Series: Philippians as we study the book of Philippians with Jo Saxton. Born to Nigerian parents and raised in London, Jo brings a multicultural and international perspective to her leadership training for women. There is no cost for the study guide. Child-care will be provided at \$10 per child (max. of \$30).

[Click here to register.](#)

Journey Adult Sunday School Hybrid!

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

Join Journey adult Sunday School this Sunday, January 16, as Dorothy Chao shares her story about memorizing scripture. Next Sunday, January 23, Melodee McGregor will talk about her experiences working with a local church and in a refugee camp in Greece. Dorothy and Melodee are both from South Park Church.

See you in person or join us by zoom at 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.](#)

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

Safe Families Training

Saturday, January 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church

Learn more about Safe Families for Children and how you and your friends, as a Circle of Support, can surround families in crisis with a caring, compassionate community. This In-Person Training will cover: Orientation Training, Family Friend Training and Host Training. Lunch and childcare provided! [Click here to fill out an application online prior to the event.](#)

Chicagoland United in Prayer (Virtual)

Sunday, January 30, 5 - 6 p.m.

chiunitepray.com

This annual city-wide united prayer event is one way we are practicing and growing in unity. Our Winter Prayer event is always a collaborative effort of many churches, denominations, and leaders. This year's event will invite us to celebrate the diverse Church in Chicago and come together in united prayer for our city. We are better together, and by praying together we build relationships that lead into partnerships. Participate individually or gather with a friend, your family, or your small group to watch and pray together. [Register your Prayer Huddle so it can be added to the map!](#) Let's show what it looks like to pray together, united while decentralized.

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 2:42

Pray that our devotion to God's word, fellowship, collective prayer and worship will result in people coming to Christ.

Please pray for **Dawn Phillips** who is hospitalized with Covid in Florida. Please pray for a full recovery and for Dawn to experience peace as Bill cannot be with her.

Pray for our **healthcare workers, educators, and first responders** who are face to face with the daily impact of the pandemic. Please pray for God to cover them with protection, great wisdom, and renewed energy each day.

Multiple people in our church have **immediate family members who are battling Covid** in the hospital. Please pray that God will bring full healing.

Please pray that God will supply **Wanda Mejia's** doctors with great wisdom to locate the primary site of the cancer so a specified treatment plan can begin. And, pray that the peace that only Christ brings will fill Wanda and Guillermo as they begin this journey.

Please pray a blessing over **those in our congregation who are struggling** this season whether it's from the loss of a loved one, walking through a struggling marriage, experiencing division amongst family members, enduring treatment for cancer, feeling overwhelmed and anxious with how to navigate Covid 19, or from other sources of stress. Pray that our Wonderful Counselor will be near in a very tangible way.

Pray for **South Park Church** as we faithfully seek God's will for the next pastor of our church. Pray 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.

Continue to pray for: Art Engle (Scott's dad), Kathy Palansky

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

SERMON NOTES

Commissioning the Church

Matthew 28:16 – 20

Introduction: Jesus has called us to make disciples!

One: Context vs. 16, 17

cf. John 8:31

Two: Authority vs. 18

Three: Process vs. 19, 20a

cf. Luke 19:10

cf. John 15:7, 8

Four: Resource vs. 20b

Conclusion: We can be bold in following Jesus with the Great Commission.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. In what ways does my sense of life purpose include the Great Commission?
2. How does my faith in Jesus' authority and presence motivate me in ministry and witness to others?
3. How might I need help in my commitment to fulfilling the Great Commission?
4. How might I help SPC become a Great Commission oriented congregation?