



**Sunday, January 23, 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](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](mailto:info@southparkchurch.org) and put "GIVING STATEMENT" in the subject line or call the church office and leave a message at extension 121.

## ***Journey Adult Sunday School Hybrid!***

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

Please join Journey this morning to hear Melodee McGregor, who attends South Park Church, talks about her experiences working with a local church and in a refugee camp in Greece. The class will NOT be recorded for security purposes. Next Sunday will feature a presentation on keeping the Sabbath.

See you in person or join us by zoom at [www.zoom.us/join](https://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](#).

## ***Praise and Prayer***

*Tuesday, January 25, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

Join your brothers and sisters at South Park Church in worshipping God and seeking first His kingdom in prayer. Each time will be a little different, and all are welcomed to join: seasoned prayer warriors, absolute beginners, and everyone in between.

## ***Safe Families Vision Night 2022 (Online) -***

*Tuesday, February 1, 7 p.m.*

It's a night not to be missed as we come together; volunteers, church leaders, supporters, and simply those who want to learn more about Safe Families. We'll reflect on the journey so far, hear stories that inspire and encourage us, pray and look ahead at Safe Families' vision for 2022! [Click here to RSVP](#).

## **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](https://www.zoom.us/join) and use Meeting: 874 0226 6783, Password: 807766

## **Chicagoland United in Prayer (Virtual)**

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

[chiunitepray.com](https://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.

## **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@southpark-church.org](mailto:kristin@southpark-church.org) or give her a call at 847 825-5507 and press 125.

## PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*

Matthew 28:19-20

Pray that our devotion to God's word, fellowship, collective prayer and worship will result in people coming to Christ. And, that we will be aware of opportunities God gives us to multiply our lives in Christ in the lives of others.

Please pray for **Dawn Phillips** who is now home following a hospitalization for Covid in Florida. Please pray for a full recovery of Dawn's emotional and physical health.

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

# SERMON NOTES

## Kingdom Living *Ephesians*

Introduction: Our membership in Christ's Kingdom should be a pervasive theme of our lives.

Context: vs. 1:1-10

One: Kingdom Perspective vs. 1:11, 12

Two: Kingdom Purpose vs. 3:10, 11

Three: Kingdom Power vs. 3:16

Four: Kingdom Practice vs. 6:10-12

Conclusion: Kingdom Christians have integrated their relationship with Christ with all that transpires in both the visible and invisible realms.



## DIGGING DEEPER

1. How much time do I spend complaining about what I don't have versus praising God for all that He has given me in Christ?
2. How do I demonstrate God's wisdom in redeeming me for Himself?
3. How do the riches of God's grace and the presence of His Spirit empower me in my walk with Christ?
4. What do I see as the cosmic relationship between prayer and proclamation of the gospel?
5. What must I change for me to better live to the praise of Christ's glory?