

LORD & SAVIOR

REASONS FOR FAITH



Sunday, April 17, 2022

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!



He is Risen!

We have two services this morning! Join us at 9 a.m. or 10:45.

Wonderland is open during the 9 a.m. service.

The cafe will be open and make sure to stop by the special Easter backdrop for a photo with your family!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information Hub

www.southparkchurch.org/info

Not always sure where to find info about what's happening? We're making it easier for you with our information hub! You can find it online from your computer or phone. Visit the website above (it's easy to remember!) or connect to it from the link in our Instagram bio or "Learn More" button on our Facebook page.

Safe Families Sunday

Sunday, April 24, during the 10 a.m. service

Next Sunday, during a portion of our service, we will highlight what God is doing through Safe Families to help keep children safe and families together. You'll have a chance to learn more about volunteering at an info table before and after service!

Get Baptized this June!

Sunday, June 26, 10 a.m. service

Our next baptism will take place on Sunday, June 26, at the 10:00 a.m. service. If you would like to be baptized, visit www.southparkchurch.org/info and click the baptism picture.



Vacation Bible School

July 11 - 14, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Kids are naturally curious, and when you're curious about who God is it's easy to grow your relationship with Jesus.

That's why, in this 4-day series for Vacation Bible School, we're going to engage kids' imaginations! Kids will not only get curious about science, technology, engineering, and mathematics — but also about the God who created it all!

This is truly a program for the whole family! Our VBS program will be for students going into Kindergarten through incoming 5th graders. 6th grade students will have the opportunity to be Jr leaders while our 7th- 12th grade can be activity leaders and small group student leaders.

Registration opens today and spaces will be limited so don't procrastinate! Visit www.southparkchurch.org/info and click on the VBS image.

Any questions email hillary@southparkchurch.org.

Spring Gathering: Caris Baby Shower

Tuesday, April 26, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Women (and their children) are invited to participate in the Spring Gathering: Caris Baby Shower on Tuesday, April 26! The evening will include the assembly of "baby blessing bags" containing essentials for a newborn baby and the construction of a no-sew fleece blanket/blankets as well as the collection of baby shower gifts that have been purchased by women to be donated to the Caris Baby Boutique (just in time for Mother's Day). Refreshments will be provided. For details and to register, click the Baby Shower picture found at www.southparkchurch/info.

Thrive Spring Series: 3 Spiritual Practices

Thursdays, May 5-19, 7- 8:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

The Spring Series: 3 Spiritual Practices will focus on 3 spiritual practices: confession and self-examination, simplicity, and gratitude. Hope you'll be able to join us! [Register here](#).

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

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Matthew 4:4

As we study Christ's passion, death and resurrection this season pray that His glory will shine brightly through us to a watching and hurting world.

Praise God, **Will Holm's** heart surgery went well and Will is now home. Please pray for increased strength, safety, and pain management each day. And, please pray that Will experiences the closeness and care of his Savior as he recovers.

Please continue to pray for **Al Pasternak** who has recently returned home following heart surgery and a short stay at a rehab center. Please pray that Al receives deep and healing sleep each night as he continues to recover and works to increase his strength and endurance. Please pray for strength for **Andrea**, his wife and caregiver. And, pray for peace of mind and heart for both of them.

Pray continue to pray for our Outreach Partners (Ted, Alya, and Dave) as they minister to Ukrainian refugees as they cross the border to safety, as they bring loads of aid and relief supplies to the border, and as they visit those they ministered to who are now relocated in Poland. Please pray that God will bless their work and that the comfort and hope they offer will point Ukrainian refugees to Christ.

Please pray for the people of Ukraine, those that have fled and those that remain, to experience God's protection and comfort like never before. Pray that many will come to know the unshakable hope found in Christ and His gospel and that this hope will bring courage to those feeling hopeless and afraid. And, finally, pray for peace in Ukraine.

Praise God that Wanda Mejia did get results from ongoing testing and has learned she has a rare, yet contained, type of cancer. Please pray for continued wisdom as they conduct a few more tests to determine if any further intervention is needed.

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.

Continue to pray for: Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky

SERMON NOTES

Reasons for Faith *1 Corinthians 15:12 – 28*

Introduction: Christian faith is grounded in the resurrection of Christ.

vs. 12, 13

One: Questioning the Resurrection vs. 14 – 19

Two: Defending the Resurrection vs. 20

cf. 1 Corinthians 15:3 – 6

Three: Experiencing the Resurrection

vs. 21 – 28

Conclusion: The Lordship of Christ is confirmed by the certainty of His resurrection.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What is the relationship between Christ's resurrection and our resurrection?
2. Why have there been so many attempts throughout history to discredit the resurrection of Christ?
3. How might your testimony of salvation be grounded in the resurrection of Christ?
4. How does the resurrection of Christ give you peace, joy, and hope in life now?
5. How does Christ's resurrection set the stage for God's dominion throughout eternity?