

T H E M O D E L
Church

Sunday, May 23, 2021

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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!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Indoor Worship Service Updates

You no longer need to pre-register for Sunday service... Just show up! We can't wait to welcome more people into worship service each Sunday!

Face masks are now optional for fully vaccinated individuals. If you are not vaccinated, we ask you to continue wearing a mask to protect yourself and others.

The balcony will now be designated seating for the comfort and safety of those who desire to wear masks at all times. There will be signs that indicate where masks are required.

The Family Service continues to run at 10 a.m. through May 30! Due to volunteer needs, pre-registration for family ministries will continue. [Click here to register!](#) Children must be accompanied by an adult. Check-in is located at the entrance to the MPR.

Beginning this Sunday, May 23rd, a separate entrance and exit will be provided on the Rosemont side of the building for families to use if they prefer. All who use this entrance will be asked to wear their masks at all times. Just look for the canopy and greeters who will welcome you.

SPC Kids Grand Reopening - June 6

You heard it right! SPC Kids programming is reopening! Both Wonderland and ECHO will be available at limited capacity starting June 6th. We have been working hard to reopen our spaces in the safest ways possible. [Click here to read how we are dedicated to the safety of all children and volunteers.](#) Your student is invited to join us during service for some games, teaching, and more as we continue our Bible story adventures!

To register your student, visit www.southparkchurch.org/Indoor-church. If you would like to learn more, please contact Michaela Veller at michaela@southparkchurch.org.

Coffee and Lemonade - Sundays, after service

On Sundays, enjoy fellowship outdoors at the front entrance over a cup of lemonade or iced coffee after service! We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you Sarah!

Let's show our appreciation for the amazing work Sarah has done here at South Park Church. The month of May there will be baskets out each Sunday where we'll be collecting cards. At the end of the month we'll deliver your notes of well wishes to her!

Journey Adult Sunday School - Sundays, 11:15 a.m., Zoom & Fellowship Hall

Today we will hear real-life mentoring stories from South Park Church. Karen Anderson & Krissy Arias, Pat Moy & Janna Proctor, John Schimka & Noah Ryken, and Roberta Dickey will be speaking. We hope you join us! Check out past Journey classes on our [website](#) or [YouTube](#). Pre-registration is no longer needed to attend in person!

Click to join the Zoom meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/94431939491?pwd=Vy9SS1kzOWdVbXFkM09WVWoxeIR4QT09>

THRIVE Women's Ministry Summer Series

Do you feel as if you're in tune with the Psalms? One of the reasons why so many love the Psalms is that they touch on so many emotions. They are poetry and songs that are meant to move us and shape our emotions. Please join us for the upcoming *THRIVE Women's Ministry Summer Series: Selection of Psalms* as we read and meditate on various types of psalms throughout the Psalter. Hope you'll be able to join us on: Thursday, June 10th - Thursday, July 29th from 9:15 - 11:15 AM or 7:00 - 9:00 PM. [Click here to register!](#) Childcare will be offered only during the morning session.

Make a Nomination

In addition to the current open positions, the Nominating Committee is now seeking nominations for a 9th Elder. The Committee is looking for a female to best represent and serve the church body in this role. Please continue to also make nominations for Trustee Chair, Trustee Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Nominator (2 open positions). You do not need to be a member to make a nomination, and you can also nominate yourself. To make a nomination, [click here](#) to fill out the online nomination form.

Virtual Sunday Morning Prayer - Sundays, 9-9:55 a.m.

Join us at the Virtual Prayer Room on Sunday mornings from 9-9:55 a.m, just prior to Sunday Worship. If you're interested in joining, click here to join the Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87402266783?pwd=QUI0alZyVkwzNG1PYnptR1VmVWZCQT09>

Join the Family Ministries Team!

The family ministries team is planning a “Soft Opening” of Wonderland on May 30th, and officially opening both Wonderland and ECHO the first Sunday in June... and we need you! We are very excited to get our kids back in ministry and cherish your support and prayers as we get organized!

[Click here to volunteer in Wonderland](#)

[Click here to volunteer in ECHO](#)

PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY

We are happy to be able to share with you the Philosophy of Ministry! This document serves to align current and future leaders on a shared approach to (philosophy of) ministry at South Park Church. Although it is primarily a leadership document, we would like to give anyone in our congregation the opportunity to read through it and provide input back to the elders.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR THE INPUT FORM](#)

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 to leave her a message.

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Week ending May 9, 2021

YTD 2021	\$	359,797
YTD BUDGET	\$	523,231
YTD Surplus(Shortfall)	\$	(163,433)
YTD % change		-31.2%

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

Sanctify them by your truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.”

John 17:17-19

Pray that our lives will show clear evidence of Christ’s glory in and through us, that we would exhibit confidence in Jesus as we seek to glorify Him, and that our transformation in Christ may be evidenced by our unity.

Pray for:

Jackie Sypien is having hip surgery on Wednesday, May 26th. Please pray the surgery will be successful and that Jackie will be able to manage the pain well and get the rest she needs for full healing. Pray that Jackie will feel the Father’s presence especially during this time.

Continue to Pray for:

Outreach Partner, Tamar-- Tamar serves in Northern Israel has specifically requested prayer as follows: that God would work a miracle and provide a way forward towards peace, for protection in the impacted areas against a rise in Covid cases, that political leaders will seek the common good of the country, and that believers would know how to respond bringing the peace of God with them wherever they go.

Emmanuel and Dee Rebba and the IREF team-- Please continue to pray for India during this devastating time as Covid continues to run rampant with medical care and resources in very low supply. Pray that God would supply the Rebbas with His comfort as they mourn the loss of family members (three of Emmanuel's brothers), staff, and friends. Please pray for the IREF students who've returned to their villages and pray against discouragement for the IREF staff during this traumatic time.

Greg Schimmel-- Greg continues to take medication that has been successful in keeping the tumor growth at bay at an increased dosage. Please pray that the medication will continue to successfully work in this way and that the next set of scans will confirm that. Also, please pray that Greg's persistent cough will resolve. Pray that Greg, Judy and their family experience the peace and closeness of their Savior.

Kathy Palansky-- Kathy is stable at home (at The Sheraton) in hospice care. Please pray that the Lord will comfort and surround Kathy with His deep love for her. And, pray that Kathy would experience His presence and peace. To inquire about visiting Kathy, please email kristin@southparkchurch.org.

Dawn Phillips-- Dawn is home receiving outpatient therapy and making steady progress. Please pray that Dawn will continue to gain strength overall and for Bill as he manages Dawn's care needs. Continue to pray for God's comfort and endurance for Bill, Michael and Gregory. Please email kristin@southparkchurch.org if you'd like to provide a meal for the Phillips family.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. How have you seen growth in Christian faith, love, and hope in your own life?
2. Who have been the most influential models of Christian life in your life? Why?
3. How are you influencing the lives of others for Christ?
4. How does the return of Christ help you apply the reality of your conversion to your present circumstances and struggles?
5. What other biblical characteristics of body life might you believe God looks for in a church?