



**Sunday, April 11, 2021**



**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

## ***Register to attend Indoor Worship Services***

Register to join us in person next Sunday! Safety measures are in place and you'll get detailed info when you register. Registration opens for the following week each Sunday. [Click here to register](#) to attend on Sunday!

Families with kids ages birth-8th grade are invited to join us Sundays at 10 a.m. in the MPR for the **NEW Family Service!** Registration is now open! Click on the link above to attend. Children must be accompanied by an adult, and check-in will be located down the ramp after entering from the Main Entrance.

## ***We're Hiring!***

Hillary Delanty, our Director of Preschool Ministries, will soon be welcoming another child into the family and will be on maternity leave. As SPC's Family Ministries continue to open up, we are looking for someone to temporarily join our Family Ministry Team part-time as an Interim Preschool Ministry Coordinator. [Click here](#) to view the job description. If you are interested in serving our families in this way, please email your resume to [renee@southparkchurch.org](mailto:renee@southparkchurch.org)

## ***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.

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

Journey Adult Sunday School is meeting in person and online via Zoom at 11:15 a.m. on Sundays. We hope you join us! [Click here](#) to attend via Zoom (same link every Sunday) or [click here](#) to register to attend in-person. You can watch recordings of past Journey classes on our [website](#) or [YouTube](#).

## ***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=QUI0aUZyVk wzNG1PYnptR1VmVWZCQT09>

### ***Join the Tech Team!***

The tech team has expanded their video capabilities and needs people interested in live video production! No experience required, but a desire to learn and serve through operating cameras and/or calling the production shots. Contact Adam to get involved! Send him an email at [adam@southparkchurch.org](mailto:adam@southparkchurch.org)

### ***Join a Moms in Prayer group!***

If you are a mom wanting to join with other moms in prayer for our schools, children, educators, and one another, join one of our Moms in Prayer Groups that meet to pray on Mondays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. or Tuesdays from 8-9 p.m. To learn more or join please contact Pat Moy at [pat@southparkchurch.org](mailto:pat@southparkchurch.org)

## **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](mailto: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 March 28, 2021*

YTD 2021	\$	224,779
YTD BUDGET	\$	358,000
YTD Surplus(Shortfall)	\$	(133,221)
YTD % change		-37.2%

## PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

Pray that God would lead, guide, and give wisdom to each of us at South Park Church so that we may be participants, not spectators, in God's story.

*Continue to Pray for:*

**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.

Pray for **Dawn Phillips** who is home receiving outpatient therapy. 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 Sorensen at [kristin@southparkchurch.org](mailto:kristin@southparkchurch.org) if you'd like to provide a

meal for the Phillips family.

**Holly Kretekos' father, Victor** - Victor is doing well following pacemaker surgery. Please pray that his heart continues to strengthen and his body would continue to heal with no signs of infection.

**Greg Schimmel** - Please continue to pray for Greg as he and his doctors determine next steps in treatment. Pray that Greg and his family would experience God as their refuge and strength.

**Kay Stecher** - Please pray that Kay will continue to tolerate the leukemia treatment with minimal side effects and that her health will be fully restored.

## SERMON NOTES

### *God's Purposes Prevail - Acts 7:48 - 8:4*

#### **Acts 7:48-8:4**

48 "However, the Most High does not live in houses made by human hands. As the prophet says:

49 "Heaven is my throne,  
and the earth is my footstool.  
What kind of house will you build for me?

says the Lord.

Or where will my resting place be?

50 Has not my hand made all these things?

51 “You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit! 52 Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him— 53 you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it.”

54 When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. 55 But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

57 At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, 58 dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

59 While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” 60 Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

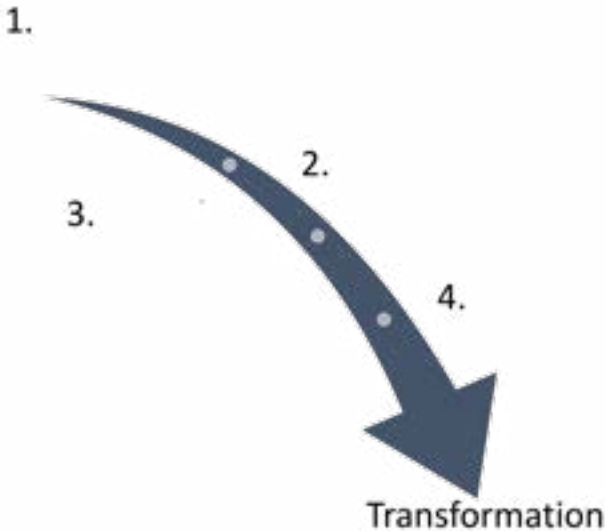
8 And Saul approved of their killing him.



On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. 2 Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. 3 But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.

4 Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.

Temple:



## DIGGING DEEPER

1. What do we learn about Stephen before he addresses the Sanhedrin (Acts 6:1-15)? Who do you know who has similar qualities?
2. Read Acts 7:1-50. What stands out to you about Stephen's summary of the story of God?
3. "Would you say the Old Testament is more like a stranger or a close friend to you? What will you do to let its importance grow for you?"\*
4. Read Acts 7:51-8:4. What did the Sanhedrin hope to accomplish by stoning Stephen? What was the result? What did God accomplish?
5. How could people who had the same knowledge of the biblical history that Stephen did have such a radically different reaction to its current application?
6. How does the pattern of transformation apply in your life and our church in this season?

\*This question comes from the Serendipity Bible. This amazing resource contains inductive study questions for every chapter of the Bible plus many topical studies. It's a great tool for every small group leader as well as personal study.

### ***Recommended Resources***

*Knowing Jesus Through the Old Testament* by Christopher J. H. Wright

The Bible Project: ["Temple"](#)

To learn about Baptism, go to [southparkchurch.org/baptism](https://southparkchurch.org/baptism)