



Sunday, December 6, 2020



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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 form](#) and a staff member will be in touch!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's THRIVE Advent Service - Friday, December 11, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Join us for a time of worship through singing, various Scripture readings and reflections, a brief devotional, special dance performance, and a personal testimony. The service will be streamed live on our website on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Congregational Meeting - Virtual! Sunday, December 13, 12 p.m.

Please plan to attend this meeting that will be broadcast on the South Park Church [YouTube Channel](#)! For members, links to sign in and vote will be sent by email on the day of the meeting. Important info about the present and future of our church will be shared as well as a vote on three elected positions. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Posting of Nominations

Here are the members of our congregation that the Nominating Committee is presenting to the congregation for serving in the following open positions: Nick Powell and Cathy Gregg Barthel for Elders, and Steve Schimmel for Trustee at Large. Members of South Park will have the opportunity to vote on these open positions during

the congregational meeting on December 13.

Christmas Eve Worship - Thursday, December 24

This year we invite you to join in online for this special video worship experience available on demand beginning the morning of December 24. Hear families from our church read and respond to scripture, reflect on original artwork that illuminates God's grand story, and sing cherished carols with our worship team. Tune in at anytime throughout the day to worship on our [website](#), [Facebook Page](#), or [YouTube Channel](#). We hope you join us!

Silent Night Chicago - Christmas Eve, 9:09 p.m.

On Christmas Eve at 9:09 p.m., let's come together as the church in Chicago to light a candle, sing Silent Night, and reflect on the things that truly matter. Tune into a participating radio station on Christmas Eve at 9:09 p.m. or visit the live stream available online at 9 p.m. at www.silentnightchicago.com Then go outside on your porch, deck, balcony, or curb and shine a light (candle or cell phone) and sing along to Silent Night as we stand together in solidarity and take a moment to reflect on the meaning of Christmas. Participating radio stations will be added soon to their website at www.silentnightchicago.com

Donations Needed for the Safe Families Closet

The Safe Families for Children Closet at South Park Church provides for the needs of many children and families in the wider Chicago area. The Safe Families Closet accepts donations year round of kids' clothing items, shoes, diapers, etc. and presently has a large supply of most items, but is in need of select items! Currently the closet is in need of:

- (used) Boys clothes and winter coat, size 3
- (used) Girls clothes, sizes 4,5, and 8
- (used) Kids' gym shoes and boots, sizes 8-13, 1-6 (not baby sizes)
- (used) Baby exersaucers
- (new) Boys underwear sizes 2/3, 10, and 12
- (new) Pull-ups sizes 3/4 and 4/5
- **\$20 Target gift cards**

Please note, the closet no longer accepts donations of used underwear or socks. If you would like to donate items please schedule a pick-up or drop-off by contacting Peggy Boysen, Safe Families Ministry Lead, at peggyboysen@gmail.com or (847) 494-9362.

Join our Team!

We are currently hiring a Director of Care and Senior Ministries. The full job description and details on how to apply can be found online by [clicking here](#).

Register to attend Indoor Worship Services

Register to join us in person next Sunday! We have family friendly indoor worship venues in Fellowship Hall and the MPR so you and your family can spread out at a table without worrying about sitting still or maintaining a particular volume level. 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, Dec. 13!

Join the Tech Team!

The tech team has expanded 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 Nelson if you are interested at adam@southparkchurch.org

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

Join us at the Virtual Prayer Room on Sunday mornings. We will gather from 9-9:55 a.m, just prior to Sunday Worship. If you're interested in joining, please email info@southparkchurch.org

Join a Moms in Prayer group!

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

CARING FOR EACH OTHER

If you or someone in our church family are experiencing hardship and have a need or would like to receive prayer, please reach out to Jesse Hallock at jesse@southparkchurch.org or give him a call at 847-825-5507 and press 1 to leave a message.

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Week ending November 22, 2020

YTD 2020	\$ 1,227,413
YTD BUDGET	\$ 1,474,531
YTD Surplus(Shortfall)	\$ (247,118)
YTD % change	-16.8%

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

Pray for **South Park Church** - that God would lead, guide, strengthen and sustain our staff and elected leaders as we seek to submit to Him.

Pray for **Dawn Phillips** - Dawn has an 8-hour open-heart surgery scheduled for December 22 to repair her aorta. Please pray for peace and the closeness of Christ for the Phillips family. Pray for precision, endurance, and clarity for the medical team and for a successful procedure.

Pray for **Kay Stecher** - Kay has had ongoing health problems, but her CLL leukemia has been worsening. Doctors are going to begin pill treatments.

Update on **Mary Schetter's brother Lou** - he has moved in with Mary and is able to walk with a walker. There is a long road ahead but we are praising God for what he has given.

Update on **Annette Schweiger's son Steve** - Steve is home and is much better. There are some remaining side-effects, but we are thanking God for protection.

Please pray for **John Schimka and his sister, Debbie**. They both have Covid and continue to suffer from its effects. Debbie has been at LGH for a week now and her oxygen levels are low. Please pray for healing for them both, strength to fight this, and also for the closeness of Christ in this difficult time.

Continue to pray for:

Lela, Gregg Talley's mother - Continued protection from blot clots. Doctors have been working to keep it from reaching the brain or heart.

Libby Cheser's mother - In hospice care. Pray for her and her family in this season.

SERMON NOTES

When Dreams are Dying

Abraham & Sarah: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12 & Genesis 17-18, 21

Waiting is _____ not _____

Waiting is a place for _____

Waiting is a space for _____

Waiting requires _____

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What is one thing you find yourself “waiting” for this season? What would it look like to invite God to transform you in this area?
2. What is one way you have been transformed by God in this season?
3. What are some of the ways you’ve seen God work in the past that help you to live with hope today? Where do you want to invite God to realign your hopes?
4. What is one way you will seek intimacy with God this week?