



Sunday, January 24, 2021



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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

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!

Journey Class - Today, 11:15 a.m., Zoom

Join us today for Journey Adult Sunday School via Zoom starting at 11:15 a.m. until shortly after noon. Rachel Hands will be teaching on "Seeing Jesus in God: what the Law means for Christians." The link will open at 11:05 a.m. if you would like to join early and chat with others. Click below to join the Zoom meeting:
<https://zoom.us/j/94431939491?pwd=Vy9SS1kzOWdYbXFkM09WVWoxeIR4QT09>

Congregational Meeting - Sunday, January 31, noon

The winter Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 31 at noon. It will be a virtual format available on the [South Park Church YouTube Channel](#). We will vote on a new nominator (Brad Olson), vote on the 2021 budget, and receive updates on the 5-Phase Action Plan. We hope you join us!

Posting of Nomination

The Nominating Committee is presenting Brad Olson to the congregation for serving in the position of Nominator. Members of South Park will have the opportunity to vote on this position during the congregational meeting on January 31.

Virtual City-wide Prayer - Sunday, Jan. 31, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Chicagoland United in Prayer will host their annual city-wide prayer gathering online on Sunday, January 31 from 6:30–7:30 pm. Virtual Hosts, located in both the city and suburbs, will lead you and your Prayer Huddle through 7 themes of prayer over the course of an hour. Let's join in prayer for our communities and city! To register visit www.chiunitepray.com or on Facebook [@chicagolandunitedinprayer](https://www.facebook.com/chicagolandunitedinprayer)

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, click here to join the Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87402266783?pwd=QUI0alZyVkwzNG1PYnptR1VmVWZCQT09>

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

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 Kristin Sorensen, Care Director, 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 January 10, 2021

YTD 2021	\$ 30,203
YTD Prior Year	\$ 42,053
YTD Surplus (Shortfall)	\$ (11,850)
YTD % change	-28.2%

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Psalm 91:1-2

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 our **country** - Pray for the peace of our nation (Jeremiah 29:7) and specifically for our leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

Outreach Partners Phil and Sarah Baer - Both Phil and Sarah are symptomatic with Covid. Please pray God's healing hand will be upon them as they continue their

translation work with the Lacadone tribe in Mexico and are approaching retirement in the Fall.

Continue to pray for:

Dawn Philips - Dawn who is at the Shirley Ryan Ability Lab for rehabilitation. Dawn is doing better but still struggling with a few significant challenges. Continue to pray for full recovery in the months ahead and for strength, grace, and endurance for the whole family.

Kay Stecher - Kay is continuing treatments for leukemia with a new treatment recently added. Please pray that Kay will tolerate this new treatment with minimal side effects.

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

SERMON NOTES

Why Can I Trust the Bible?

Luke 24:44-49, NIV

44 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

2 Peter 1:12-20, NIV

12 So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. 13 I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, 14 because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. 15 And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." 18 We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

19 We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to

it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things.

There are good reasons for trusting the Bible that address common objections.

Objection #1:

Objection #2:

Objection #3:

Objection #4:

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Which objection to the trustworthiness of the Bible do you find most troubling and least troubling?
2. How does the following statement relate to what you believe? “We believe that the entire Bible is the Divinely Inspired Word and Revelation of God, and therefore our only authority for faith and practice. 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21” (www.southparkchurch.org/what-we-believe).
3. What principles for understanding the Bible can we find in the following verses? Psalm 1:1-3; Luke 24:44-49; 2 Peter 1:12-20
4. Select one of The Bible Project videos linked below, view with your group, and share what stood out to you.
5. What are your current or desired habits for reading and studying the Bible?
6. What was your experience of praying Ephesians 1:15-23? How will you approach praying Ephesians 3:14-21?

Recommended Resources

- *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism* by Timothy Keller

- *The Case for Christ: A Journalist's Personal Investigation of the Evidence for Jesus* by Lee Strobel
- [The Bible Project: How to Read the Bible](#) (19 Videos)
- *For the Love of God: A Daily Companion for Discovering the Riches of God's Word* by Don Carson
- *The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every Story Whispers his Name* by Sally Lloyd-Jones