

Sunday, March 7, 2021



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. <u>Click here to register</u> to attend on Sunday!

New! Family Worship Service - Begins Sunday, March 28, 10 AM

Hey families! You and your kids and students are invited to join us Sundays starting on March 28 at 10 a.m. in the MPR for the NEW Family Service! Registration is now open! <u>Click here</u> to register to attend on March 28.

Easter Worship

Join us **in person or online** to celebrate the good news that Christ is risen! Join us on **Good Friday at 7 p.m.** for a service that will be a time to reflect on the approaching darkness of the cross of Christ through prayer, music, and words from eyewitnesses.

On Easter Sunday at 10 a.m., we are holding two different services to choose from: Easter worship in the sanctuary and a Family Easter Worship service in

the MPR. Registration is required to attend services in person, or stream services live online!

Click below to register attend services in person:

Good Friday Service (7 p.m.) - Register Now
Easter Sunday Service (10 a.m.) - Register Now
Family Easter Worship Service (10 a.m.) - Register Now

2021 Outreach Month - "God is doing a New Thing"

In Isaiah 49:19, God tells us, "See, I am doing a new thing!" While there are many new things about our world right now that are not encouraging, we know that God is continually doing a new thing in the lives of His people and in ministry. Normally we celebrate Outreach weekend in March, but this year we will be hearing from multiple partners throughout the entire month as they share some of these things with you with videos and stories. Next Sunday, March 14 we welcome Michael Allen of Together Chicago to preach on embracing God's new thing in our city!

Make a Nomination

The Nominating Committee invites you to make nominations of members for the roles of 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, <u>click here</u> to fill out the online nomination form.

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

Join us for our Journey Adult Sunday School class on Sundays via Zoom or in Fellowship Hall! Throughout this month we will be hearing from 4 of our Outreach Partners! Click here to attend via Zoom (same link every Sunday) or click here to register to attend inperson on March 14. 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. 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 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

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 February 21, 2021

| YTD 2021 | \$ 122,258 |
|------------------------|----------------|
| YTD BUDGET | \$ 220,308 |
| YTD Surplus(Shortfall) | \$ (98,050) |
| YTD % change | -44.5% |

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18

Pray for **South Park Church** - Pray that God would lead, guide, and give wisdom to Pastor Eric, the Elders, and the Leadership Team as they review and discuss the Philosophy of Ministry.

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

Pray for **Phyllis Verbrugghe** who is experiencing severe back pain. Please pray that a plan to relieve the pain will be determined and that the plan will prove to be successful.

Pray for **Kathy Palansky** - Please pray that God will comfort and surround Kathy as she is back at The Sheraton following a hospital stay. Please pray that Kathy will experience the love of her Father and the peace that He brings more than ever.

Continue to Pray for:

Greg Schimmel - Please continue to pray for Greg as he and his doctors determine next steps in addressing the tumor growth. Pray pray that a medication change and procedure will yield improved results at the next scan in a few weeks. Pray for Greg and his family to be comforted and feel God's presence around them.

Dawn Phillips - Dawn is continuing to receive therapy at the Shirley Ryan Ability Lab and is improving in her speech, eating, and movement. Please pray that Dawn will continue to gain strength overall as Bill makes plans for her to return home and transition to outpatient therapy. Continue to pray for God's comfort and endurance for Bill, Michael and Gregory.

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

See, I am doing a new thing! - Guillermo Mejía Isaiah 43:18-19

A call to you: not to seek shelter in the shadow of anyone else, whose help is vain and empty, but in the glory of the Lord, as we embrace God's new thing in the world.

- 1. Renouncing the old
 - ¿ Amnesia or relinquishment?
- 2. Embracing the new
 - 2.1. What is the new?
 - 2.2. How is the new accomplished?
 - 2.3. Where does the new take place?

2.4. How do we perceive it?

3. New things God is doing in the world

Thus says the Lord: I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:19 (NRSV)

DIGGING DEEPER

- 1. What ambition, dream or plan might God have for me in relation to the new thing he is doing in the world right now?
- 2. How should I be involved in God's new thing as I increasingly understand his resolute and relentless work for the establishment of justice on earth? (See Isaiah 51:1-16 and 61:1-11)
- 3. How do I react to the biblical truth that God's new thing is established through suffering, trials and tribulation, and by embracing the outcasts and serving the needy? Why is it that I react in such a way?

4. Close in prayer and let the Holy Spirit sink in you his call to you not to seek shelter in the shadow of anyone else, whose help is vain and empty, but in the glory of the Lord, as we embrace God's new thing in the world.

Resources:

- 1. <u>Click here</u> to read "The three rigidities and their solvent: Isaiah 43" by David Baer
- 2. Click here to read "Wick: Isaiah 42 // 43" by David Baer
- 3. Watch the following Bible Project videos on Isaiah:

Overview: Isaiah 1-39 and Overview: Isaiah 40-66