



Sunday, November 1, 2020



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Kids Sermon Guide

Download and print this special guide for kids ages Pre-K-5th Grade to follow along with service! [Click here](#) to download.

Operation Christmas Child

South Park Church will not be participating this year in Operation Christmas Child events or as a drop-off location, but there are still multiple ways to get involved! You can pack a shoebox and drop it off at a local drop-off location during Collection Week from Nov. 16-23, or you can now build a virtual shoebox online! [Click here](#) to find another local drop-off location near you, for suggestions on what to pack, or to build your online shoebox.

The nearest shoebox drop off location to Park Ridge is the Branch Community Church at 6125 W. Foster Ave. in Chicago (you can also pick up shoeboxes at this location). Please [click here](#) to visit their website for more info and drop-off times.

Save the Date! Gingerbread Nativity - December 5, 2020

Save the date to experience Gingerbread Nativity on Saturday, December 5 at home with your family! This year we're excited to offer take-home Gingerbread Nativity kits with everything you'll need to create your own gingerbread nativity and experience the story of Jesus' birth at home. Registration opens soon to purchase your kit, then on December 5 come swing by the parking lot to pick it up and get started! Stay tuned for details!

Register to attend Indoor Worship Services

Register to join us in person next Sunday, Nov. 8. We have family friendly indoor worship venues in Fellowship Hall and the MPR with coloring materials and kids sermon guides 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, Nov. 8!

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

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.

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

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

Week ending October 18, 2020

YTD 2020	\$ 1,148,485
YTD BUDGET	\$ 1,317,666
YTD Surplus(Shortfall)	\$ (169,181)
YTD % change	-12.8%

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 **Joani Heavey** as she has hip replacement surgery scheduled for Monday, Nov. 2. Pray for health leading up to the surgery, a successful surgery, and for the Lord to provide opportunities to point others to Christ.

Pray for our **Outreach partners, the Edgars**, in Peru. Their girls are doing e-learning and their house has become a mini e-learning center for a few of their school friends since their house has the “best” internet. Even so, as much as 50% of their class time is spent frozen or trying to reconnect. Pray for their family and for Todd and Stephanie as they continue to try and do ministry while helping the kids at home.

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.

Mary Schetter’s Brother, Lou - Significant spinal cord injury. Recent surgery and PT has allowed him to slowly

begin walking again! Prayers for healing and salvation.

Kay Stecher - Ongoing health complications including congestive heart failure and CLL cancer.

SERMON NOTES

The Spirit of Truth - 1 John 4:1-6

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Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

4 You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. 5 They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. 6 We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

When we are listening to the Spirit of Truth:

1. We affirm the goodness of creation.
2. We acknowledge the divinity and humanity of Jesus.
3. We pledge allegiance to Christ as King.

DIGGING DEEPER

Our small group team has written a study guide for 1 John that you can use to follow along with during our series! Download a digital copy [HERE](#).