



Sunday, November 15, 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!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gingerbread Nativity 2020! - Saturday, December 5, 12-1:30 p.m., Parking Lot

Experience the joy of Jesus' birth in your home! This year we're excited to offer take-home Gingerbread Nativity kits with everything you'll need to create your own gingerbread nativity scene at home! Each kit is only \$15 and will also include an age appropriate activity guide so that you can experience the story of Jesus' birth together as you build your gingerbread nativity. [Click here](#) to register today for your kit! Then, pick up your kit in the parking lot at church on December 5 between 12-1:30 p.m.!

Night of Thanksgiving - Wednesday, November 25, 7 p.m.

We gather each year on Thanksgiving Eve to praise God for who He is and thank Him for what He's done. So that more of us can join in sharing this year, we will gather virtually via Zoom on Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. Look for an email the week of Thanksgiving with more details, including the link to access Zoom and additional instructions. We hope you join us!

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 next congregational meeting (info to come).

Sign-up to Pack a College Care Package

This is an opportunity to support our college students as their church family! Please consider creating a “finals survival” kit for one of our students as they enter their final exams. When you sign up you will receive the name of a college student, along with some of their favorite goodies, and a way you can be praying for them. Then put together a finals survival kit including snacks and other goodies (provide your own box or pick one up on Sunday)! [Click here](#) to register!

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, Nov. 22!

Operation Christmas Child

South Park Church will not be participating this year in Operation Christmas Child 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.

You can also volunteer at the OCC Processing Center in Elk Grove by helping inspect the shoeboxes before they are shipped. [Click here](#) for more info!

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 1, 2020

YTD 2020	\$ 1,182,481
YTD BUDGET	\$ 1,380,412
YTD Surplus(Shortfall)	\$ (197,931)
YTD % change	-14.3%

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.

Please pray for our **outreach partners, the Edgars** in Peru. Recent severe storms have taken out internet, power lines, their backup generator, and the only float plane in 1000 miles which is the primary air ambulance. This is a massive blow to their ministry. Pray for their safety and for clarity in next steps as well as God's provision for the road ahead.

Greg and Carolyn Kirschner's granddaughter, Florence Hazel Wulbecker, was born 11/7/20 to Luke and Christine (Kirschner) Wulbecker. Florence is hospitalized in the NICU for breathing problems, possibly pneumonia, and is on oxygen and antibiotics. Initial reports are

encouraging. Please pray for clarity in diagnosis and treatment, and complete healing for the baby, as well as strength and encouragement for the new parents.

Please pray for **Annette Schweiger's son, Steve**. Steve tested positive for Covid. Please pray that God would protect his wife and grant him the rest, care, and assistance needed to pull through this. Pray that God would be close to them and would minister to their spirits.

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.

Overcoming the World - 1 John 5:1-12

1 John 5:1-12, NIV

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. 2 This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. 3 In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, 4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

6 This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7 For there are three that testify: 8 the[a] Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. 9 We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. 10 Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. 11 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Everyone Fathered by God overcomes the world.

Through his apparent defeat, Jesus won *THE VICTORY!*

I can afford to lose _____ because I have eternal life.
Father, glorify our name!

See also John 12:25, 27-28; 14:30-31; 16:33

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](#).