



Sunday, November 8, 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.

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).

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!

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

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 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. 15!

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

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

Week ending October 25, 2020

YTD 2020	\$ 1,164,132
YTD BUDGET	\$ 1,349,039
YTD Surplus(Shortfall)	\$ (184,907)
YTD % change	-13.7%

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.

Praise the Lord for a successful hip replacement surgery for **Joani Heavey**. Please continue praying for healing and for opportunities to continue sharing her faith.

Pray for **Guillermo and Sandy Velilla**, who were our international scholars. Since the completion of his studies at Wheaton, they have been back in Colombia serving the Lord. They have hopes to continue Guillermo's education at Oxford next year. Please pray for fruitful ministry while they serve in their home country in the midst of this pandemic.

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

God is Love - 1 John 4:17-21

Pastor Michael Allen, Guest Preacher

1 John 4:17-21, NIV

This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. 18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment.

The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

19 We love because he first loved us. 20 Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. 21 And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

John 3:16, NIV

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 15:13, NIV

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8, NIV

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

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](#).