



**South Park Community Church**  
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*South Park Community Church is a congregation dedicated to proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel to all people:  
And witnessing by humble example, to our neighbor, both near and far, the love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

— GATHERING —

*\*Indicates: as able, the congregation stands*

### **Greetings, Announcements, and Introductions**

**Prelude** • Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God

#### **\*Call to Worship**

*One: God of goodness and grace, we long for your presence,  
For the peace your promises bring,  
And for the assurances we have received through the gift of your Son.*

**All: May we, your church, this day and every day,  
Have open eyes to see and open ears to hear  
Your presence among us.**

*One: Open us to your Holy Spirit, Lord,  
And prepare us for worship.*

**\*Hymn • 2149** (Black) Living for Jesus

#### **\*Responsive Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconsistent, and our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord ...

#### **\*Silent Moments for Personal Confession**

#### **\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

*One: In Jesus Christ, God, forgives, redeems, and restores you.*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**We take hold of this forgiveness and live in the Spirit of Jesus.**

#### **\*Gloria Patri • 579** (Blue)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

**Anthem** • Our Choir

— WORD —

**Time for Young Disciples**

**Scripture Reading** • Matthew 16:24-26 & Philippians 1:3-11

**Sermon** • “Our Future Story: Disciples Growing in Christ’s Love”

Rev. Kenny Shaw

**\*Affirmation of Faith** • “A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)”

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the broken hearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel ... In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in the church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

**\*Hymn** • 430 (Blue) Come Sing, O Church in Joy!

**Gathering Prayers for World, Church, & Selves**

*One: ... Lord, in your mercy,*

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**Congregational Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**A Call to Offer Ourselves**

*One: The Lord be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

*One: Lift up your hearts!*

**All: We lift them up to the Lord!**

*One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!*

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

**Tithes and Offering**

**\*Doxology** • 592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

With money, time, and talents, we say thank you, God. With heart and voice we sing, thank you God. Shape us by the power of your Spirit, that we may give thanks to you in every part of our life, through Christ our Savior. Amen.

### **— SENDING —**

### **\*Hymn • The Family of God (Hymns for the Family of God, 543)**

#### *Chorus:*

I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God  
I've been washed in the fountain,  
Cleansed by His blood!  
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,  
For I'm part of the family, the family of God.

We all share the tears,  
And rejoice in each victory  
In this family so dear. (Chorus)

1. You will notice we say  
Brother and sister 'round here  
It's because we're a family  
And these folks are so near;  
When one has a heartache

2. From the door of an orphanage  
To the house of the King  
No longer an outcast, a new song I sing;  
From rags unto riches,  
From the weak to the strong,  
I'm not worthy to be here,  
But praise God, I belong. (Chorus)

### **\*Benediction • 2 Corinthians 13:13**

### **\*Congregational Response • Go In Peace**

And He said: "Go in peace and love one another, as I first loved you.  
Proclaim to all who'll hear the good news of my coming;  
Keep faith in all you do. *(Repeat)*  
Keep faith in all you do.

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- **You are invited for refreshments across the street in Fellowship Hall.**
  - **A telephone and restrooms are also available in the educational wing of the Manse.**
  - **On the coat rack just inside Fellowship Hall there are materials for making nametags. Please consider wearing one to help us know each other better.**
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### **PLEASE JOIN US AS WE PRAY THROUGH OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY:**

Branden, Carisa, Sebastian, & Britta Peterson; Larry, Shirley, & Ashley Foster; Angela, Ryan & Alanna Scheuermann; George Sanborn; Jim, Stephanie, Bailey, Lily & Clair Carpenter; Ty & Marianne Carroll; Calvin, Beth, Chesney, & Sutter Harmann; Jane & Ron Newman; Ann Blakeslee; Adrienne DeForrest

### **SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday Mornings 9 am:** Choir rehearsal for anyone who likes to sing to the Lord.

**Sunday Morning 10 am:** Worship in the sanctuary. Childcare (preschool and younger) and Sunday School (kindergarten and older) are provided across the street. On Communion Sundays, school-age children remain in the service rather than going to Sunday School.

**Sunday Morning 11 am:** (After worship) Refreshments in the Fellowship Room across the street.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:**

To serve on Sunday mornings as an usher/greeter, worship leader, piano accompanist, fellowship hosting, church and fellowship hall cleaning there is a sign-up clipboard by the main door in the manse or go to <http://vols.pt/Q76eAp> and sign up electronically.

To sign up to teach Sunday school, help in the nursery, or to gather lesson materials there is a sign-up clipboard by the main door in the manse or go to <http://vols.pt/T2rj4f> to sign up electronically. If this will be your first time volunteering with SPCC children's ministries Kenny or Jan B. will contact you regarding a background check and training.

**THOSE WHO ENABLE OUR CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY:**

Our pastor: Rev. Kenny Shaw, 836-2770, (office) or 719-644-9422 (cell)

Our Session: Jan Buchanan (Christian Education), 836-2915; Dicky Carpenter (Grounds), 970-485-0698; Jackie Pike (Worship), 836-4892; Dale Kanack (Buildings), 836-3781; John Redmond (Clerk), 836-1676; Pam Tucker (Stewardship), 836-4630; Susie Kasper, Treasurer, 836-2398

Our Deacons: Jacky Cacace, 720-924-1455; Stephanie Carpenter, 836-2905; Teresa Carpenter, 970-485-1151

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE:**

Our Pastor, Deacons, and Elders are available for hospital and pastoral visitation. If you, or someone you know, would like a call or a visit, please contact Rev. Kenny at **719-644-9422**, or one of the Elders or Deacons. If you have an immediate need for prayer, such as surgery, hospitalization, accident, or death in the family, please contact Kenny to share your prayer request.

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**OUR CHURCH'S FUTURE STORY (NEW BEGINNINGS) HOME DISCUSSION GROUPS**

SPCC is participating in the "Our Church's Future Story/New Beginnings." This process is intended to help us better know ourselves (our energy, passion, and resources), better understand our community (its strengths and needs), and present us with an opportunity to better develop our church's vision for ministry (to discern ways God is and can work through us to bring transformation to South Park by sharing Jesus' love with our community).

There was great congregational participation in our "Site Assessment Visit" and "Appreciative Inquiry Conversation" (May 1). John Redmond, Pam Tucker, and Kenny Shaw attended a leadership training event to help our leaders understand the church assessment and train house meeting leaders on June 9 & 10. Our next and most exciting step will be four "House Meeting" sessions that will begin in September. In these meetings we will look at the report and reflect on the life and ministry of our congregation. These will be awesome conversations you will not want miss. Our house meeting leaders – Jim Cessna, Dave Sykes, Pam Tucker, John Redmond and Sarah Shaw, will let you know where and when their groups will be meeting so you can sign up for the Home Group that best fits your location and schedule.