



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Who's Who:

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 Mission Leader: Steve Blair
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The Session

Clerk: Elizabeth Powell

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Class of 2023

Silvia Argyriou
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Class of 2024

Charles Fairchild
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Serving today in Worship:

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September 4, 2022

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10:50 AM

**Those who are able please stand*

God's People Connect

WELCOME

(Please sign the Friendship Book located in the pew rack next to the center aisle.)

PRELUDE

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS THE SANCTUARY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
People: for his steadfast love endures forever.
 Leader: Give thanks to the God of gods,
People: for his steadfast love endures forever.
 Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
People: for his steadfast love endures forever.
ALL: Let us praise the Lord!

***HYMN** *"Come! Live in the Light!"* GTG, No. 749

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION *(Lamentations 3:22-23)*

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Great is God's faithfulness! Let us trust God and offer ourselves in confession.

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich, and in Jesus Christ you came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

September 4 — Sunday

9:15 am Church Nursery
 9:30 am Sunday School
 9:45 am Choir Practice
 10:50 am Worship

September 5 — Monday
Church & Academy Closed



September 6 — Tuesday

9:15 am Congregational Care Meeting
 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
 10:00 am Staff Meeting
 11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study (CR)
 5:00 pm Special Olympics: Bocce* (Field)
 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
 6:00 pm PW Unwind: Ninfa's!

September 7 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Moderator (CR)
 10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)
 4:00 pm WOW (S)
 5:30 pm Academy Open House
 6:00 pm WNS: Cane's Chicken Tenders!

September 8 — Thursday

9:00 am Jessie's Bites* (Kitchen)
 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
 5:00 pm Special Olympics: Bocce* (Field)
 5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting (CR)
 5:30 pm Summerhouse Houston* (FH)
 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

September 9 — Friday

9:00 am Jessie's Bites* (Kitchen)
 6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting* (CR)

September 10 — Saturday

6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

September 11 — Sunday

9:15 am Church Nursery
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:50 am Worship
 12:15 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration
 2:00 pm Craft Workshop (FH)

September 12 — Monday

9:30 am TGP Planning Meeting (CR)
 5:30 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP)
 7:00 pm Horizon's Bible Study (Z)
 7:30 pm Boy Scouts (GP)

September 13 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
 10:00 am Staff Meeting
 11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study (CR)
 5:00 pm Special Olympics: Bocce* (Field)
 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
 6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting (FH)

September 14 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Circle (CR & FH)
 4:00 pm WOW (S)
 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3)
 6:00 pm WNS: Hamburgers!
 7:00 pm Choir Practice

September 15 — Thursday

9:00 am Jessie's Bites* (Kitchen)
 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
 5:00 pm Special Olympics: Bocce* (Field)
 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

September 16 — Friday

9:00 am Jessie's Bites* (Kitchen)
 6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting* (GP)

September 17 — Saturday

8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)
 6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

Announcements & Events:

The Flowers for this morning are given by Marguerite Priest, to the Glory of God, and are in honor of all birthdays.

The Church Office and Academy will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 5th, in observance of Labor Day.

The Unwind Dinner Group is meeting in September on Tuesday, September 6th, due to the Labor Day holiday. We are dining at Ninfa's at 14737 Memorial Dr at 6:00 PM. Please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros, 713-305-1114.

Join us for the Academy Open House on Wednesday, September 7th, at 5:30 PM! If you have ever wanted to know what goes on at the Academy, here is your chance to see the classrooms, meet the teachers, and support the Church's #1 mission. **Following the open house, join us for the first Wednesday Night Supper of the school year at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall!** On the menu is Cane's Chicken Tenders. We hope to see you there!

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, September 14th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Please contact Patti Nanney if you'd like to attend via Zoom. A salad luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a salad to share. The **Evening Bible Study** will meet on Monday, September 12th at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Ashley or Sarah Powell if you are interested in attending. The Introduction and Lesson 1 videos are available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/celebrating-sabbath.

During the month of September, the Children's Sunday School Class will meet at 9:30 AM on Sunday, September 11th and 18th in the Children's Classroom in the Gathering Place. We hope you can join us!

September Craft Day, September 11th, 2:00-4:00 PM— We will be using real leaves to paint on fabric of your choice. You need to bring something such as a t-shirt or other type shirt or sweatshirt, table runner, placemats, napkins, etc. The fabric should be 50-50 cotton-polyester or something close, or all cotton. The cost will be \$5.00 for paint and supplies. You need to make a reservation by emailing Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com or signing up at the church before Wednesday, September 7th.

The Gathering Place Planning Meeting— We will meet in the Conference Room on Monday, September 12th, at 9:30 AM. We welcome anyone who would like to join us in this wonderful mission. Come learn what we do, and help us plan for 2023!

MAM Back to School Uniform Voucher Drive – SBPC is once again collecting funds for the Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) Back to School Uniform Voucher Drive. MAM coordinates with school guidance counselors and local vendors to provide school uniforms for local needy families. MAM's 2022 goal is to provide \$50 uniform vouchers to 5,000 children. Donations can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings until Sunday, September 28, 2022, or mailed to the church office. We also welcome online donations, which can be given by clicking this link: <https://givebutter.com/2022MAMBackToSchool/springbranchpresbyterian>.

***GLORIA PATRI**

GTG, No. 581

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.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Marguerite Priest

God's People Are Empowered

ANTHEM

"Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether"

Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

O God, your Word is more precious than fine gold, and sweeter than purest honey. As we turn to your Scripture, send your Holy Spirit to infuse your Word with truth and grace, that the good news of your love would shine before our eyes and delight our senses. Then let us respond with wonder, faith and trust. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philemon 1-21

Red Pew Bible NT 215

SERMON

"Life in Community, Part 1: Starts With Forgiveness"

"...I pray that the fellowship of your faith may become effective..." -Philemon 6
Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd

Responding to the Word

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*unison*)

(*The Apostles' Creed*)

I Believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

GTG, No. 606

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.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Leader: Blessed are you, God of all creation; Because you are gracious to us, we are able to share these gifts. Pour out your grace upon them again, that they might affect our world for the sake of the Kingdom.

People: **Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN** "Let Us Break Bread Together" GTG, No. 525

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- The Invitation**
- Sharing of Prayer Concerns**
- Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**
- The Words of Institution**
- Prayer of Thanksgiving**
- Breaking of the Bread**
- Serving of the Elements**
- Prayer After Receiving**

Departing in Joy

***HYMN** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" GTG, No. 306

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**



Welcome Visitors

You are joyfully welcomed as you worship with us today. In the worship bulletin, you will see an asterisk (*) which invites you to stand as you are able throughout today's service. If you have any questions about Spring Branch Presbyterian Church's ministries and programs, you are invited to speak with Pastor Boyd, an elder, an usher, or any other member of our church family. Also, the ushers have additional information for you as you leave today. We hope you will come back and that you consider Spring Branch as your church home.

Worship 10:50 am

Worship: Spring Branch Presbyterian Church welcomes families of all ages and sizes. For families with young children, relax! God put the wiggle in all children (and adults), we understand. You are invited to sit closer to the front so your children can hear, see, and experience worship with those around them. Remember, children and youth learn through what they observe. Participate and engage yourselves fully.

Nursery: Infants six weeks through Pre-K are welcomed in the nursery during worship. Kindergarten and older children will attend worship with their parents. The Church Nursery is available from 9:15 AM through shortly after Worship in the Ducks classroom, Room 121, past the Church Offices.

Sunday Morning Offerings at 9:30 am

Saints Under Construction: This class uses the Presbyterian Church (USA) curriculum, *The Present Word*, which seeks to help participants understand the Bible in relation to present-day life experiences. Participants are encouraged to join class discussions and activities to benefit from a common Christian experience and knowledge. Saints Under Construction class meets in the Education Building in the Library. Patti Nanney leads the class.

The Explorers: This class meets in the Conference Room in the Education Building. The class studies the Bible, book-by-book, using different translations which help the lively and though-provoking discussions. Linda Crawford leads the class.

Children's Sunday School Class: This class meets in the Children's classroom in The Gathering Place on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month to learn more about the stories in the Bible by having crafts, stories, games, and other fun activities. The class is designed for elementary-age children, ages 5 to 10, but all are welcomed.

Sunday School on Zoom! Taught and hosted by Jim Kunkel on Zoom, but subjects are in response to suggestions and topics from the members. Recent classes have been about 1 Samuel and 2 Samuel, women in the Old Testament, prayer, and immigration. Class is at 9:40 on Sunday mornings. Everyone is invited to join at any time for any period of time—just contact Jim for a zoom invite.

Other Faith Development Opportunities: Watch the monthly PresPress, weekly church-wide emails, and the worship bulletin for other opportunities throughout the year. It may be a short-term Special Topic or book discussions on Sunday mornings, a week night book study, or retreat.

SBPC offers the option to give a gift to the church using your laptop or any mobile device. Please see the "Giving" card in your pew for details and information on how to support the missions and ministries of SBPC from anywhere at anytime, or visit www.springbranchpres.org/give.