



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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November 20, 2022

Christ the King Sunday

November 20, 2022

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: King of Creation,

People: We are drawn by your majesty to the possibilities of worship.

Leader: In holiness, prod us; in power, move us.

People: In stillness, speak to us; in spirit, comfort us.

ALL: In every way possible, make faith real to us. For Christ's sake. Amen.

*HYMN

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

GTG, No. 2

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

People: So, let us acknowledge our failure and disobedience, and return to the Lord with penitence and faith.

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Holy God, forgive our willingness to claim Christ as our Savior and King, and then keep this reality a "strictly private matter." We have refused to speak prayerfully of our experience with Christ to those who need to hear. We have hidden our faith under a bushel. We have claimed to be a disciple while despising Your discipline. Invade the sanctuary of our hearts. Open us to the broad vistas of that eternal love, whose reach knows no end. For Christ's sake. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Romans 5:6-8)*

Leader: "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

People: In Christ we are forgiven. We are free. Praise be to God! Amen.

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

November 20 — Christ the King Sunday

PresPress Articles Due

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
10:50 am Worship
12:15 pm Choir Practice
4:00 pm Hanging of the Greens (S)
4:00 pm Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (GP 1 & 2)

November 21 — Monday

10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)
5:30 pm Faith Development (Zoom)
5:30 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP)
6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Wolf (GP 1 & 2)
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

November 22 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
10:00 am Staff Meeting
11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study (CR)
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

November 23 — Wednesday

Academy Closes @ 2:30 PM

November 24 — Thursday

Church & Academy Closed

7:00 am CENTI Thanksgiving Breakfast* (GP)

A graphic with the word "HAPPY" in large, orange, block letters with leaf-like accents on the sides. Below it, the word "thanksgiving" is written in a cursive, brown font.

November 25 — Friday

Church & Academy Closed

November 26 — Saturday

11:00 am Hot Meals
12:00 pm Academy Baby Shower* (FH)
6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

November 27 — 1st Sunday of Advent

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Seafarers' Boxes (FH)
9:30 am Sunday School
9:45 am Choir Practice
10:50 am Worship

November 28 — Monday

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
6:30 pm Cub Scouts: Webelos II (GP 1 & 2)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

November 29 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
10:00 am Staff Meeting
11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study (CR)
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

November 30 — Wednesday

6:00 pm WNS: PW Taco Soup!

December 1 — Thursday

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

December 2 — Friday

9:00 am Jessie's Bites* (Kitchen)

December 3 — Saturday

6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

*Outside SBPC Reservations & Events

(CR) Conference Room

(FH) Fellowship Hall

(GP) Gathering Place

(L) Library

(P) Parlor

(S) Sanctuary

Announcements & Events:

The Flowers for this morning are given by Chad and Kristine Carpenter, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of Chloe's first birthday.

You are invited to the Hanging of the Greens today at 4:00 PM! We will be preparing the Sanctuary for the Advent Season. The Fellowship Hall will be decorated at a later time. We are hoping to have many hands helping this year, so please come join us! Since we are meeting earlier in the day, we will not be serving dinner. Please see Donald McDaniel if you have any questions, or if you can attend.

The Gathering Place will meet tomorrow, November 21st, at 10:00 AM! The theme for this month is Talking Turkey! If you are interested in helping out, please see Jacquie Ballesteros or Sarah Dikeman.

There will be no Wednesday Night Supper this week, in observance of Thanksgiving. Join us when we resume next Wednesday, November 30th!

Seafarers' Boxes packing and wrapping is going to take place next Sunday, November 27th, at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a light breakfast, fun and fellowship, as we work together. Our goal is to fill 125 boxes. We are still collecting shoeboxes, gift wrap, and filler for our seafarers' boxes. Please drop items off at the church office this week.

Please don't forget to turn in your Pledge Card. You can find one in the Narthex, Church Office, or Parlor. There is a box in the Narthex for submitting cards. Thank you for your continued commitment!

The Unwind Group will meet our last time in 2022 at North China Mandarin Cuisine at 6:00 PM on Monday, December 5th. The restaurant is located at 14525 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77079. Please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros (jballesteros1103@gmail.com) only if you plan to attend. Kay Craig has volunteered to drive from Spring Branch. If you would like to take advantage of being chauffeured in style, contact Kay at kay@craig-heidt.com. Celebrate the holidays with us! See you there!

Please join us for the annual Advent Party on Wednesday, December 7th at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Come for food, fellowship, music, and crafts. **We are also having an ornament exchange!** Bring a Christmas ornament to the Advent Party and exchange for another! Bring a new ornament wrapped, but without a card or label—you will be given a number. Before the end of the party, we will call your number for you to pick a new ornament to take home! We hope to see you there!

Angel Tree is back in person this season! Tags will be available starting Wednesday, December 7th at dinner, and also on Sunday, December 11th, before and after worship. Be sure to pick up one or two! The deadline for returning gifts is December 18th. In addition to the gifts, each family receives a basket of food. Please pick up some kid friendly, non-perishable food items from the store the next few weeks and we will begin to set it aside for our Angel Tree families.

Poinsettias are available for purchase again this year. A sign-up sheet is located in the Church Office & Narthex to place your order until Wednesday, December 21st. Remember to indicate who you are honoring, and/or remembering, with your payment of \$10 to SBPC, which you can drop off in the Church Office, or during Worship in the offering plate.

***GLORIA**

"Awesome God"

LUYH, No. 23

*Our God is an awesome God, he reigns
from heaven above with wisdom, pow'r and love.
Our God is an awesome God!*

*Our God is an awesome God, he reigns
from heaven above with wisdom, pow'r and love.
Our God is an awesome God! Our God is an awesome God!
Our God is an awesome God!*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's People Are Empowered

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Patti Nanney

ANTHEM

"Majesty"

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, so that the good news of your love would shine before our eyes and delight our senses. Then let us kneel before your throne in grace and wonder. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Red Pew Bible OT 725

***HYMN**

"All Hail King Jesus"

(*insert*)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 23:33-49

Red Pew Bible NT 89

SERMON

"The King of Hearts"
"...This is the King of the Jews..." -Luke 23:38

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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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: Dear Lord, Creator of all things, King of the Universe, everything on earth is yours. We have nothing that can make you richer, for it all comes from you in the first place. But what we have, we bring – the acknowledgment that we give thanks to you, and that without you, we have nothing and can do nothing.

People: Receive and bless these gifts for your holy work, and bless those who offer them to you. Amen.

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

Departing in Joy

***HYMN** GTG, No. 265

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***OUR RESPONSE** LUYH, No. 138

"Go With God"

*Go with God. Go with God.
As you leave this place, go with God.
God will direct your way, God will light every day.
As you leave this place, go with God.*

*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 meets in the Education Building in the Parlor. This discussion-oriented class focuses on what each of us can learn from the weekly Bible scriptures to build upon in strengthening our faith. 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 thought-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.