



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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**“Wake Up Call, Part 1:
Don’t Push Snooze”
November 27, 2022**

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

10:50 AM

**Those who are able please stand*

Gathering in God's Name

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: We come from a world of darkness

People: Into Christ's world of light.

Leader: We come from a world of weariness

People: Into God's strength and hope.

Leader: We come from a slumbering world.

ALL: Strengthened by the Spirit, we come to awaken our souls and watch for the coming of Christ.

***HYMN** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

GTG, No. 367

THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE (HOPE)

The Fitts Family

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: The night is nearly over, the day is at hand.

People: Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

God of glory, you call on us to prepare the way for Jesus' birth. Forgive us if we put our time and energy into making all sorts of material preparations for Christmas; buying gifts; ordering food; baking cakes; writing cards - all important, but preparations which give temporary pleasure compared to the lasting peace which Christ gives. Forgive us for all the times we put our own personal comfort before that of others, for confusing being comfortable with being comforting. Awaken us to what truly matters. Help us to prepare ourselves faithfully to receive the Christ-child. In Whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

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

December 4 — 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:15 am Church Nursery

9:30 am Sunday School

9:45 am Choir Practice

10:50 am Worship

4:00 pm Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (GP 1 & 2)

December 5 — Monday

5:30 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP)

6:00 pm PW Unwind: North China Cuisine!

6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Wolf (GP 1 & 2)

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

December 6 — Tuesday

9:15 am Congregational Care Meeting (GP 1)

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

10:00 am Staff Meeting

11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study (CR)

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Webelos (GP 1 & 2)

7:00 pm Session (CR)

December 7 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Moderator (CR)

10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)

6:00 pm Advent Party: Cranberry Chicken!

December 8 — Thursday

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

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting (CR)

6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Bear (GP 1 & 2)

6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

December 9 — Friday

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

6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting* (CR)

December 10 — Saturday

3:00 pm Fairbees Christmas Party* (FH)

6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

Announcements & Events:

The Flowers for this morning are given by Jacquie Ballesteros, to the Glory of God, and are in memory of her mother, Marian W. Auld.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual packing and wrapping of the Seafarers' Christmas Boxes for the Port of Houston this morning!

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, November 30, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Presbyterian Women are making Taco Soup. All proceeds will benefit the Scholarship Fund! Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

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!

One of our long-time Missions in December is the **PCHAS Ornament Tree**. During Advent time, we hang ornaments on a Christmas tree. Each of the ornaments has a PCHAS tag attached with a suggested donation amount. You take the ornament home with you and leave the donation in the basket provided. *(If you pay by check, please make checks payable to SBPC and put "PCHAS Ornament Tree" in the memo line.)*

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.

The Academy Christmas Pageant is Wednesday, December 14, at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary. All are invited to attend!

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.

Please turn in all outstanding receipts for reimbursement to Jorida in the church office no later than Thursday, December 15th.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear this good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, and freed to love and serve. Alleluia! Amen.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

***GLORIA** "Angels We Have Heard on High" (v. 1) GTG, No. 113

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo! Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo!*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's People Are Empowered

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Jan Fitts

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing. Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days, and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.

ANTHEM "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 24:36-44 Red Pew Bible NT 27

***HYMN** "We Gather Together" GTG, No. 336

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 13:11-14 Red Pew Bible NT 162

SERMON "Wake Up Call, Part 1: Don't Push Snooze" Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd
"The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber..." -Romans 13:14

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

Leader: Holy One, this Advent season we wait in hope. And we give in hope. Hope for your coming reign; Hope because of your presence with us even now. As you return your offering, ponder what "good work" God is in the process of bringing to completion in us, in you. Are you thankful? Are you joyful? How are you sharing in the gospel, the good news of Jesus, the "Word made flesh"? Let us now share our tangible symbols of hope.

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE** *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* (v. 2) GTG, No. 113

*Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo! Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo!*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*unison*)

God of Hope, Receive these generous offerings, and use them for your work of healing and hope in our world. 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 to Serve

***HYMN** *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* (v. 1, 5, 6, 7) GTG, No. 88

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***OUR RESPONSE** *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* (v. 3) GTG, No. 113

*Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo! Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo!*

***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.