



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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**“Wake Up Call, Part 3:
 Rude Awakenings”
 December 11, 2022**

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 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** *(from Psalm 146)*

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Leader: I will praise the Lord while I live;

People: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

ALL: The Lord will reign forever, Thy God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

*HYMN

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

GTG, No. 82

THE LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE (JOY)

The Dethloff Family

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Our God is the Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end. Yet so often we become weary of waiting, tired of doing good, and filled with doubt. Today, let us trust that our faithful God is a God of justice and mercy, as we confess our sins:

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Mighty and powerful God, your Word says, "Rejoice always." But we would rather sulk about the things that don't go right. Your Word says, "Pray without ceasing." But we go for days without even thinking about you. Your Word says, "Give thanks in all circumstances." But our thankfulness is fleeting, because we think we deserve blessings. Your Word says, "Hold fast to what is good," while we hold fast to sinful ways of thinking and acting. Merciful Lord, please forgive us and turn us around. Fill us with a hope that causes us to be a people of rejoicing! Through Christ's wonderful name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

December 11 — 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Called Session Meeting
10:50 am Worship
12:15 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration
12:15 pm Mission Team Meeting (CR)

December 12 — Monday

5:30 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP)
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
6:30 pm Cub Scouts: Webelos II (GP 1 & 2)
7:00 pm Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

December 13 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
10:00 am Staff Meeting
11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study (CR)
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting (FH)

December 14 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Circle (CR & FH)
5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3)
5:30 pm Academy Christmas Pageant (S)
6:00 pm Reception (Breezeway)
7:00 pm SBM Arc Board Meeting* (CR)

December 15 — Thursday

Reimbursement Deadline

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

December 16 — Friday

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

December 17 — Saturday

8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)
10:00 am Eagle Scout Ceremony (S)
4:00 pm SBM Arc Christmas Party* (FH)
6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

December 18 — 4th Sunday of Advent

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

December 19 — Monday

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

December 20 — Tuesday

PresPress Articles Due

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)

December 21 — Wednesday

December 22 — Thursday

9:00 am Jessie's Bites* (Kitchen)
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Bear (GP 1)

December 23 — Friday

Academy Closed

9:00 am Jessie's Bites* (Kitchen)
6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

December 24 — Saturday

11:00 am Hot Meals
6:00 pm Refreshments
6:30 pm Christmas Eve Service



Christmas Eve
CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE

Announcements & Events:

The Flowers for this morning are given by Marguerite Priest, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of Bryan Evenson's 45th birthday.

Angel Tree is back in person this season! Tags are available today, 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 this week, and we will set it aside for our Angel Tree families.

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.)*

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, December 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, December 12th at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Ashley or Sarah Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 4 video is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/celebrating-sabbath.

The Academy Christmas Pageant is this Wednesday, December 14, at 5:30 PM in the Sanctuary. All are invited to attend! A light cookie and punch reception will immediately follow.

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

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.

You are invited to join us for the Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve Service. Hot chocolate & cookies will be served at 6:00 pm. The service will begin at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

SBPC will not be offering Nursery/Childcare Services on Saturday, December 24th, or on Sunday, December 25th, so that our nursery workers can spend the Christmas holiday with their families. We will have nursery on New Years' Day. Please direct any questions to Kat Dethloff at: kathryndethloff@yahoo.com.

You are invited to attend Pastor's Bible Study with Kevin. The group gathers at 11:00am on Tuesday mornings. The Bible Study will continue to be offered both in-person and virtually. You may either join in-person at 11:00 AM in the Conference Room, or by Zoom using the instructions that appear in the Friday emails and monthly edition of the PresPress. We hope to see you there!

The Presbyterian Women have cookbooks for sale in the church office (\$5), including one Kay Craig compiled for a collection of recipes by Lil Drago. The PW cookbooks #3 and #6 are also available with recipes donated by the Presbyterian Women.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(based on Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11)*

Leader: The prophets of old have declared, "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God. For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robes of righteousness. Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Rejoice! Since we have hope in the peace of Christ, let us love one another. The peace of Christ is with us! Amen.

***GLORIA** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" (v. 3) GTG, No. 132

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Pastor Kevin

God's People Are Empowered

ANTHEM "Every Valley" Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Speak to us once more your Word of truth, that our lives may be filled with your joy, this day, and forever. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 35:1-10 Red Pew Bible OT 663

***HYMN** "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" GTG, No. 97

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON James 5:7-10 Red Pew Bible NT 231

SERMON "Wake Up Call, Part 3: Rude Awakenings" Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd
"Be patient..." -James 5:7

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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 *(unison)*

Redeeming God, multiply these gifts to echo your greatness and glory. Open our ears to the needs of your people shrouded in depression and despair. Use our voices to tell your stories and to lead others into the community of Christian fellowship. Let our actions of faithful giving be a beacon of our complete devotion to your guidance in our lives. We pray to your glory forever and ever. 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

"You Shall Go Out with Joy"

GTG, No. 80

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*OUR RESPONSE

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v. 1)

GTG, No. 88

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*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.