



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kevin Boyd
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Administrative Assistant: Ethan Mitchell
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Accompanist: Chip Colvin
AV Director: Ethan Mitchell
AV Technician: Ben Dethloff
Academy Director: Renee Henry

Ministry Teams:

Administration Leader: Jacquie Ballesteros
Congregation Leader: Kay Craig
Faith Development Leader: Denise Wilborn
Mission Leader: Liz Earnest
Worship Leader: Donald McDaniel
Treasurer: Neal Dikeman

The Session

Clerk: Elizabeth Powell

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Kevin Boyd

Class of 2023

Silvia Argyriou
Elizabeth Powell
Lu Taylor

Class of 2024

Charles Fairchild
Glenn Lanan
Donald McDaniel
Jennifer Miller

Class of 2025

Jacquie Ballesteros
Kathryn Dethloff
Stephen Earnest

Academy Board

Neal Dikeman
Sarah Dikeman

Laurie Mitchell
Jani Shepard

Carlette Boyd
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Serving today in Worship:

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Time For Young Disciples: Jan Fitts

Usher Captain: Donald McDaniel

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December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

10:50 AM

*Those who are able please stand

God's People Connect

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

PRELUDE

"O Holy Night"
Joan Belk, Piano
Chip Colvin, Organ

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS THE SANCTUARY

CALL TO WORSHIP

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Gabriel Perez

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Jan Fitts

***HYMN**

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (v. 1, 4)

GTG, No. 121

THE LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE (LOVE)

Joan Belk, Bob Deutsch, Laurie Mitchell, Lin Sabala

***HYMN**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (v. 1, 3)

GTG, No. 133

Hearing the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Wonderful Counselor, guide our ears to listen and our hearts to be open to the message you send to us today. Help us to hear your Word with a fresh and open spirit, that we may see anew the light of your Son being brought into the world. Amen.

CANTATA

Lead Me Back to Bethlehem

Choir

Narration 1

Based on Matthew 1:23

"COME EMMANUEL"

Narration 2

Based on Luke 1:30

"FEAR NOT, THE LORD IS WITH YOU"

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

December 18 — 4th Sunday of Advent

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
10:50 am Worship
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 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
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Webelos (GP 1 & 2)

December 21 — Wednesday

December 22 — Thursday
Church & Academy Closed

December 23 — Friday
Church & Academy Closed
6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

December 24 — Saturday
Christmas Eve

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

December 25 — Sunday

Christmas Day
9:30 am Refreshments (Parlor)
10:00 am Worship



December 26 — Monday
Church & Academy Closed

December 27 — Tuesday
10:00 am Staff Meeting
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

December 28 — Wednesday
5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3)

December 29 — Thursday

December 30 — Friday
6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

December 31 — Saturday
New Years' Eve



*Outside SBPC Reservations & Events
(CR) Conference Room
(FH) Fellowship Hall
(GP) Gathering Place
(L) Library
(P) Parlor
(S) Sanctuary

Announcements & Events:

The Gathering Place will meet tomorrow, December 19th, at 10:00 AM! The theme for this month is *Christmas Around the World!* The Academy children will be reprising their pageant for our guests. If you are interested in helping out, please see Jacquie Ballesteros or Sarah Dikeman.

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.)*

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.

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.

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.

PW Unwind—Please join us for Unwind in the new year at Cajun Town Café, located at 6476 West Little York, Houston, TX 77091. We will meet on TUESDAY, January 3rd, instead of Monday, as Monday is being observed as a holiday in most of the city. RSVP only if you plan to attend to Jacquie at jballesteros1103@gmail.com.

The Children's Sunday School Class will meet on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays in January, 1/8 and 1/15. We hope that you can join us!

Mission of the Church to Feed My Sheep: Hot Meals – Currently, SBPC delivers Hot Meals to 34 elderly who generally have mobility problems. These are indeed "hot" chicken lunches prepared by Pappy's Café and delivered by SBPC members on the 4th Saturday of each month, and they are so very appreciated. At various times of the year, other items are provided by the church. These have included Advent and Easter information, hurricane kits and Thanksgiving Pumpkin Bread. Time involved is two to three hours late Saturday morning. This only happens if we have drivers to deliver. Please consider helping with this mission by driving some Saturday. For more information, please contact Lu Taylor.

Narration 3

Based on Luke 2:4-7

"LEAD ME BACK TO BETHLEHEM"

Narration 4

Based on Luke 2:8-12

"COME DOWN TO BETHLEHEM"

Narration 5

Based on Luke 2:19

"TREASURES OF THE HEART"

Narration 6

Based on Matthew 2:9-11

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"FRANKINCENSE, MYRRH, AND GOLD"

Narration 7

Based on Lamentations 3:22

"YOU ARE LORD"

Narration 8

Based on Luke 2:13-14

"ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH"

Responding to the Word

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!

PASSING THE PEACE (LOVE)

Leader: ...The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

The Sending

***HYMN** "Love Has Come" GTG, No. 110

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

***POSTLUDE**

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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church
Celebrate Advent and Christmas with Us!

Wake Up Call



Saturday, December 24, 6:30 pm

*Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve Service
Cookies & Hot Chocolate in the Breezeway at 6:00 pm*

Sunday, December 25, 10:00 am

*Christmas PJ Party and Carol Sing, Sanctuary
Light Refreshments at 9:30 AM in the Parlor*

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.