



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church
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 Faith Development: Denise Wilborn
 Mission Leader: Steve Blair
 Worship Leader: Megan Hogg
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The Session

Clerk: Elizabeth Powell

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Kevin Boyd

Class of 2022

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Class of 2023

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Class of 2024

Charles Fairchild
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 Donald McDaniel
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Liturgist: Elizabeth Powell
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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2022

Christmas Eve

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6:30 PM

**Those who are able please stand*

Gathering in God's Name

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The people who once lived in darkness have been given a great light!

People: Praise be to God who has heard our cries.

Leader: Our souls sing out God's praise!

People: God has brought us a light of Hope and Peace.

Leader: Tonight, in this place, the Light of God's Love is given to us!

People: And we shall see that light and let it shine through our lives.

ALL: Amen! Glory to God in the Highest!

*HYMN

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

GTG, No. 113

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Earnest Family

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace. Our Lord, Emmanuel, is with us. Confident of God's presence and God's love for us, let us enter into confession.

People: Help us to respond to the greatness of your love as we now offer ourselves in prayer.

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Lord of Light and Hope, our minutes and hours have been swallowed up in preparation for this night and for the coming day. We have been so caught up in the preparations for gatherings and gifting that we have pushed aside the wonder of what you have done for all Creation. Forgive us when we so easily get entangled in our own plans, and forget to pay attention to the true event. Help us to relax and listen, instead of rush and shout. May the songs of the angels, the surprise of the shepherds, and the joy of the holy family become part of our preparations and our lives. Open our ears, our eyes, our hearts, and our spirits to again hear the old, old story, spoken by new voices in new ways. Remind us again of your never-changing love for us. Prepare us to serve you by serving others. This night we offer this prayer of our hearts to you, gracious God. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

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* (S)

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

January 1 — Sunday

New Years' Day

9:15 am Church Nursery

9:45 am Choir Practice

10:50 am Worship



January 2 — Monday

Church & Academy Closed

January 3 — Tuesday

9:15 am Congregational Care Meeting

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

10:00 am Staff Meeting

11:00 am Pastors Bible Study (CR)

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

6:00 pm PW Unwind: Cajun Town Café

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

January 4 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Moderator (CR)

10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)

January 5 — Thursday

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

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

January 6 — Friday

Epiphany

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

January 7 — Saturday

7:30 am Soccer Shots* (Field)

6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

People: **Amen! Alleluia! Glory to God in the Highest!**

***POSTLUDE**

Poinsettias

<i>Given By</i>	<i>In Honor/Memory of</i>
<i>Jacque Ballesteros</i>	<i>In Memory of Marian Auld</i>
<i>Kevin and Carlette Boyd</i>	<i>In Memory of Jay Auld</i>
<i>Miguel Carlin</i>	<i>In Memory of Carey Boyd</i>
<i>Sarah and Matt Dikeman</i>	<i>In Memory of Betty Bevil</i>
<i>The Mitchell Family</i>	<i>In Memory of Freda Carlin</i>
<i>Patti and Steve Nanney</i>	<i>In Memory of Ann and Matt Dikeman, Sr.</i>
<i>Marguerite Priest</i>	<i>In Memory of Ray and Sally Woolrich</i>
<i>Curtis and Jeannie Stockton</i>	<i>In Memory of Wix and Ferrel Thorpe</i>
<i>Lu Taylor</i>	<i>In Memory of Harold Miller</i>
<i>Jorida Vakiari</i>	<i>In Memory of Dorothy Mitchell</i>
	<i>In Memory of Bob and Laverne Collier</i>
	<i>In Memory of Christine and Todd Nanney</i>
	<i>In Memory of Lorene and Troy Carr</i>
	<i>In Memory of Robert J. (Bob) Priest</i>
	<i>In Memory of Mary and J. P. Priest, Sr.</i>
	<i>In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Downs</i>
	<i>In Memory of Ms. Joy Purfurst</i>
	<i>In Honor of S. Bryan Evenson's 45th Birthday</i>
	<i>In Memory of Mary Helen Stockton</i>
	<i>In Memory of Norma Lynn Mund</i>
	<i>In Memory of Ann and Matt Dikeman, Sr.</i>
	<i>In Memory of Ben and Thelma Warren</i>
	<i>In Memory of Carey Boyd</i>
	<i>In Memory of Freda Carlin</i>

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: May the peace and the love of the Lord be yours this night and always.

People: **And also with you.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

(You are invited to share words of reconciliation with those around you.)

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO CHRIST

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**

Hearing the Word

ANTHEM

"O Holy Night"

Dr. Jawan Jenkins

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Kevin

***HYMNS**

"The First Nowell" (v. 1)

GTG, No. 147

"Away in a Manger" (v. 1)

GTG, No. 115

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN**

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

GTG, No. 119

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

Red Pew Bible OT 638

***HYMN**

"What Child Is This"

GTG, No. 145

MEDITATION *“Wake Up Call: Something Strange is Happening”*

Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd

Responding to the Christmas Story**HYMN***“Love Has Come”* (v. 1)

GTG, No. 110

PRAYER*(Rev. Chas. R. Halle, 1881)*

O Lord Jesus Christ, true God from true God, you became a little child for us so the world you made would be saved. Just as a child is born to us and a Son is given to us, may we be born again through you and always remain in the number of God’s faithful children; through your merits, O blessed Savior, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN*“Love Has Come”* (v. 2)

GTG, No. 110

PRAYER*(Gregorian Rite, 6th Century)*

O Lord Jesus Christ, by your incarnation you united things earthly and heavenly. Fill us with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill, that we may join the heavenly host in singing praises to your glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN*“Love Has Come”* (v. 3)

GTG, No. 110

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**The Invitation**

Leader: This is the table not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love Him and those who want to love Him more. So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little. You who have been here often, and you who have not been here long. You who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come because it is the Lord’s table, and it is His will that those who want Him should meet Him here.

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(unison)*

We come, this evening, hungry and thirsty, desperate to be fed. And we come with joy because we have received the great gift once again – the truth that in all times and in all places and in all situations and all circumstances, that God Is With Us.

And we come to this table to praise you and to receive gifts, singing the songs of so many that led us to this night. We sing the song of a prophet who sang of God’s timeless character. We sing the song of a father who sang the praises of an eternal God. We sing the song of a mother who knew how blessed she was to be included in God’s cosmic salvation. Tonight, we sing the song of the angels who sing glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace and goodwill to all men, women and children.

Tonight, we rejoice as we celebrate a humble birth that still produces eternal life. We rejoice that from the very beginning, in Genesis through the end, promised in Revelation, Your covenant is eternal and life-giving. We rejoice that you never leave us alone and that you have promised to be with us always, even to the end of the age. We rejoice that in the midst of pain and hurt in our lives, and division and terror around the world, that tonight we receive God’s pure light – light that still frees, still liberates, and still shines hope in the darkness of our souls.

The light is the light of all people. We give you thanks for this child who grew up to show us what a life lived in love and total devotion to you looked like. On the night in which he gave himself up for all of us – you and me and the whole world – he showed us the cost of that devotion. He went to an upper room with his friends, and around a meal he said this is my body, given for you, do this in remembrance of me. And after supper he took a cup, and said this is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins, do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Breaking of the Bread**Serving of the Elements****Prayer After Receiving** *(unison)*

Most gracious God, source of all blessing, we give you thanks for inviting us to share this meal as your family; strengthen us to be a blessing to one another and a blessing to all the world, glorifying you in all things, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Departing in Joy***HYMN***“Silent Night”*

GTG, No. 122

(Note: Please read the instructions carefully on lighting your candle. Please see your insert.)