



# Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

## Who's Who:

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## 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

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## Serving today in Worship:

**Liturgist:** Elizabeth Powell  
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**“Wake Up Call, Part 2:  
Company’s Coming”  
December 4, 2022**

## Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 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 72:18-19)*

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, God, the God of Israel,

**People: Who alone works wonders.**

Leader: And blessed be His glorious name forever;

**People: And may the whole earth be filled with His glory.**

**ALL: Amen, and Amen.**

##### **\*HYMN**

*"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"*

GTG, No. 96

#### THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE (PEACE)

The Dikeman Family

### Preparing for the Word

#### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Like John the Baptist and like the Israelites, we often find ourselves in the wildernesses, separated from full communion with God because of sin. Please join me in confessing the sin that so often takes over our lives:

#### CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

**Forgive us, Lord, for the times we refuse to listen to those who announce your presence. Forgive us when we ignore the cries that come from the wilderness. Allow us to understand that, like John the Baptist, we too are unworthy before the Lord of All. Open us to the filling of the Holy Spirit. Remind us of the beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ, and empower us to be the continuation of that Good News. Amen.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Based on 2 Peter 3:8-15)*

Leader: But do not ignore this one fact, beloved. With the Lord, one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about His promise, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.

# Calendar of Events

[www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar](http://www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar)

#### 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  
2:00 pm Craft Workshop (FH)  
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)  
6:30 pm BSA Parent Meeting (FH)  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)  
7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (Zoom)

#### 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)

#### December 11 — 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:15 am Church Nursery  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:50 am Worship  
12:15 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration

#### 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)  
6:00 pm Academy Christmas Pageant (S)  
7:00 pm SBM Arc Board Meeting\* (CR)

#### December 15 — Thursday

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)

## Announcements & Events:

**The Flowers** for this morning are given by Lu Taylor, to the Glory of God, and are in memory of her beloved mother, Ann Dikeman.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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, an ornament exchange, music, and crafts. Jan Fitts is making Cranberry Chicken over Rice, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Pies and Cookies for Dessert. Please email Kay Craig at [kay@craig-heidt.com](mailto:kay@craig-heidt.com) to place your dinner order. **We are having an ornament exchange!** Either purchase an ornament (less than \$10) and wrap it, or purchase an ornament from the PCHAS Ornament Tree and play the *Right Family Christmas Ornament Exchange Game*. Gift bags will be provided for those who purchase an ornament at the party. The more that play, the more fun! 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 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](http://www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/celebrating-sabbath).

**The Academy Christmas Pageant is Wednesday, December 14,** at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary. All are invited to attend! A light cookie and punch reception will immediately follow.

**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.

**People:** Through our faithful Lord, we are forgiven. We are free. Praise be to God!

**\*GLORIA** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" (v. 1) GTG, No. 132

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES** Pastor Kevin

**God's People Are Empowered**

**ANTHEM** "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" Choir

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (*unison*)

**Merciful God, who sent your messengers, the prophets, to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** "While We Are Waiting, Come" GTG, No. 92

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 3:1-12 Red Pew Bible NT 2

**SERMON** "**Wake Up Call, Part 2: Company's Coming**"  
*"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."* -Matthew 3:2  
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** (*unison*)

**God of hope, we come today bringing our gifts, and dedicating them to your service. Bless these gifts and use them to serve the needs of the many who need to know your presence. We bring them with joy in our hearts, and songs of hope and praise on our lips. Amen.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**The Invitation**

**Sharing of Prayer Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**The Words of Institution**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Breaking of the Bread**

**Serving of the Elements**

**Prayer After Receiving**

### Departing to Serve

**\*HYMN** *"Jesus, Name Above All Names"* LUYH No. 39

### \*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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.springbranchpres.org/give).*