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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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“The Main Thing”
January 15, 2023

Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 15, 2023

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**

Leader: God has set this day before us,
People: A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.
 Leader: God has set our lives before us,
People: A span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.
 Leader: God has set God's seal upon our hearts,
People: So that we might live fully in deep love.
ALL: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** *"We Are Marching in the Light of God"* GTG, No. 853

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Our God is a God of justice, waiting to be gracious to you, yearning to have pity on you. Blessed are all who wait for the Lord.
People: In penitence and faith, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Father, we have turned to others instead of to you. We have listened to others before listening to your Word. We have talked with others before talking to you. As a result, our priorities are confused, our sense of direction is distorted, and our lives are imbalanced. Forgive our reversal of the ways of faith. Teach us to put Christ's kingdom first, and allow all else to find its place. Give us grace to honor you before a hurting and broken world, that others may also see and follow. For Christ's sake. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

January 15 — Sunday

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 (GP 1 & 2)

January 16 — Monday

10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)
 5:30 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP)
 6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

January 17 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
 10:00 am Staff Meeting
 11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study (CR)
 1:00 pm Finance Meeting (CR)
 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Wolf (GP 1 & 2)

January 18 — Wednesday

9:45 am PW ZIP Trip: Messina Hof Winery
 4:00 pm WOW (S)
 6:00 pm WNS: Pasta & Meatballs!

January 19 — Thursday

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

January 20 — Friday

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

January 21 — Saturday

8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)
 8:00 am Cub Scouts: PWD Build (Scout Hut)
 6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

January 22 — Sunday

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)

January 23 — 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 Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

January 24 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
 10:00 am Staff Meeting
 11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study (CR)
 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Webelos (GP 1 & 2)
 7:00 pm Session (CR)

January 25 — Wednesday

9:30 am Happy Hands (CR)
 4:00 pm WOW (S)
 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3)
 6:00 pm WNS: Tamales & Enchiladas!

January 26 — Thursday

9:00 am Jessie's Bites* (Kitchen)
 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Bear (GP 1)
 7:00 pm Cub Scouts PWD Compliance (FH)

January 27 — Friday

9:00 am Jessie's Bites* (Kitchen)
 7:00 pm Cub Scouts PWD Check-in (FH)

January 28 — Saturday

9:00 am Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby (FH)
 11:00 am Hot Meals
 6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)



Announcements & Events:

The Gathering Place will meet tomorrow, January 16th, at 10:00 AM! The theme for this month is *Lunar New Year!* If you are interested in helping out, please see Jacquie Ballesteros or Sarah Dikeman.

PW ZIPS to Messina Hof Harvest Green Winery and Kitchen this Wednesday, January 18th, located at 8921 Harlem Road, Richmond, TX, for lunch and a tour! Carpool will leave the church at 9:45 AM to meet at the winery. Please contact Marguerite Priest at mepriest@hotmail.com for reservations.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, January 18th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Jan Fitts is making Spaghetti & Meatballs, Green Beans, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Peach Cobbler with Vanilla Ice Cream, and Cookies. Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

The 2023 Offering Envelope Books are now available in the Narthex. Please sign your name by the number that corresponds to your book number. If you already have a book of offering envelopes, you can continue to use it since it doesn't correspond to specific dates. Thank you for your continued commitment!

Child and Elder Protection Policy—It's time to renew! Everyone at the church needs to be certified to work with and around children and elders. This month, copies of the training and policy manuals will be emailed and/or given out. Please read it and then take the test in order to be certified. You can read the manual at your leisure during the month of January. Then, meetings will be setup after Wednesday Night Suppers and after church this month to take the test.

Articles for the February 2022 edition of the PresPress are due this Friday, January 20th. Please submit articles to ethan@springbranchpres.org.

Feed My Starving Children – We would like to help support Pines Presbyterian in this wonderful act of mission. Kids and adults of all ages hand-pack **nutritious MannaPack® meals** specifically designed to assist in reversing and preventing undernutrition. You can sign up for a 2-hour time slot on the following days and times: **January 20th 11am-8pm, or January 21st 9am-8pm.** See Miguel to sign up for a time to go over with a church group, or if you would like to individually volunteer. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, January 15, 2023. To learn more about Feed My Starving Children, please visit their website at www.fmssc.org.

Join us on Sunday, January 22nd, from 2:00-4:00 PM for our next fun Craft Workshop! We will be making valentine cards to be sent by Presbyterian Women to the kids at Presbyterian Children's Home and Services that they sponsor, and also to our SBPC college students. You will also be able to make a few cards for yourself. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Craig.

Would you like to beautify the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings while honoring a loved one or commemorating a special occasion? **The 2023 Flowers Sign-Up Calendar is located in the Narthex!** The cost per arrangement is \$65.00. Checks should be written to SBPC and mailed to the Church Office or placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light is come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

People: **Lift up your eyes round about, and his glory will be seen among you!**

Leader: The glory of the Lord is among us. God has brought us forgiveness and redemption in Jesus Christ!

People: **Amen! We are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen!**

*GLORIA

"Great Is the Lord"

LUYH, No. 30

*Great is the Lord, he is holy and just. By his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true; By his mercy he proves he is love.
Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise!
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, Now lift up your voice:
Great-is the Lord! Great-is the Lord!*

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Jan Fitts

God's People Are Empowered

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

(The Prayer of John the Scot)

God, our salvation and redemption, You who gave us nature, also bestow grace. Stretch forth your light to those who grope in the shadows of ignorance as they seek You. Call us back from our errors. Hold out your right hand to us who are so weak that we cannot come to You without your aid. Reveal Yourself to those who seek for nothing but You. Shatter the clouds of empty images that prevent the mind's insight from gazing upon You in the way in which You allow Yourself, though invisible, to be seen by those who desire to behold your face, which is their resting place, their final goal, beyond which they desire nothing, because there is nothing beyond the superessential and supreme Good. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Lamb of God" from Gospel Mass

Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 49:1-7

Red Pew Bible OT 679

*HYMN

"The Summons"

GTG, No. 726

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:29-42

Red Pew Bible NT 92

SERMON

"The Main Thing"

"...this is the one." -John 1:33

Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd

***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 (*2 Corinthians 8:9*)

Leader: As you come to the Lord with your offering, think about this: Is your gift an act of thanksgiving, returning back to God a portion of what you have already received? Or is it an act of faith, giving even as you wonder whether all the bills will get paid without it? Or is it a sign of hope to a world covered in darkness? What does your gift represent? As you offer it, silently speak your own prayer to the One who is right there with you, always.

People: **In faith, we present these 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

Leader: Lord, help us to grow as caretakers of your trust. May we become people of honor, who reflect your glory, not our own, to a dark troubled world. In Jesus' name. 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** GTG, No. 743
"Step by Step"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*OUR RESPONSE

"Cry of My Heart"

*It is the cry of my heart to follow you.
It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.
Teach me your holy ways, O Lord, so I can walk in your truth.
Teach me your holy ways, O Lord, and make me wholly devoted to you.*

*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.