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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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“Melted Together”

January 22, 2023

Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 22, 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: We come to you, O God, to thank you for what is good.
People: We come to you, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.
Leader: We come to you, O God, to ask for help and restoration.
People: We come to you, O God, with aching hearts and glad souls.
ALL: Let us worship God.

***HYMN** "How Firm a Foundation" GTG, No. 463

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us join our hearts as one, that we may be re-created by the grace of God.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Gracious God, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of your glory.
People: Have mercy and forgive us.
Leader: You have given your Son for us, and poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart.
People: Have mercy and change us.
Leader: Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you and neglecting others.
People: Have mercy and cleanse us.
Leader: We have caused, prolonged, and tolerated dissection among your Body.
People: Have mercy and deliver us.
Leader: In Christ we are given a strong foundation and secure love, yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world, ignoring your open arms.
People: Have mercy and renew us.
Leader: Father, through the redeeming death of your Son, by your Spirit, and through your Word, transform us by your love and enable us to follow you with joy.
ALL: All this we ask, confident of your faithfulness and love. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

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

10:00 am Staff Meeting
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)
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)
3:30 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

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)

January 29 — Sunday

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
10:50 am Worship

January 30 — Monday

5:30 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP)
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

January 31 — Tuesday

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

February 1 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Moderator (CR)
10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)
3:30 pm WOW (S)
6:00 pm WNS: Tacos!

February 2 — Thursday

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

February 3 — Friday

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

February 4 — Saturday

6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

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

Announcements & Events:

Join us today, 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 see Kay Craig.

Happy Hands will meet this Wednesday, January 25th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Hope you can join us then. If you have any questions, please contact Doris Wright.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, January 25th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Kay and Betty are making Tamales & Enchiladas! Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

SBPC received a grant for \$5,000 from the Presbytery of New Covenant from the Kelso Memorial Fund. The purpose of the grant is for improving, repairing, and/or equipping church buildings and/or property. The money that we received will be used towards the electrical service station on the north side of the property, which will be replaced in the coming months. A big thank you to the Presbytery of New Covenant, and for rushing our application through!

You are invited to attend Pastor's Bible Study with Kevin. The group gathers at 11:00 AM 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!

Spring Branch Presbyterian is participating in the annual Souper Bowl of Caring, which culminates on February 12th. Plus, our Presbytery has been challenged by Mission Presbytery (Austin/San Antonio and parts south) and Grace Presbytery (DFW/North Texas) to a friendly competition with the Souper Bowl of Caring. The Presbytery that collects the most dollars and food items wins! Each dollar given=2 cans of food. So... let's see how many cans we can donate by Souper Bowl Sunday, February 12th. Each Presbytery will update their totals every week.

Family Movie Night (Stay Tuned) - It's time for some fellowship! SBPC is hosting a family movie night in the Gathering Place on Friday, February 10th at 6:30 PM. There will be food available by a food truck between 5:45-6:30. SBPC will be providing hot cocoa and lemonade. Save the date!

Save-the-Date for our February Blood Drive – SBPC will have a Blood Drive on Sunday, February 12th from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Ashley Powell at 972-571-2499 or ashleycrawford161@gmail.com if you would like to donate. Share the gift of life!

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.

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!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(2 Corinthians 5:17)*

Leader: Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Friends, believe the gospel.

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, 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

Pastor Kevin

God's People Are Empowered

ANTHEM

"The Meditations of My Heart"

Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 9:1-4

Red Pew Bible OT 638

*HYMN

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" (v. 1, 3, 4)

GTG, No. 213

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Red Pew Bible NT 166

SERMON

"Melted Together"

Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd

"...that there be no divisions among you..." -1 Corinthians 1:10

*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

Leader: The earth and all it contains belong to the Lord, the world and those who live in it. Let us be faithful with that which belongs to God.

People: **With joy, we praise God through this offering!**

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: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

People: **May this offering, and all that is within us, bless your holy 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

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

GTG, No. 306

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*OUR RESPONSE

"Make Us One, Lord"

*Make us one, Lord, make us one;
Holy Spirit, make us one.*

Let your love flow so the word will know we are one in 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.

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.