



# Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

## Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church  
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Administration Leader: Jacquie Ballesteros  
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## The Session

Clerk: Elizabeth Powell

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Kevin Boyd

## Class of 2023

Silvia Argyriou  
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## Class of 2024

Charles Fairchild  
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## Class of 2025

Jacquie Ballesteros  
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## Academy Board

Neal Dikeman  
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## Serving today in Worship:

**Liturgist:** Jacquie Ballesteros  
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**“CrossWise”**  
 January 29, 2023

**Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**

January 29, 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: Come to worship this day. Bring with you all your joys and sorrows.

**People: Jesus will offer hope.**

Leader: Come to worship this day, believing in the power of God through Jesus Christ.

**People: Jesus will bring us healing.**

Leader: Come to worship this day, feeling the presence of God.

**People: Jesus will teach us new ways to live.**

**ALL: AMEN!**

**\*HYMN**

*"Blest Are They"*

GTG, No. 172

**Preparing for the Word**

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Leader: The Word of the cross is the wisdom of God to those who are saved.

**People: We, who stand in need of this wisdom, come now confessing our sins.**

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

**Merciful God, we confess our bewilderment over the presence of any wisdom at all, in such a dreadful act as the crucifixion of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Each year, as we hear the story again, we wonder - why did it have to happen? It seems as though evil triumphed in this wretched deed. Yet, when we know the outcome of the crucifixion, we realize that it was an act of powerful and sacrificial love, and that in the end, good did triumph over evil, life defeated death. And so, forgive us, O God, when we become so influenced by the wisdom of the world, that we demand signs and seek intellectual certainty as proof of your existence. Forgive us when we get caught up in the quest for achievement and power, forgetting that Jesus' power was made perfect in weakness. Forgive our reluctance, O God, to proclaim with our lips and our lives that the crucified Christ is Lord of our lives, and help us to empty ourselves of all that hinders such proclamation of our faith. Have mercy on us, O God, and strengthen us to do your will. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

# Calendar of Events

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

**January 29 — Sunday**

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:15 pm Reception: Virginia's 95th Birthday!
- 12:30 pm CPP Training (CR)

**January 30 — Monday**

- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 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)
- 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!
- 7:00 pm CPP Training (CR)

**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

**February 5 — Sunday**

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Choir Practice
- 10:50 am Worship
- 4:00 pm Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (GP 1 & 2)

**February 6 — Monday**

- 5:30 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball\* (GP)
- 6:00 pm PW Unwind: Blue Agave Cantina!
- 6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)
- 7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (Zoom)

**February 7 — Tuesday**

- 9:15 am Congregational Care Meeting (GP 2)
- 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: Wolf (GP 1 & 2)

**February 8 — Wednesday**

- 9:30 am PW Circle (CR)
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3)
- 6:00 pm WNS
- 7:00 pm Rainbow's End Meeting (GP 1 & 2)

**February 9 — Thursday**

- 9:00 am Jessie's Bites\* (Kitchen)
- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting
- 6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Bear (GP 1)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance\* (GP)

**February 10 — Friday**

- 9:00 am Jessie's Bites\* (Kitchen)
- 5:45 pm Food Truck Dinner
- 6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting\* (CR)
- 6:30 pm Family Movie Night (GP)

**February 11 — Saturday**

- 6:00 pm CENTI Church\* (GP)

## Announcements & Events:

**The Flowers** for this morning are given by Laurie, Gary, Ethan, and Emily Mitchell, Adam Turner, and Kaye and Tom Fearnelyhough, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of Virginia Miller's 95th birthday. **Please join us in the Breezeway following worship for a reception honoring Virginia!**

**Child and Elder Protection Training** will occur after Worship today in the Conference Room. Another option will be provided in the Conference Room after Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, February 1st, at 7:00 PM. If you have not taken this training, please plan to attend.

**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!

**Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday,** February 1st, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Trembles are making Tacos! Please email Kay Craig at [kay@craig-heidt.com](mailto:kay@craig-heidt.com) to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

**The Unwind Group will meet on February 6, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Blue Agave Cantina,** 14555 Grisby Road, Houston, 77079. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at (713) 305-1114.

**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.

**The PW Day Circle** will meet on Wednesday, February 8th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Please contact Patti Nanney if you'd like to attend via Zoom. The **Evening Bible Study** will meet on Monday, February 13th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah or Ashley Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 6 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).

**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 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Ashley Powell at 972-571-2499 or [ashleycrawford161@gmail.com](mailto:ashleycrawford161@gmail.com) if you would like to donate. Share the gift of life!

**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 *(based on Romans 5:8)*

Leader: The proof of God's love is this: that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. And so, I declare to you: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: **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 OF THE PEACE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Patti Nanney

### God's People Are Empowered

### ANTHEM

*"A Gaelic Blessing"*

Choir

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

**God of old relationships and new beginnings in life, as we hear this Word, help us feel the real presence of the Spirit, whom you sent to give comfort during farewells and rejoicing during reconciliation. During this time, let all be about you, who was, who is, and who ever shall be, Amen.**

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

Red Pew Bible NT 4

### \*HYMN

*"All in All"*

GTG, No. 519

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Red Pew Bible NT 166

### SERMON

*"CrossWise"*

Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd

*"For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness..." -1 Corinthians 1:18*

### \*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: Nothing, O Lord, could compare to the cross upon which the King of Glory died.

People: **Remembering His sacrifice, we gladly offer these gifts to you.**

### 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)*

**Gracious and wise God, you give us the freedom to relate to you through the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. You empower us with the wisdom of your Spirit to proclaim our deliverance from evil through the power of the cross. We offer these gifts and our lives as symbols of our thanksgiving, praying that you will bless them and use them to proclaim the wonders of your love. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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

*"Pass It On"*

*(Please See Screens)*

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*OUR RESPONSE

*"What Does the Lord Require of You?"*

GTG, No. 70

*What does the Lord require of you?*

*What does the Lord require of you?*

*Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.*

*To seek justice and love kindness*

*And walk humbly with your God.*

#### \*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).*