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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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"...a dimly burning wick he will not extinguish;"
 -Isaiah 42:3

"Bruised and Flickering"

January 8, 2023

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 8, 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: A love that never ceases,
People: A creativity that designed the universe,
Leader: A hope that cannot be quenched,
People: A pursuit of reconciliation, no matter the cost:
ALL: These are the things that are of God. So let us worship God!

***HYMN** *"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"* GTG, No. 757

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Our God is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love, close to all who seek in truth, listening to their cries for help, and offering them salvation. So, let us bring our confession to God, knowing that God will hear and forgive:

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: For all the things we have done wrong in the past against God and against people,

People: we now ask the Lord and one another to forgive us.

Leader: Lord Jesus, yours are the seasons and the ages. Give us a new heart and a new spirit:

People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Jesus Christ, you are the beginning and the end of all that is, including our lives. Make a new beginning with all of us:

People: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you breathe your Spirit on all creation. Make our old world new again:

People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Have mercy on us, Lord, and let your forgiveness and love come down on us day after day. Lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

January 8 — Sunday

Baptism of the Lord

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
10:50 am Worship
12:15 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration
12:30 pm Un-Decorating the Sanctuary

January 9 — 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)
7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (S)

January 10 — Tuesday

9:15 am Congregational Care Meeting
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting (FH)

January 11 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Circle (CR)
11:00 am CPP Training (CR)
4:00 pm WOW (S)
5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3)
6:00 pm WNS: Chicken Pot Pie!
7:00 pm Choir Practice

January 12 — 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)
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

January 13 — Friday

9:00 am Jessie's Bites* (Kitchen)
6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting* (CR)

January 14 — Saturday

6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

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)
6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Wolf (GP 1 & 2)
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: Webelos (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)
6:30 pm Movie Night

January 21 — Saturday

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



Announcements & Events:

Monthly Birthday Celebration—Join us in the breezeway immediately after Worship today, as we celebrate and honor our January birthdays!

Un-Decorating the Sanctuary: The Worship Team is seeking volunteers to help remove the Greens from the Sanctuary immediately after worship today. As usual, many hands make for light work. Pizza will be provided for volunteers before work is started. Please see Donald McDaniel if you have any questions.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, January 11th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Jennifer Miller is making Chicken Pot Pies. Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, January 11th, 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, January 9th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah or Ashley Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 5 video is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/celebrating-sabbath.

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.

PW ZIPS to Messina Hof Harvest Green Winery and Kitchen on 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 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 Box on Sunday mornings.

Scholarship Applications are now available for interested students. Completed applications are due by May 1st for the year applying, and should be turned in to Sarah Dikeman for the Women's Scholarship and Ken Crawford for the Men's Scholarship.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Because the Light of Christ shines into our darkness, we are free.

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 OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Miguel Carlin

God's People Are Empowered

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light, we may see light. Send out your light and your truth, O God, and let them lead us, through Jesus Christ, your Son, in whom we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM

"In Christ Alone"

Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

Red Pew Bible NT 3

*HYMN

"Be Still, My Soul"

GTG, No. 819

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 42:1-9

Red Pew Bible OT 670

SERMON

"Bruised and Flickering"

Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd

"...a dimly burning wick he will not extinguish." -Isaiah 42:3

*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

***RESPONSE** *"I Sing Praises to Your Name, O Lord"* LUYH, No. 35

*I sing praises to your name, O Lord, praises to your name, O Lord,
For your name is great and greatly to be praised.
I sing praises to your name, O Lord, praises to your name, O Lord,
For your name is great and greatly to be praised.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: Miraculous God, we give thanks that you have provided enough for all. We give thanks for all God's goodness in our lives.

People: **We offer these gifts to share with others what God has provided, so that all may have enough. It may be here in our community, or it may be elsewhere in our country or around the world. We thank God now with our offerings. In this season of sharing, may we learn to live with less, so that these gifts may grow even greater, 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** *"This Little Light of Mine"* (Please See Screens)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

***OUR RESPONSE** *"May the God of Hope Go With Us"* GTG, No. 765

*May the God of hope go with us everyday,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
working, for a world that's new; faithful, when we hear Christ's call.*

*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.