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# Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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## Serving today in Worship:

**Liturgists:** Boy Troop 478, Cub Scout Pack 552  
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# “No Matter What They Say”

Scout Sunday  
 February 12, 2023

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February 12, 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

#### POSTING OF THE COLORS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Steady our steps, O God, as we travel the journey set before us.

**People: Let us walk in the way of light and pursue the path of peace.**

Leader: Keep us on your course of life as we seek to be faithful,

**People: And as we gather to praise you, our faithful Lord and God.**

**ALL: Together we will praise God!**

#### \*HYMN

*"Lord I Lift Your Name on High" (Please See Screens)*

#### Preparing for the Word

#### INVITATION TO CONFESSION *(Prayer by Steven Fearing)*

Leader: Our God is One of hope, salvation, shelter. We who hear these healing words are invited to put all our confidence in God, to pour out our hearts to him, knowing that he hears us.

**People: Let us admit our sins before God.**

#### CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Hear us now, O God, as we gather to worship and to praise you.

**People: Forgive us when we listen to the voices which tell us to put our trust in whatever institution can increase our wealth; in whatever breakfast food can expand our brainpower, in whatever mode of transport can get us anywhere faster, cheaper, more comfortably. Renew our trust in you, and help us to use this time to deepen our relationship with you and to re-align our priorities with yours.**

Leader: Hear us now, Lord Jesus Christ, as we gather to worship and to praise you.

**People: Forgive us when we are reluctant disciples, and renew our desire to follow you, even if, like those first disciples, it means having the direction of our lives completely changed.**

Leader: Forgive us when we forget that we do not have to do everything in our own power when challenged to take risks of faith.

**People: Holy Spirit, breathe new life into us now, as we can only offer true worship and provide faithful discipleship when we are empowered by you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

# Calendar of Events

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

#### February 12 — Scout Sunday

##### *Souper Bowl of Caring*

8:30 am Blood Drive (FH)  
9:15 am Church Nursery  
9:30 am Sunday School  
9:45 am Choir Practice  
10:50 am Worship  
12:15 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration

#### February 13 — Monday

11:00 am Staff Meeting  
5:30 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball\* (GP)  
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)  
6:30 pm Webelos II (GP 1 & 2)  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)  
7:00 pm Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom  
7:00 pm Property Meeting (P)

#### February 14 — 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)  
6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting (FH)

#### February 15 — Wednesday

9:30 am ZIP Trip: Sea Center, Lake Jackson  
3:30 pm WOW (S)  
6:00 pm WNS: Chicken Parmesan!

#### February 16 — 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 17 — Friday

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

#### February 18 — Saturday

8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)  
6:00 pm CENTI Church\* (GP)

#### February 19 — Sunday

##### *Transfiguration of the Lord*

9:15 am Church Nursery  
9:30 am Sunday School  
9:45 am Choir Practice  
10:50 am Worship  
12:15 pm Mission Team Meeting (CR)  
12:15 pm Personnel Meeting (P)  
2:00 pm Sunday Craft Workshop (FH)  
4:00 pm Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (GP 1 & 2)

#### February 20 — Monday

##### *PresPress Articles Due*

10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)  
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

#### February 21 — 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)

#### February 22 — Ash Wednesday

9:30 am Happy Hands (CR)  
12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service (S)  
3:30 pm WOW (S)  
5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3)  
6:00 pm WNS: Red Beans & Rice!  
6:45 pm Ash Wednesday Service (S)

#### February 23 — Thursday

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

#### February 24 — Friday

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

#### February 25 — Saturday

11:00 am Hot Meals  
6:00 pm CENTI Church\* (GP)

## Announcements & Events:

**The Flowers** for this morning are given by Lee Dudinsky, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of Lynn Dudinsky's birthday on February 15th.

**Today is Scout Sunday!** We are being led in Worship by members of Boy Scout Troop 478, Cub Scout Pack 552, and Girl Scout Troop 124182. Troop 478 meets every Monday at 7:00 PM at the Scout Hut. Pack 552 is made up of 5 Dens, all which typically meet 2 times a month. Troop 124182 meets the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 5:00 PM in the Gathering Place. Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to attend! For more information, please contact [boyscouts@springbranchpres.org](mailto:boyscouts@springbranchpres.org), [cubscouts@springbranchpres.org](mailto:cubscouts@springbranchpres.org), or [girlscouts@springbranchpres.org](mailto:girlscouts@springbranchpres.org).

**Thank you to everyone who is participating in our Blood Drive this morning.** If you'd like to donate blood, come down to the Fellowship Hall before 12:30 PM!

**Spring Branch Presbyterian is participating in the annual Souper Bowl of Caring campaign this morning!** You are invited to drop off your canned food items or cash/check donations in the Narthex before or after Worship. All donations that are received will benefit the Fair Haven Food Pantry!

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

The **PW 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).

**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 15th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Kay & Betty are making Chicken Parmesan! 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!

**Our next fun Craft Workshop is on Sunday, February 19th, from 2:00-4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.** We will be using the stencil and Armour Etch cream method. The Armour Etch cream will be provided, but you will need to bring your own glassware. There will be stencils, but if you want something specific, you'll need to purchase your own. You will be able to make multiple items if you wish, as the actual cream etching only takes about 5-6 minutes. Let Kay Craig know if you are interested in doing this craft at [kay@craig-heidt.com](mailto:kay@craig-heidt.com) or (713) 248-4138.

**Join us for our Ash Wednesday Services on February 22nd.** There are two service opportunities as we begin our Lenten Season. There will be a brief service at noon in the Sanctuary for those who are unable to attend in the evening. We will have Wednesday Night Supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM, and then our evening Ash Wednesday Service will be at 6:45 PM in the Sanctuary.

## SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(2 Corinthians 5:17, 18)*

Leader: Hear the good news: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, with whom we are reconciled through Christ ...

People: **Thanks be to God!**

### \*GLORIA PATRI

GTG, No. 581

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Emma Pace, Piper Dikeman, Clara Dikeman

### God's People Are Empowered

### ANTHEM

*"Create in Me a Clean Heart"*

Choir

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

**Our Father, grant us the vision, the ears, the spirit, the heart, to taste your goodness, and to hear your voice as it speaks to us though your Word. Then give us the wisdom to speak the truth you have taught us in love. For Christ's sake. Amen.**

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Red Pew Bible OT 186

### \*HYMN

*"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"*

GTG, No. 753

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:21-37

Red Pew Bible NT 4

### SERMON

***"No Matter What They Say"***

Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd

*"You have heard that it was said." -Matthew 5:21*

### 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)*  
**Generous God, you have planted the seeds of generosity into our hearts, and by your grace, you give the growth through our actions and response. Receive the fruit of your mercy and the offerings of our lives, and use these gifts to grow your harvest of justice and mercy, 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. 175  
*"Seek Ye First"*

## \*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.*

## \*POSTLUDE

***Participating in the leadership of today's service:***  
*Grayson Armpriester, Gavin Cariveau, Clara Dikeman, Piper Dikeman,  
Carter Long, Jack Long, Emma Pace, Liam Tackett, Owen Tackett,  
Austin Young, Ryan Young*

### *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 Sanctuary in the Garden Room. 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.

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