



# Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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## Serving today in Worship:

**Guest Pastor:** Rev. Cheryl Gans

**Liturgist:** Jan Fitts

**Time For Young Disciples:** Jan Fitts

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*“Do Unto Others”*



***Third Sunday in Lent***  
**March 12, 2023**

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March 12, 2023

10:50 AM

*\*Those who are able please stand*

### God's People Connect

#### **WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

*(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** *(Psalm 96:6-8)*

Leader: Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

**People: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring offerings, and come into his courts.

**People: Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.**

**ALL: Let us worship Almighty God!**

**\*HYMN**

*"I Will Call upon the Lord"*

GTG, No. 621

### Preparing for the Word

#### **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Dear Lord, we come before you because we have needs, and we know the most important need is your love. We fear you and we hide like Adam and Eve in the garden. We make rules and try to follow them. We also try to clothe ourselves. Come to us as we confess our need for you today.

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

**Dear Lord, here we are in our vulnerable state, looking toward you for wisdom and compassion. We make a mess of things. We confess the messes we make. Like a child with a hand in the cookie jar, we enjoy the last bite of temptation and the painful mistakes of daily choices. Forgive us as we seek your face in worship today. Amen.**

#### **SILENT CONFESSION**

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: It is a blessing to have a savior that died for us and our sins. We hear the good news of great love.

**People: Jesus says to us, "You are forgiven my friend. Go in peace to love with great love, too."**

# Calendar of Events

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

#### **March 12 — Third Sunday in Lent**

##### **Daylight Savings Time Begins**

9:15 am Church Nursery  
9:30 am Sunday School  
9:45 am Choir Practice  
10:50 am Worship  
12:00 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration

#### **March 13 — Monday**

7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)  
7:00 pm Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom

#### **March 14 — Tuesday**

6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Webelos (Scout Hut)

#### **March 15 — Wednesday**

9:30 am ZIP Trip: Star of the Republic

#### **March 16 — Thursday**

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

#### **March 17 — Friday**

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



#### **March 18 — 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

#### **March 19 — Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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

#### **March 20 — Monday**

##### **PresPress Articles Due**

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

#### **March 21 — Tuesday**

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
10:00 am Staff Meeting (P)  
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)  
6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Wolf (GP 1 & 2)  
7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship\* (FH)

#### **March 22 — 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: Hamburgers!

#### **March 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)

#### **March 24 — Friday**

9:00 am Jessie's Bites\* (Kitchen)  
5:30 pm Cub Scouts: Blue & Gold (VOE)  
7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program\* (YR)

#### **March 25 — Saturday**

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

## Announcements & Events:

**Our Guest Pastor this morning is Rev. Cheryl Gans.** Cheryl works for Memorial Hermann as a supplemental chaplain. She values tent camping, and ventures out to State Parks for rest and relaxation monthly. She plays the guitar and paints with watercolor for spiritual renewal.

**Let's celebrate our March Birthdays!** Join us in the breezeway immediately after Worship today as we gather to celebrate those among us born in March.

The **Evening PW Bible Study** will meet on Monday, March 13th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah or Ashley Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 7 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).

**There will be no Wednesday Night Supper this week**, in observance of Spring Break. Join us for Hamburgers when we resume next Wednesday, March 22nd!

**PW Zip Trip**—Join us for a trip to the Star of the Republic Museum in Washington, TX this Wednesday, March 15th. The Star of the Republic Museum is the only museum created for the exclusive purpose of collecting and preserving the material culture at the time of the Republic (1836-1846). The museum explores the history, cultures, diversity, and promotes understanding and appreciation of Texas heritage. Tickets are \$7.00 for seniors and may be purchased on the day of our trip to the museum. Lunch to be decided. Contact Marguerite Priest for more information at [mepriest@hotmail.com](mailto:mepriest@hotmail.com).

**Join us for our next fun Sunday Craft Workshop on Sunday, March 19th at 2:00 PM.** Our project this month will be a service project for the Presbyterian Women's Spring Luncheon. We will be painting glass rose bowls. These will look like globes when finished and will be used for centerpieces for the annual luncheon. Come join us and find out about painting on glass!

**PCHAS Diaper Drive!** – PCHAS is in need of girl's diapers, size 1, 4, and 5, and pull ups. You can either bring them to the church to donate or order them online and ship them to their location at 5020 W. Bellfort Avenue, Houston, TX 77035.

**We will have Easter Lilies again this year!** Place your order now through Friday, April 7th. You may order by using the form in the Narthex or Church Office. The cost is \$10 each, and the payment can be mailed to the church office or placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. The names of those being honored or remembered will be shared with the congregation on Easter Sunday morning.

**Clothing Swap!** – Drop off your gently used and washed items that your kids have outgrown between February 13th - March 27th outside the church office. Then come "shop" in the breezeway at Spring Branch Presbyterian Church on April 1<sup>st</sup> from 10-4, or April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:30-2. It's first come first serve.

**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.

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.

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

**\*GLORIA**

*"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"*

GTG, No. 582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

### God's People Are Empowered

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (*unison*)

**Ever present Holy Spirit, open us to new ways of hearing your voice. Quiet in us the false voices, and bring us to tables of welcome and fellowship. Today is a fresh new start. Let your Word teach us to treat each other as we want to be treated. Amen.**

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Jan Fitts

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Psalm 95:6-11

Red Pew Bible OT 550

**ANTHEM**

*"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"*

Choir

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

John 4:27-37

Red Pew Bible NT 95

**SERMON**

*"Do Unto Others"*

Rev. Cheryl Gans

### Responding to the Word

**\*HYMN**

*"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

GTG, No. 187

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*unison*)

*Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 46*

**What is required of the first commandment? The first commandment requires us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*OUR RESPONSE**

*"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"*

GTG, No. 620

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:  
O Praise Thee! O Praise Thee! Praise the everlasting King.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(unison)*

**Dear Lord, we offer up to you these gifts. We have so many gifts to give you. Receive all of our prayers, presence, serving and monetary contributions. Bless our effort to trust and love you with all that we share. 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**

*“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”*

GTG, No. 65

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*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 the Pastor, 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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