



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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“Who Will Shepherd Us?”

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023

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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**

Leader: I was glad when they said to me:

People: Let us go to the House of the Lord

Leader: How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony!

People: For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

Leader: Be good to your servant, that I may live and obey your Word.

ALL: Open our eyes to see the wonderful truths in your instructions.

***HYMN**

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

GTG, No. 451

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: As Paul writes, what we don't want to do, we do; and what we do want to do, we don't. We all know that we fall short of God's glory, that we sin more than we would like to admit and that our hearts are deceitful above all things. Nevertheless, God's love and mercy never fails, and He renews His mercies each morning. Therefore, let us confess our sins together so that we can receive His forgiveness expressed in new mercies.

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Dear heavenly Father, we confess our sins this morning. We hold unto the blood of Jesus, knowing that only through His blood we can truly be forgiven. Thank you for cleansing us of all wrongdoing, for cleansing our hearts, and we hold onto your promise of the new mercies that you pour in our lives. Let us understand that repentance means to not do it again, and we pray that you may strengthen us so, that we may never again fall into the traps of sin. Thank you, God, for your forgiveness, in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

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)
5:00 pm Faith Development (P)
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

March 21 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
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)

March 26 — Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
9:45 am Choir Practice
10:50 am Worship

March 27 — Monday

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
6:30 pm VBS Meeting (FH)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

March 28 — Tuesday

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

March 29 — Wednesday

3:30 pm WOW (S)
6:00 pm WNS: Baked Potatoes!

March 30 — 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)

March 31 — Friday

9:00 am Jessie's Bites* (Kitchen)
6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting* (GP)
7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

April 1 — Saturday

10:00 am Kid's Clothing Swap (Breezeway)
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:

Our Guest Pastor this morning is Pastor Sebastian Lopez. My name is Sebastian Lopez. I have been married for 10 years this May to my amazing wife Carol, and we have three kids, Eloisa 6, Daniel 4, and Arianna 2. I am originally from New Jersey and my wife is from Colombia. My mother is Colombian, and my father is Argentinian. I love to barbeque, love soccer, I also Coach my kid's U-6 team and U-12 soccer teams for Houston Dutch Lions. I am a chef by trade, but now I serve as a fulltime pastor at our church. I have been pastoring churches for the last 15 years. I spent a year in the Philippines, 10 years in Australia in several cities, and for the last four years, we have been church planting in Houston, specifically in the neighborhood of Spring Branch. I am currently studying to get my M.Div at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, hopefully I will graduate December 2023. I Love to serve, love to serve the youth, and our vision as a church in CENTI is to preach the gospel to the next generation.

Join us for our next fun Sunday Craft Workshop today at 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Our project this month is 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!

The Gathering Place will meet tomorrow, March 20th, at 10:00 AM! The theme for this month is *Easter!* If you are interested in helping out, please see Jacquie Ballesteros or Sarah Dikeman.

Happy Hands will meet this Wednesday, March 22nd, 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, March 22nd, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Laurie Mitchell is making Hamburgers! Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

PCHAS Diaper Drive! – PCHAS is in need of girl's diapers, sizes 1, 2, and 3, 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 1st from 10-4, or April 2nd 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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We certainly cannot remain holy and pure unless God makes us holy and pure, therefore let us thank God for giving us His grace by sealing us with His Spirit, who keeps us pure and holy in God's presence.

People: **Your Spirit comforts us, your Spirit cleanses us, your Spirit purifies us, your Spirit makes us Holy, thanks be to God for loving us unconditionally and for giving us His Spirit as a sign of acceptance to us, His Holy People.**

*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)*

Dear God, in the past you spoke to your people through many different ways and through the prophets, and now you speak through your Son, Jesus Christ, who is the Word made Flesh. Please God, speak to us through your Living Word. Let us be guided, instructed in wisdom, comforted, and filled with hope as we hear your Word, for our desire is to listen to your Word and obey it, just like our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ did. Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Miguel Carlin

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Red Pew Bible OT 259

ANTHEM "The Lord Is My Shepherd" Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 23 Red Pew Bible OT 501

SERMON "Who Will Shepherd Us?" Pastor Sebastian Lopez

Responding to the Word

***HYMN** "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters" GTG, No. 490

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS (2 Corinthians 9:7-9)

Leader: Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

OFFERTORY

***OUR RESPONSE** *"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"* GTG, No. 645

*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory!*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

May we never forget those who are in need, may we walk in humility knowing that everything that we have received, we have received it by His generous hand, and as we give, may we show you are a Generous God, rich in Mercy and Grace so that others may glorify your 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** *"Be Thou My Vision"* GTG, No. 450

***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 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.



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