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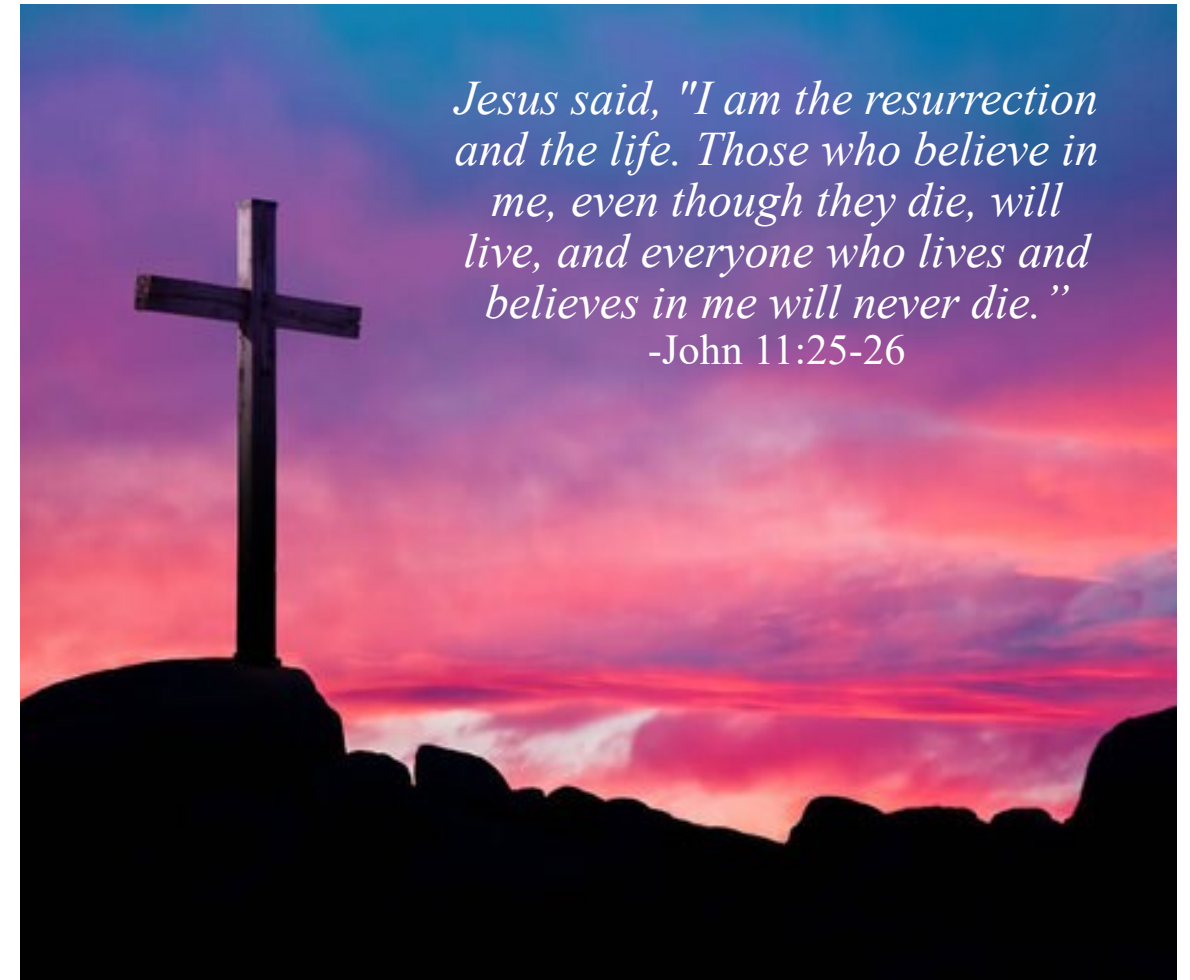
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*Jesus said, "I am the resurrection
 and the life. Those who believe in
 me, even though they die, will
 live, and everyone who lives and
 believes in me will never die."*

-John 11:25-26

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 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, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

People: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

Leader: "May they prosper who love You. Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."

People: As a city that is bound firmly together, We shall sing and give thanks to our LORD.

*HYMN

"I Danced in the Morning"

GTG, No. 157

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: If it is true that God has recorded our failings, we hope it will never be published. But in truth, if the book was opened, every page would be blank, for God forgives us of everything we have done, or failed to do. So, let us wait for God's mercy and grace, as we come with our prayers for forgiveness, saying:

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

We are set free by your saving grace, Generous God, yet we must confess how we are still bound by our pride and arrogance. We seem unable to throw off the grave clothes of our habitual sin, finding them too comfortable to wear. We cling to our fears, for they are so familiar and make such good companions. Yet, there in every corner of our lives, in every shadow we fear, into the cold embrace of death itself, you come, Steadfast Love. You break the bonds of sin and terror, giving us new strength and hope for the journey, and calling us to new life through the love and sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

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

April 2 — Palm Sunday

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Kid's Clothing Swap (Breezeway)
9:45 am Choir Practice
10:50 am Worship
4:00 pm Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (GP 1 & 2)

April 3 — Monday

Holy Week Meditations (S), 9:30 AM-2:00 PM

6:00 pm PW Unwind: Red Balloon Café!
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

April 4 — Tuesday

Holy Week Meditations (S), 9:30 AM-2:00 PM

9:15 am Congregational Care Meeting
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)

April 5 — Wednesday

Holy Week Meditations (S), 9:30 AM-2:00 PM

9:30 am PW Moderator (CR)
10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)
3:30 pm WOW (S)

April 6 — Maundy Thursday

Holy Week Meditations (S), 9:30 AM-2:00 PM

9:00 am Jessie's Bites* (Kitchen)
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
6:00 pm Maundy Thursday *Last Supper*
Dinner & Worship Service (FH)

April 7 — Good Friday

Academy Closed

Holy Week Meditations (S), 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

9:00 am Jessie's Bites* (Kitchen)
10:00 am Egg Dyeing Party
7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

April 8 — Holy Saturday

Great Easter Vigil (S), 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

Announcements & Events:

Our Guest Pastor this morning is Rev. Carol Tompkins! The Rev. Carol Tompkins graduated from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1995, and has served churches in Oklahoma and Texas. She currently lives near Pasadena with her mother, and has served as pulpit supply in the Presbytery of New Covenant. Her son and daughter-in-love live in Austin, TX and she enjoys visiting with them. Some of her hobbies are reading science fiction, watching *Emergency!* with her mom, and playing Dungeons and Dragons with an intergenerational and global group of friends.

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.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, March 29th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Presbyterian Women are making Baked Potatoes. All proceeds will benefit the Scholarship Fund! 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.

PW Unwind Group! Join us at the Red Balloon Café for dinner on Monday, April 3rd, at 6:00 PM. The address is 1800 W. Sam Houston, Houston, TX 77043. Their telephone number is 713-360-6787. Please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros if you would like to go (jballesteros@gmail.com or 713-305-1114).

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church is hosting an Egg Dyeing Party on Good Friday, April 7th, at 10:00 AM. Bring one dozen (or more) hard boiled eggs and a picnic lunch. We’ll dye our eggs together in the picnic area next to the playgrounds. We’ll move to the Gathering Place if it rains. For more information, please contact Miguel in the Church Office.

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.

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, April 12th, 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, April 10th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah or Ashley Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 8 video is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/celebrating-sabbath.

One of our church’s favorite events is back! **PCHAS** is hosting **The Annual Fundraising Luncheon on Thursday, April 20** that will showcase the life-changing work we are doing in our community. Our church will have three Table Hosts – Sarah Dikeman, Marguerite Priest, and Patti Nanney. One of these ladies will probably be contacting you to see if you would like to attend the luncheon, but feel free to contact them first. We always have so much fun, great fellowship, good food, and supporting a great charity.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: You can put your hope in God, dear friends, for God offers us that love which never fades, that life which never ends.

People: We wait for God, and God does not fail us. God's hope, God's love, and God's grace are forever. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*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*)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Marguerite Priest

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ezekiel 27:1-15

Red Pew Bible OT 794

ANTHEM

“Out of the Deep”

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 11:1-45 (*selected*)

Red Pew Bible NT 104

SERMON

“Through the Graveyard”

Rev. Carol Tompkins

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

GTG, No. 250

*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

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)*

For all left by the side of society, for all whose strength has vanished, for all whose bones are brittle with despair, may our gifts bring hope and healing, peace and plenty, in your name and in your love. This we pray 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** *"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"* GTG, No. 591

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE



*Portions of today's Worship Service are the Liturgies of Rev. Deborah Roof,
the PC(USA) Book of Common Worship, and Thom M. Shuman ©.*

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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