



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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Serving today in Worship:

Guest Pastor: Rev. Barbara Retzliff
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“Work in Progress”
March 5, 2023

Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 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**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: This is the life that God has breathed into us!

People: Let us savor the gift and be thankful!

Leader: Jesus Christ is the Son, whom God sent into the world.

People: Let us receive him with open hearts and follow.

ALL: Jesus is the love that God poured into the world. Let us rejoice and be glad!

***HYMN**

"To God Be the Glory"

GTG, No. 634

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Lord Jesus, you call us to follow, to come and see, to love as you love, but we confess that we don't always know how or even what that means for our lives. Forgive us for letting the trappings of this world blind us from seeing the path you have for us.

Forgive us when we think we have it all figured out and fail to hear you calling us to go deeper. Forgive us when we think your love can be controlled, limited, measured, or even understood. Lord Jesus, in this season of Lent, let us live in the mystery, rest in your presence, and trust the fullness of your love. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: By grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not because of anything we have done. It is a pure gift from God.

People: By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved with an everlasting love.

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

March 5 — Second Sunday in Lent

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Choir Practice
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:00 pm Called Congregational Meeting
- 4:00 pm Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (GP 1 & 2)

March 6 — Monday

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (P)
- 6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)
- 7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (P)

March 7 — Tuesday

- 9:15 am Congregational Care Meeting (GP 1)
- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm PW Unwind: White Elm Brasserie!
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Wolf (GP 1 & 2)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

March 8 — Wednesday

- 9:30 am PW Circle (CR)
- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Pork Chops!

March 9 — Thursday

- 9:00 am Jessie's Bites* (Kitchen)
- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting
- 6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Bear (GP 1)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)
- 6:30 pm Summerhouse Parent Mtg* (FH)

March 10 — Friday

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

March 11 — Saturday

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

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
- 12:15 pm Mission Team Meeting (CR)

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 Republic Museum

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

Announcements & Events:

Our Guest Pastor this morning is Rev. Barbara Retzloff. Barbara has had the incredible privilege of serving God's people in many different roles over the past 35 years. After graduating from Texas A & M, she attended the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, VA where she received her MA in Christian Education. She then returned to Houston and served two churches, St. Thomas and Pines Presbyterian, working with children, youth, and adults. During that time, she received her certification as a Christian Educator and was trained as a spiritual director. In 2005, she felt God tugging on her heart once again and calling her to go deeper in pastoral ministry. She entered Fuller Theological Seminary as a part-time student and eight years later, graduated with her Master of Divinity. After graduation, Pines Presbyterian Church called Barbara to be their associate pastor and she was ordained November 25, 2012. During her time there, she served in the areas of adult education, women's ministry, Stephen Ministry, worship, and pastoral care. Barbara left Pines in February of 2020 after 31 years to give more time and care to her family and aging parents. Barbara and her husband, Steve, have a blended family of five children, and find great joy serving the Lord together. They also enjoy time with their children, playing golf, and traveling.

The Flowers for this morning are given by Marguerite Priest, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of her grandson, Nathaniel Robert Fowler's 21st birthday.

We are having a Called Congregational Meeting immediately following Worship this morning.

The purpose of the meeting is to vote to accept the request for dissolution of the pastoral relationship between SBPC and Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd.

The Unwind Group will meet on March 7, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the White Elm Brasserie (14079 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77079). Please note that this is a Tuesday, as they are not open for dinner on Monday. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, March 8th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Jan Fitts is making Roasted Pork Chops with Dressing, Green Beans, Apple Sauce, Fresh Fruit, Rolls, Cake, and Cookies! 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, March 8th, 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, 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.

Don't forget to spring forward! Daylight savings time begins on Sunday, March 12th. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night.

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.

*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)*

Gracious God, would you send your Spirit to open our ears and our hearts to hear your word to us this morning, and by your Spirit, would you make your written word a living and active and transforming Word in our lives. Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Marguerite Priest

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 121

Red Pew Bible OT 571

ANTHEM

"God So Loved the World"

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:1-10, 16-17

Red Pew Bible NT 93

SERMON

"Work in Progress"

Rev. Barbara Retzloff

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

GTG, No. 475

*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**

"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:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**Invitation
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Words of Institution
Breaking of the Bread
Serving the People
Prayer After Receiving**

Departing to Serve

***HYMN**

"Lift High the Cross"

GTG, No. 826

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

***BENEDICTION**

***OUR RESPONSE**

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

GTG, No. 215

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!*

***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.



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.