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“A Burning Heart?”
April 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 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: Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

People: Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!" Worship him, all the earth!

***HYMN**

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

GTG, No. 20

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar. But if we confess our sins, he forgives us our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness, because of the perfect sacrifice he himself provided, Jesus Christ. Friends, let us get right with God, and be renewed by his mercy.

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Father, help us admit to you our rebellious spirits, our willful disobedience to your ways of life for us. We want all of your free gifts of grace, even as we duck our responsibilities, blame others, complain of bad circumstances, justify our pursuit of perverse thoughts, words and activities. Were it not for you taking the initiative to seek us out in our downward death spiral. . . we can't even imagine. Forgive us and breathe new life into us for our health and your glory. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

April 23 — Sunday

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)
5:30 pm New Member Class

April 24 — Monday

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

April 25 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
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)

April 26 — 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: Pork Tenderloin!

April 27 — 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)

April 28 — Friday

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

April 29 — Saturday

6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

April 30 — Sunday

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

May 1 — Monday

6:00 pm PW Unwind: Velvet Taco!
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

May 2 — Tuesday

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)

May 3 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Moderator (CR)
10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)
3:30 pm WOW (S)
6:00 pm WNS: Cranberry Chicken!

May 4 — 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)

May 5 — Friday

9:00 am Jessie's Bites* (Kitchen)
5:30 pm SBM Arc Meeting* (GP)
7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

May 6 — Saturday

6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (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. Tim Phillips! Tim was ordained at St. Andrew's in Houston in 1992, as associate pastor. He also worked presbytery-wide with immigrant Latino pastors and their churches. Due to Houston's exploding multicultural demographics, he helped churches explore the opportunities for transitioning to multicultural church. He joined InterVarsity staff as a validated ministry, working at community colleges and UH Clear Lake, with undergrads and faculty. Since mid-2020, he has been studying the role of the Spirit in the life and ministry of Jesus and the early Church. Q: Why do many Christians seem to be hesitant (ignorant?) about the power of the Spirit? A: -----? He has two adult children, a daughter working with at-risk youth in Beirut, Lebanon, and a son working in the greater Houston area with horses and their riders in dressage.

Our next fun Sunday Craft Workshop is today from 2:00-4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be painting bluebonnets on fabric of your choice. You need to bring something such as a t-shirt or other type shirt or sweatshirt, table runner, placemats, napkins, etc. The fabric should be 50-50 cotton-polyester or something close, or all cotton. The cost will be \$5.00 for paint and supplies. We hope to see you there!

Happy Hands will meet this Wednesday, April 26th, 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, April 26th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Jim Kunkel and Lu Taylor are making Pork Tenderloin! Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

Did you take any pictures on Easter Sunday? The cover of the May PresPress will be a collage of pictures of the Celebration of the Resurrection. These can be pictures of any of the festivities on Easter weekend at the church, or Easter traditions with your families at home. Please submit pictures to Ethan Mitchell (ethan@springbranchpres.org or 832-452-5566).

Scholarship Applications are 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.

Unwind is going to Velvet Taco! Please join us for dinner on Monday, May 1st, at 6:00 PM at Velvet Taco. The address is 10201 Katy Freeway Houston, TX 77024. Please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114, only if you would like to attend.

Save-the-Date for a celebration in appreciation of our own, Chip Colvin! We will have a Send Off Concert on Sunday, May 7th, at 2:00 PM in the Sanctuary, with a reception to follow. The concert will be comprised of three parts: Broadway Classics, Improvised Creations, and Chip's interpretation of hymn requests from the Congregation. Chip will be headed west to sunny California to help support a newly established children's theatre called *Backyard Kids*. Please make plans to attend this special concert!

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, May 10th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. A salad luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a salad to share. Please contact Patti Nanney if you'd like to attend via Zoom. The **Evening Bible Study** will meet on Monday, May 8th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah or Ashley Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 9 video is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/celebrating-sabbath.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the Good News! God showed his love for us by sending his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. Because of Jesus and by faith in him, we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God, who desires that all people be saved and come to a true knowledge of Jesus, the only Lord and Savior. Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GLORIA

"You Are Holy"

GTG, No. 705

God's People Are Empowered

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Todd Miller

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

Red Pew Bible NT 90

ANTHEM

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:14-23, 32-33, 36-41

Red Pew Bible NT 119

SERMON

"A Burning Heart?"

Rev. Tim Phillips

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

GTG, No. 23

*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 Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

GTG, No. 35

*Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!*

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

Father, all that we have is yours. We ask that you multiply this offering to do more than we think possible. Increase our faith such that we ourselves, in the power of your Spirit working in us, proclaim and demonstrate your kingdom rule in our neighborhoods, schools, places of business, hospitals and prisons, to all people without exception. We offer and dedicate ourselves to you for your glory! 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**

"Lets Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

GTG, No. 526

***BENEDICTION**

***THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD**

***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.

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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