



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Who's Who:

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The Session

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Class of 2023

Silvia Argyriou
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Class of 2025

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Academy Board

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Serving today in Worship:

Guest Pastor: Rev. Cindy Mood

Liturgist: Jan Fitts

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“Gates”
 April 30, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 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: Sisters and brothers, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

People: For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

Leader: Let us break bread together and shower our lives in common.

People: Let us give what we can to all who have needs, so that all people, no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.

Leader: Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

People: For in this way, God will add to our numbers every day.

***HYMN**

"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

GTG, No. 187

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Friends, in as much as God is our shepherd, let us not fear, but confess our sin that God may restore our souls.

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Holy One, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed Christ's example. When we have been abused, we have been abusive in return. We have gone astray. Lead us back into your fold and guard our souls in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, the promise of our faith is that if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly, we need not feel threatened, for we will be returned to righteousness. Having been brought back into the safety of God's fold, let us share our peace with one another.

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

April 30 — Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Choir Practice
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:15 pm Personnel Committee (CR)
- 12:15 pm Nominating Committee (P)

May 1 — Monday

- 6:00 pm PW Unwind: Velvet Taco!
- 6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)
- 7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (Zoom)

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)

May 7 — Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Choir Practice
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:15 pm VBS Meeting (CR)
- 2:00 pm Chip Colvin's Farewell Concert (S)
- 4:00 pm Cub Scouts Graduation (FH)

May 8 — Monday

- 6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)
- 7:00 pm Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom

May 9 — Tuesday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Webelos (GP 1 & 2)
- 6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting (CR)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

May 10 — Wednesday

- 9:30 am PW Circle (CR & FH)
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Hamburgers!

May 11 — Thursday

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

May 12 — Friday

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

May 13 — Saturday

- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

Announcements & Events:

Rev. Cindy Mood is excited to lead worship with Spring Branch Presbyterian Church. She has always been Presbyterian, but that hasn't stopped her from dabbling in many other denominations. Currently, she is serving as the Director of Membership and Learning at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church. She grew up in Kansas, the granddaughter of a PCUSA minister and a clinical psychologist. While in college, she pursued her passions and graduated with degrees in Philosophy, Religion and Psychology. She moved south for grad school and graduated in 2015 with her Master of Divinity from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Master of Science of Social Work from UT Austin. Her daughter, Lena, was 6 weeks old when they moved to Houston in 2019. Her son, Cyrus, was born during the great Texas freeze two years ago. Her husband, Charles, has joined her journey of twists and turns and they are delighted to be here today.

Unwind is going to Velvet Taco! Please join us for dinner tomorrow, 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.

Scholarship Applications are available for interested students. Completed applications are due tomorrow, Monday, 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.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, May 3rd, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Jan Fitts is making Cranberry Chicken over Rice, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Lemon Ice Box Pie, and Cookies! Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

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.

Save-the-Date for Vacation Bible School! VBS will be held June 13th-16th from 9:00 AM-11:30 AM in the Gathering Place. A time of music, worship, crafts, recreation, and fellowship is being planned. We welcome any individuals that would like to participate or volunteer to please let Miguel know in the church office. Registration forms can be accessed here: www.springbranchpres.org/vbs.

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

"There Is a Redeemer"

GTG, No. 443

*There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*

God's People Are Empowered

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Jan Fitts

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the teachings of your Word, that through it we may hear your voice and follow it into eternal life. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

Red Pew Bible NT 120

ANTHEM

"A Gaelic Blessing"

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 10:1-10

Red Pew Bible NT 103

SERMON

"Gates"

Rev. Cindy Mood

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (v. 1-3)

GTG, No. 829

*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)*

Holy and generous God, you have anointed us and we are yours. Bless these tithes and offerings that they may become green pastures and still waters for any and all who need your comfort and restoration. 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**

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

GTG, No. 542

***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.



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.