



# Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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## The Session

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### Class of 2023

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## Academy Board

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## Serving today in Worship:

**Guest Pastor:** Rev. Gregory Han

**Liturgist:** Jan Fitts

**Time For Young Disciples:** Jan Fitts

**Usher Captain:** Donald McDaniel

**PowerPoint:** Megan Hogg

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***Mother's Day***

**May 14, 2023**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 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: Come, let us celebrate the unique gifts that God has given to each of us.

**People: Let us together give thanks for the call of Christ to follow him into a broken world, to lead the church into making all things new.**

Leader: Let us sing praises to our God that we can claim the amazing gifts of the Spirit, with which we have been equipped for service and leadership—gifts of peacemaking, compassion, perseverance, unity and love—and use them for the sake of all God's children.

**People: Let us worship God with joy, gratitude, and expectation!**

**\*HYMN**

*"Blessed Assurance"*

GTG, No. 839

Preparing for the Word

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Leader: The Apostle Paul writes that "to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace." You are invited to unburden your soul today by confession of sin.

**CONFESSION OF SIN** *(unison)*

**Loving and merciful God, you created each of us in your own image to live in community. You graced us with the gifts of apostles, prophets, pastors and teachers. You equipped all for the work of ministry. Yet too often we tarnish your image, waste our gifts, refuse to accept your call to service and fail to live at peace with our neighbors. O God, help us to turn to you to shape us as you intended when you created us. Fill us with your Spirit, and strengthen us to continue our journey and fulfill the task of shaping the Christian community as one people of God. We trust that all things are possible through you. In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

# Calendar of Events

[www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar](http://www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar)

**May 14 — Sunday**

*Mother's Day*

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

**May 15 — Monday**

- 10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)
- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting (P)
- 6:00 pm Rainbow's End Appreciation Dinner
- 6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

**May 16 — Tuesday**

- 9:00 am Jessie's Bites\* (Kitchen)
- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 11:30 am Miracles of Mission (Junior League)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Wolf (GP 1 & 2)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship\* (FH)

**May 17 — Wednesday**

- 10:30 am ZIP Trip: Brookwood
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Hungarian Goulash!

**May 18 — 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 19 — Friday**

- 11:30 am Academy Pre-K Graduation (S)
- 6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting\* (GP)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program\* (YR)

**May 20 — Saturday**

*PresPress Articles Due*

- 8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)
- 4:00 pm Fairbees Anniversary Dance\* (FH)
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service\* (GP)

**May 21 — Sunday**

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

**May 22 — Monday**

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

**May 23 — 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)

**May 24 — 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: Grilled Chopped Steak Patties!

**May 25 — 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)

**May 26 — Friday**

**Academy Closed (Teacher Work Day)**

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

**May 27 — Saturday**

- 11:00 am Hot Meals
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service\* (GP)



## Announcements & Events:

**Returning as our Guest Pastor this morning is Rev. Gregory Han!** The Rev. Gregory Han is a doctoral student in the Department of Religion at Rice University and also teaches at the Post Oak High School. Greg earned a B.A. in American Studies from Georgetown University and a Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School. Ordained in 2000, he first worked as a hospital chaplain before serving two congregations in the Houston area. He is well-versed in interreligious dialogue, directing the interfaith initiatives for Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston for over seven years. His teaching experience includes six years at St. John's School, a year in the Honors College at the University of Houston, and he has taught as an Adjunct Professor in Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary's Christian-Jewish Relations Certificate program.

**The Gathering Place will meet tomorrow, Monday, May 15th, at 10:00 AM!** The theme for this month is *Mexican Fiesta!* If you are interested in helping out, please see Jacquie Ballesteros or Sarah Dikeman.

**PW ZIP Trip** — Our final ZIP Trip for the season is May 17th at Brookwood Community for lunch. We will leave the church parking lot around 10:30-10:45 AM. We can shop the gift and garden shops prior to lunch. Please let Marguerite Priest know if you plan on going.

**Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday,** May 17th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Silvia Argyriou is making Hungarian Goulash with Noodles, Green Beans, and Dessert! Please email Kay Craig at [kay@craig-heidt.com](mailto:kay@craig-heidt.com) to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there! Save-the-date for our final dinner of the school year, next Wednesday, May 24th.

**Our Mission Team is inviting members and friends to help us partner with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) to help with the ongoing needs of the people of Syria and Turkey as they rebuild from a 7.8 magnitude earthquake.** We will be collecting a special offering from May 14th—June 11th to be sent to PDA. We invite you to learn more by visiting here: <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/turkey-syria-earthquake/>. Donations can be made payable to the church with "Syria-Turkey Offering" in the memo line. We thank you for your support and prayers for this important cause.

**Thelma Stockton is turning 106 on May 20th!** We invite you to send her a birthday card with birthday wishes in celebration of her special day. Thelma's mailing address is 11424 Richmond Avenue #225, Houston, TX 77082.

**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](http://www.springbranchpres.org/vbs).

**We will be starting children's chimes this summer!** This is a chance for elementary aged children to get to ring chimes as part of Worship. We will have some exploratory sessions this summer on the second Sunday of every month at 9:30 (June 11, July 9, and August 13th). Starting in September, we will meet the second and fourth Sunday each month during the Sunday School hour (these are the Sundays that do not have children's Sunday School). We are so excited to start up this new adventure! Please contact Megan Hogg ([megan1661@yahoo.com](mailto:megan1661@yahoo.com)) for additional details.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Leader:** Our sin and brokenness may surround us in the night, but joy comes in the light of the morning. God turns weeping into dancing. The powers of sin and death have been defeated by Jesus Christ. God's authority stands above all earthly authorities.

**People:** **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and raised to a new creation, in which we live for God and for one another.**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### \*GLORIA

*"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"*

GTG, No. 591

*Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

### God's People Are Empowered

### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Jan Fitts

### MOTHER'S DAY RECOGNITION

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

**Refresh us with your Word, O God. Baptize us with the power of the gospel, as we hear it read and proclaimed this day. As you did in the beginning, send your Spirit to hover over the chaos — the chaos of our own frenzied and disordered souls — that we would hear your truth ringing forth in a clear and unambiguous voice: Good News, for ourselves and for this entire world. Amen.**

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 66:8-20

Red Pew Bible OT 528

#### ANTHEM

*"If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments"*

Choir

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:15-21

Red Pew Bible NT 109

#### SERMON

*"The Grace of Giving"*

Rev. Gregory Han

### Responding to the Word

#### \*HYMN

*"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"*

GTG, No. 7

#### \*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**

**\*DOXOLOGY**                      *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*                      GTG, No. 607

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

### **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*unison*)

**Accept these gifts we offer, gracious God. We dedicate this offering to you, the giver of all good gifts, and pray that it would be a scattering of seeds in good and fertile soil. Use both the work of our hands and the giving of our resources, so that the gospel may bloom and its roots grow deep, both in this place, and throughout the world. 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**                                      *"How Great Thou Art"*                                      GTG, No. 625

### **\*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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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