



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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Serving today in Worship:

Guest Pastor: Rev. Timothy V. Marquez

Liturgist: Jacquie Ballesteros

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“The Power to Forgive”
May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

May 28, 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** *(Psalm 113)*

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

Leader: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**People: The Lord is high above all nations,
and God's glory above the heavens.**

Leader: Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,
who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

**ALL: God raises the poor from the dust,
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.
Praise the Lord!**

***HYMN**

"Holy Spirit, Come to Us"

GTG, No. 281

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us come before God with humble hearts as we confess our sins before God
and to one another. Let us pray.

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Almighty God, we confess that we do not use the gifts You have given us. We worry that we will not have enough, and we hoard possessions and wealth. We do not stop to help others because we believe our time is more important. We lift up our own desires above the needs of others and put ourselves first, the exact opposite of what Jesus taught us, to become last of all and servant of all. Forgive us. Call us into accountability. Remind us of the vast richness of the life You have given us, and that we always have something to give. Help us to learn to set boundaries so we do not run dry, but lead us into a way of life in which we give of what we can, ask for help when we need, and carry each other's burdens. Help us to build up Your heavenly realm here on earth as it is in heaven. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

May 28 — Pentecost Sunday

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
9:45 am Choir Practice
10:50 am Worship
12:00 pm Reception (Breezeway)

May 29 — Monday

Church & Academy Closed



May 30 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

May 31 — Wednesday

June 1 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

June 2 — Friday

5:45 pm Family Movie Night (GP)
7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

June 3 — Saturday

6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

June 4 — Trinity Sunday

Installation of Officers

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

June 5 — Monday

6:00 pm PW Unwind: Carrabba's!
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)
7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting

June 6 — 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)

June 7 — Wednesday

June 8 — Thursday

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)

June 9 — Friday

7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

June 10 — 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:

We welcome the Rev. Timothy V. Marquez back to our pulpit today! Pastor Tim confesses to being both excited and challenged by the opportunities of ministry in these pandemic times in the church. Involved in the Interim and Transitional ministry of the Presbyterian Church USA. A contribution of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines – a Global Mission Partner of the PCUSA – to the wider and global church and only by God’s grace he was able to serve local churches and Mid Councils in the Eastern, Western and Midwestern regions of the US as a hospital chaplain, solo pastor, head of staff, and associate pastor positions. Pastor Tim is a member in Full Standing of the New Covenant Presbytery of the PCUSA, served in varied committees of the presbytery, and as the Presbytery Commissioner to the 224th General Assembly of the PCUSA. Now he is part of the Coordinating Team of the Synod of the Sun PCUSA, serving as the past moderator for the Committee on Representation. Ordained by the UCCP United Metropolis Conference, he received his education in ministry at FEBIAS College of Bible, formal theological training at Silliman University Divinity School (the only Presbyterian University in the Philippines), Graduate Studies in psychology at the University of the City of Maynila, and recently finished his Master of Theology course at the Union Theological Seminary. Tim is married to his lovely wife Tricia Sanchez (Pie) and blessed with two boys, Jacob Kahlil and Jericho Ishmael. They are now living in Sugar Land Texas. Always grateful to God for all the blessings and the opportunity to serve our Lord Jesus Christ and his wider church.

The Flowers for this morning are given by Jim Kunkel & Lu Taylor, to the Glory of God, and are in memory of Jim’s beloved grandmother, Thelma Ladd Warren.

This morning we welcome our new Accompanist, Jonathan Craft! Jonathan is a Houston native, and a highly sought-after pianist, conductor, music director, keyboard programmer, and composer-arranger. Most recently, he served as the Associate Music Director on two national tours of *Cats*. Locally, he has worked with TUTS, Stages Theatre, Queensbury Theatre, Sam Houston State University, the University of St. Thomas, University of Houston, Lone Star Lyric Theatre, the Lone Star College system, the Symphony of Southeast Texas, the ECHO Orchestra, HITS Theatre, Wildfish Theatre, the Evelyn Rubenstein JCC theatre program, and numerous other schools, theaters, and venues. He was previously the minister of music at Grace Lutheran Church in Montrose, and has been a guest musician at Resurrection MCC, River Oaks Baptist Church, Congregation Beth Israel, Second Baptist Church, and the Houston Congregation of Reform Judaism. He is the staff pianist at the Kinkaid School, and is on staff in the musical theatre department of SHSU. He sends all the love in his heart to his husband Edward, and to their three cats. www.jonathancraft.net.

The Church and Academy will be closed Monday, May 29th, in observance of Memorial Day.

Please join the Unwind Group on Monday, June 5th, at 6:00 PM for dinner at Carrabba’s Italian Grill. RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114 only if you plan to attend. See you there!

In anticipation of receipt of permission from the Presbytery Committee on Ministry to form a Pastor Nominating Committee, **the Nominating Committee is asking for any active church members who are interested in serving on the Pastor Nominating Committee** to contact Lu Taylor at 832-571-8779 or lu@lutaylor.com.

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.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.” We are one. We are all needed and valued. You are part of the body of Christ. You are very much needed, very much loved. Share your gifts, because God needs you, and be part of God’s reign now and always. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

***GLORIA** “*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*” (v. 1, 2) GTG, No. 286

*Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.*

God’s People Are Empowered

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Neal Dikeman

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Gracious God, you are our breath. Give us life, and we will praise you. Light of God, we come to shape ourselves to be vessels of your love. Give us grace, and we will serve you. Holy Spirit, you are our Wisdom and our life. Speak to us, and we will listen. Amen.

ANTHEM “*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*” Choir

GOSPEL READING John 20:19-23 Red Pew Bible NT 115

SERMON “*The Power to Forgive*” Rev. Timothy V. Marquez

Responding to the Word

***HYMN** “*Spirit of the Living God*” GTG, No. 288

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** *"All Creatures of Our God and King"* GTG, No.15

*All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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

Gracious God, we thank you for the mystery that you give yourself to us. This mystery in which you have given yourself to us, and with gratitude we give you our lives, symbolized in our gifts. Receive them with love, bless them with grace, and use them according to your will. May your Spirit always flow through us, for the sake of the healing of the world, in the name of Christ. 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** *"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"* GTG, No. 291

*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.