



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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The Session

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Class of 2025

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 Sarah Dikeman

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Serving today in Worship:

Guest Pastor: Rev. Timothy V. Marquez

Liturgist: Elizabeth Powell

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Guest Accompanist: Jonathan Craft

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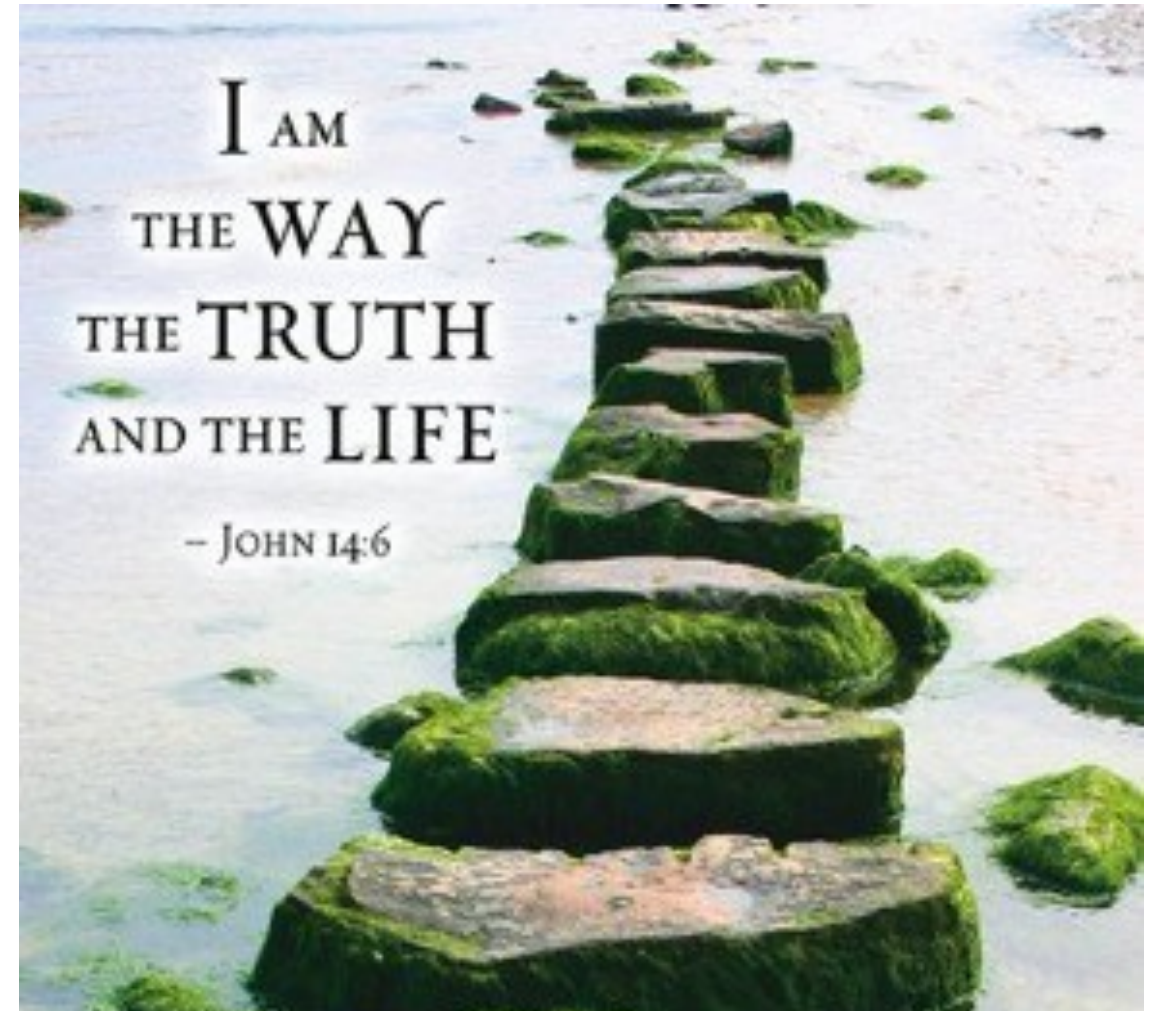
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“Via, Veritas, Vita”
May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 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** *(John 14:1-3, 13:34, 14:6, 13:35)*

Leader: Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God, believe in Jesus Christ the Son.

**People: For God has prepared something new for us,
The reign of Christ that we have glimpsed here and now.**

Leader: For this is Christ's commandment,
That we love one another.

People: Christ has shown us the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Leader: For everyone will know that we are Christ's disciples,
If we have love for one another.

ALL: Let us worship Almighty God!

***HYMN** *"The Church's One Foundation"* (v. 1, 3, 5) GTG, No. 321

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us come before the Throne of Grace as we confess before God and to one another our short comings. Let us pray.

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Parental God, You love us as Your children, but as children we have not always listened to You. We fail to heed Your warnings and hear Your call to turn back. We make mistakes, and fall down, and struggle to learn. Nonetheless, Your love for us through Jesus Christ, Your Holy One, reminds us that love can lift us up, love can restore us, and love can heal us, teach us, and guide us to live in Your ways. Call us back to Your way, Your truth, and Your life, by loving one another, for this is the commandment that all others fall under: may we love one another. In this love, may our faith grow that You make all things new, and restore all things, even us. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

May 7 — Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Choir Practice
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:00 pm Reception for Chip Colvin
- 12:15 pm VBS Meeting (CR)
- 4:00 pm Cub Scouts Graduation (FH)

May 8 — Monday

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (P)
- 6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)
- 7:00 pm Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom
- 7:00 pm Mission Team Meeting

May 9 — Tuesday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 5:00 pm Fellowship Meeting (CR)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Webelos (GP 1 & 2)
- 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)

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)
- 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

- 11:00 am ZIP Trip: Your Cup of Tea
- 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
- 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)

Announcements & Events:

We welcome the Rev. Timothy V. Marquez 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.

Please join us in the Breezeway immediately after worship for a reception today in honor of Chip Colvin. Chip will be headed west to sunny California to help support a newly established children’s theatre called *Backyard Kids*. He will continue to join us in Worship until his last Sunday, May 21st. Chip wants to give a sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone at SBPC for their unwavering love and support over the past several years.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, May 10th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Laurie Mitchell is making Hamburgers! 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, 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.

The Gathering Place will meet on 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 Your Cup of Tea, an English tearoom, located at 2620 Fondren Houston, TX 77063. We will leave from the church at 10:45-10:50 for an 11:00 AM gathering at the restaurant for lunch. Reservations are required to Marguerite Priest.

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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Jesus never gave up on the disciples, even though they betrayed him, denied him, doubted him, argued who was the greatest, tried to call down hellfire and brimstone in a fit of anger, and didn’t believe their sisters who told them repeatedly that he had risen. Jesus doesn’t give up on you, either, when you struggle in your faith, say things you regret, and fail to trust others. So get up. Dust off your knees, wipe your eyes, and know that Christ loves you so much. You are precious to God, despite any flaws or shortcomings. God loves you madly and wants you to be part of Christ’s reign on earth. Join in the fun and the heartache. Love one another, forgive one another, and take up the challenge to live into Christ’s way, truth, and life. Share the good news. Amen.

*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

Kathryn Dethloff

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Holy God, your love is deep and wide. With silent hearts, we open ourselves to your presence, as we listen to your Holy Words, to receive your love, to become your love. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled”

Chip Colvin

GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:1-14

Red Pew Bible NT 108

SERMON

“Via, Veritas, Vita”

Rev. Timothy V. Marquez

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

“Come and Fill Our Hearts”

GTG, No. 466

*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*)
Gracious God, you have loved us perfectly in your Son Jesus Christ. Stir up a spirit of gratitude in our hearts, that we may respond in faith. We give you these gifts as symbols of our lives. Receive them with love, bless them with grace, and use them according to your will, for the love of all people, in the name of Christ. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- The Invitation**
- Sharing of Prayer Concerns**
- Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**
- The Words of Institution**
- Prayer of Thanksgiving**
- Breaking of the Bread**
- Serving of the Elements**
- Prayer After Receiving**

Departing to Serve

***HYMN** *"Song of Hope"* GTG, No. 765

***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.