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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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“Blessed to Be A Blessing”
June 11, 2023

2nd Sunday After Pentecost

June 11, 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** *(from Psalm 33:1-5, NIV)*

Leader: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

**People: Praise the LORD with the harp;
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.**

Leader: Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully, and shout for joy.

**People: For the Word of the LORD is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.**

**ALL: The LORD loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love.**

***HYMN**

"Step By Step"

GTG, No. 743

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

God of love, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done, we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

June 11 — Sunday

Youth Conferences Commissioning

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children's Chime Choir
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:15 pm Mission Team Meeting (CR)

June 12 — Monday

- 4:00 pm Ambassadors Group (Zoom)
- 6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

June 13 — Tuesday

Vacation Bible School (GP), 9:00-11:30 AM

- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting (CR)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

June 14 — Wednesday

Vacation Bible School (GP), 9:00-11:30 AM

June 15 — Thursday

Vacation Bible School (GP), 9:00-11:30 AM

- 6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

June 16 — Friday

Vacation Bible School (GP), 9:00-11:30 AM

- 5:30 pm VBS Closing Celebration (FH)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

June 17 — Saturday

- 8:00 am Cheerful Clown Alley* (GP)
- 11:00 am Memorial Service: Anne Johnson
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

June 18 — Sunday

Father's Day

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:00 pm Called Congregational Meeting

June 19 — Monday

Mo-Ranch Summit46

- 9:30 am WOW (S)
- 10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)
- 6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

June 20 — Tuesday

Mo-Ranch Summit46

PresPress Articles Due

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

June 21 — Wednesday

Mo-Ranch Summit46

June 22 — Thursday

Mo-Ranch Summit46

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

June 23 — Friday

- 7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

June 24 — Saturday

- 11:00 am Hot Meals
- 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:

Returning as our Guest Pastor this morning is Jeanmarie B. Tade, Pastoral Resident, First Presbyterian Church Houston. Jeanmarie and her husband, Tim, are long time members of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church, where she served as a Ruling Elder. Jeanmarie practiced law for 30 years in the energy industry and then responded to a call to pastoral ministry. She graduated from Fuller Texas with an M.Div. in 2021. The same year, Jeanmarie received certification as a Spiritual Director through the Catholic Church. Jeanmarie and Tim serve as Stephen Ministers at MDPC. They have two adult children. Jeanmarie enjoys preaching at SBPC where her Aunt Jani Shepard worships.

The Flowers for this morning are given by Betty Magnuson, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of Charlie's & Kay's birthdays.

This morning we are Commissioning Tweens & Youth that will be participating in Conferences at Mo-Ranch this summer! Attending Summit46 (June 19th-22nd), will be Piper Dikeman, Jayden Earnest, Owen Mann, Emma Pace, and Miguel Carlin. We will be partnering with First Presbyterian Church, Pearland for this trip. Attending Junior High Jubilee (July 9th-13th), will be Luke & Bryn Fuller. We will be partnering with Northwoods Presbyterian Church for this trip.

Save-the-Date for Vacation Bible School! VBS will be held THIS WEEK, 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. Registration forms can be accessed here: www.springbranchpres.org/vbs. **The Closing Celebration & Dinner will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, June 16th, at 5:30 PM!** We will be having Hamburgers with all of the trimmings.

Save-the-Date for a brief Called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 18th, immediately following Worship. The purpose of the meeting is to Elect the Pastoral Nominating Committee.

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 are collecting a special offering, ending today, 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.

Articles for the July 2023 edition of the PresPress are due on Tuesday, June 20th. Please submit articles to ethan@springbranchpres.org.

Join us on Sunday, June 25th, from 2:00-4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for our next fun Craft Workshop — Tile Painting with Sharpies & Alcohol. We will be working on making coasters or trivets. We need reservations so we have enough supplies! Call Kay Craig at 713-248-4138, or email to kay@craig-heidt.com.

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** *"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"* GTG, No. 582
*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

God's People Are Empowered

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Marguerite Priest

COMMISSIONING OF MO-RANCH PARTICIPANTS

Piper Dikeman, Jayden Earnest, Bryn Fuller, Luke Fuller, Owen Mann, Emma Pace, and Miguel Carlin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Holy Spirit, pour upon us wisdom and understanding, that by being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to receive all that leads to life and holiness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 12:1-5

New International Version

ANTHEM

"Be Thou My Vision"

Gabe Perez

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 4:18-21

New International Version

SERMON

"Blessed to Be A Blessing"

Jeanmarie B. Tade, Pastoral Resident, First Presbyterian Church Houston

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"Standing on the Promises"

GTG, No. 838

*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)*

Dear God, wherever we look, from next door to a world away, we see the places where your creation groans. May these gifts be a faithful response to those cries. 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

"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.