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“When God Builds A Family”

June 25, 2023

4th Sunday After Pentecost

June 25, 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: I will bless the LORD at all times;

People: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

People: Let the humble hear and be glad.

**ALL: O magnify the LORD with me,
And let us exalt His name together.**

***HYMN**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

GTG, No. 39

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

June 25 — Sunday

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
10:50 am Worship
2:00 pm Sunday Craft Workshop (FH)

June 26 — Monday

9:30 am WOW (S)
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (Zoom)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)
8:00 pm PNC Meeting (Zoom)

June 27 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce Ball* (Field)
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
7:00 pm Session (CR)
7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

June 28 — Wednesday

9:30 am Happy Hands (CR)
5:00 pm Cribbage (CR)

June 29 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce Ball* (Field)
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

June 30 — Friday

7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

July 1 — Saturday

6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

July 2 — Sunday

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
10:50 am Worship

July 3 — Monday

9:30 am WOW (S)
6:00 pm PW Unwind: Kim Son Café!
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

July 4 — Tuesday

Church & Academy Closed



July 5 — Wednesday

July 6 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce Ball* (Field)
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

July 7 — Friday

7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

July 8 — Saturday

8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)
6:00 pm Covered Dish Supper (FH)
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:

Our Guest Pastor this morning is Rev. Christopher D. Barnes! Chris is a native of Houston, TX. Being raised in the church at an early age, he was baptized at 4. From that moment on, Chris served in various capacities in his local church, including as junior deacon. At 16, he prayerfully confessed his call to preach the gospel of the Kingdom of God and was licensed after his initial sermon. Chris matriculated at Texas A&M University, where he received his Bachelor of Business Administration. Upon graduation, he was then ordained. Since then, he has served several congregations in various capacities until his most recent membership at Solid Rock Baptist Church. Rev. Chris is currently enrolled at Fuller Theological Seminary, where he is pursuing a Master of Arts in Theology degree. He is married to the former Christian Nicole Stewart, and to this union was born one daughter, Sydney Zoëlle.

The Flowers for this morning are given by Lee Dudinsky, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of Maryam Taghadosi's birthday on June 27th.

Join us today 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. Please see Kay if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!

Happy Hands will meet this Wednesday, June 28th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Hope you can join us then. If you have any questions, please contact Doris Wright.

The Unwind Group will meet for dinner on July 3, 2023 at 6:00 PM at Kim Son Café (12311 Kingsride, Houston, TX 77024). Please RSVP to Jacque Ballesteros at 713-305-1114 only if you are coming. Unwind is part of Presbyterian Women, who meet for dinner on the first Monday evening of each month to socialize and "unwind" from the day. Please join us! It's fun!

Did you take any pictures during VBS week? The cover of the July PresPress will be a collage of pictures from the week. Please submit pictures to Ethan Mitchell (ethan@springbranchpres.org or 832-452-5566).

Join us for a Covered Dish Super at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, July 8th. *The King's Men* will be providing us with the entertainment. Families, please bring a main dish, and a side, salad, or dessert. Singles, please bring one dish. The Fellowship Committee will provide drinks and bread. We hope to see you there!

Save-the-Date for our July Blood Drive – SBPC will have a Blood Drive on Sunday, July 23rd from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Ashley Powell at ashleycrawford161@gmail.com or 972-571-2499 if you would like to donate. Share the gift of life!

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 (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) for additional details.

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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, given to us in baptism. Believe this good news and give thanks:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GLORIA

"Give Thanks"

GTG, No. 647

*Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.*

*And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
let the poor say, "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!"
And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
let the poor say, "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!"*

Give thanks. Give thanks.

God's People Are Empowered

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Jan Fitts

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

People: **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 86

Red Pew Bible OT 544

ANTHEM

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

Gabe Perez

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 21:8-21

Red Pew Bible OT 17

SERMON

"When God Builds A Family"

Rev. Christopher D. Barnes

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

GTG, No. 735

***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** GTG, No. 606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Leader: Lord God, thank You for these gifts and the spirit in which they were given. We ask for Your insight, wisdom, and courage, to use these gifts for the betterment of Your people. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: 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** GTG, No. 738
"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

***BENEDICTION**

***THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD**

***POSTLUDE**

Portions of today's Worship Service are taken from the Presbyterian Church, Book of Common Worship.

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.



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