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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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“Expectations”
July 2, 2023

**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** *(Inspired by Genesis 22:1-14, Micah 6:8, Deuteronomy 6:5)*

Leader: What does the Lord require of you?

People: To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

Leader: What does God command of us?

People: To love God with all our heart, and all our soul, and all our mind, and all our strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Leader: God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

But to presence, and abundance, and grace in our struggle.

People: Let us worship the God who believes in us, and trusts in us, and abides with us.

ALL: Let us worship the God who will ask much of us, but will be beside us every step of the way.

***HYMN**

"Make Me a Servant"

(insert)

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION *(Jeremiah 29:11-13)*

Leader: For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart.

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)* *(Based on Genesis 22:1-14; the sacrifice of Isaac)*

Loving and Sustaining God, You call us to obedience, to follow you in all things; to give up the things we cling to, and to give ourselves wholeheartedly to your purposes. We confess that we don't always find this easy to do. We confess that it is often very difficult to let go of the things we love. But we also know that you never ask more of us than what is possible, and that you stand ready, at all times, to sustain us, and to provide everything we need. Give us courage to faithfully follow your leading, even when we cannot see the outcome, even when the path you call us to seems impossible to comprehend. Help us to trust you in all things, to let go of everything that would stand in the way of whole-hearted obedience to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

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

July 9 — Sunday

Mo-Ranch Jr. High Jubilee

9:15 am Church Nursery

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am Children's Chime Choir (S)

10:50 am Worship

12:00 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration

12:15 pm Mission Team Meeting (P)

July 10 — Monday

Mo-Ranch Jr. High Jubilee

9:30 am WOW (S)

5:00 pm Faith Development (P)

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

July 11 — Tuesday

Mo-Ranch Jr. High Jubilee

9:15 am Congregational Care Meeting (CR)

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce Ball* (Field)

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting (CR)

7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

July 12 — Wednesday

Mo-Ranch Jr. High Jubilee

5:00 pm Cribbage (CR)

July 13 — Thursday

Mo-Ranch Jr. High Jubilee

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting

5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce Ball* (Field)

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

July 14 — Friday

6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting* (CR)

7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

July 15 — Saturday

Presbytery Meeting @ SBPC

6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

Announcements & Events:

Rev. Cindy Mood is excited to lead worship with Spring Branch Presbyterian Church again!

She has always been Presbyterian, but that hasn't stopped her from dabbling in many other denominations. Currently, she is serving as the Director of Membership and Learning at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church. She grew up in Kansas, the granddaughter of a PCUSA minister and a clinical psychologist. While in college, she pursued her passions and graduated with degrees in Philosophy, Religion and Psychology. She moved south for grad school and graduated in 2015 with her Master of Divinity from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Master of Science of Social Work from UT Austin. Her daughter, Lena, was 6 weeks old when they moved to Houston in 2019. Her son, Cyrus, was born during the great Texas freeze two years ago. Her husband, Charles, has joined her journey of twists and turns and they are delighted to be here today.

The Flowers for this morning are given by Jane Shepard, to the Glory of God, and are in memory of her mother, Mary Katherine Staats.

The Unwind Group will meet for dinner tomorrow, July 3rd, at 6:00 PM at Kim Son Café (12311 Kingsride, Houston, TX 77024). Please RSVP to Jacquie 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!

The Academy and Church Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day.

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!

The Children's Sunday School Class will be taking the month of July off for summer vacation. Join us when we resume on Sunday, August 6th!

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.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Based on Psalm 13:5-6)*

Leader: Will you trust in God's unfailing love? Will you rejoice because God has rescued you? Will you sing to the Lord your God?

People: We will! Because God has been so good to each and every one of us.

Leader: Know that you are forgiven, you are forgiven indeed!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: We offer each other a sign of peace.

*GLORIA

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" (v. 1, 4)

GTG, No. 1

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

God's People Are Empowered

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Marguerite Priest

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the teachings of your Word, that through it, we may hear your voice and follow it into eternal life. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 22:1-14

Red Pew Bible OT 17

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 13

Red Pew Bible OT 494

ANTHEM

"One God and Father of Us All"

Gabe Perez

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 10:40-42

Red Pew Bible NT 11

SERMON

"Expectations"

Rev. Cindy Mood

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"

(insert)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*unison*) (*Confession of 1967, 9.21, 22*)
The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for all when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to people, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Leader: Hospitality – a warm welcome – is generosity. When we welcome each child of God into the life of this church, we extend God's own generous hospitality. Our gifts help this graceful ministry to flourish and to grow, and to give glory to God. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

OFFERTORY

***OUR RESPONSE** *"Come, Thou Almighty King"* (v. 1, 4) GTG, No. 2

*Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise:
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.*

*To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*unison*) (*Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*)

Holy God, we are living in days of division and polarization, and we regretfully confess that your church is not exempt from that statement. Regardless of where we stand, it is far too easy to look at those who see things differently and see them as weeds, stunting the good fruit we could bear. As we bring our offerings to you, the temptation to focus on our own agenda is strong. Help us to give generously, without judging. Give us the faith to put them to your use, and humility to know that only you can see clearly what is wheat and what is weed. We pray in the name of Christ who knows all hearts. 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** *"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"* (insert)

***BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE**

Portions of today's Worship Service are the liturgies of Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, Bruce Prewer, and Nathan Nettleton.



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.



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.