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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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“Sentimental Journey”
July 16, 2023

7th Sunday After Pentecost

July 16, 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: God of the open road, God of the twisting path, God of the narrow and upward way,

People: Your people are gathered for worship!

Leader: Give us provision for the journey, courage and faith and compassion,

People: And endurance to face any hardship.

Leader: Open our eyes to see you walking beside us,

People: Protecting us, encouraging us, loving us.

ALL: We pray this in the name of Jesus who journeys with us. Amen.

***HYMN**

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

GTG, No. 203

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: New every morning is God's love for us, and so new each day is our opportunity to clean the slate, to make our confession, and to be assured of God's forgiveness and love. On this new day, let us come to God in prayer.

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

God of the journey, your invitation is to all, to walk with you without fear of stumbling, Your arm enough to steady the feeblest soul, Your grace to rescue us should we fall. Grant us faith enough to take you at your word, to know that when our hearts are heavy, and the destination seems so distant, that you are there with us along the road. Forgive us those times when we doubt your Word, when we awake and feel alone. Draw us ever closer into your family, that we might know your presence, and sing your praises, all the days of our lives. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The love of God, the Peace of God, the Care of God are from everlasting to everlasting. I say to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

July 16 — Children & Youth Sunday

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
10:50 am Worship
12:15 pm Ambassador Group (CR)

July 17 — Monday

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

July 18 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
4:00 pm Personnel Meeting (CR)
5:00 pm Cribbage (CR)
5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce Ball* (Field)
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
7:00 pm PNC Meeting
7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

July 19 — Wednesday

July 20 — Thursday

PresPress Articles Due

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 21 — Friday

6:30 pm SBM Arc Meeting* (FH)
7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

July 22 — Saturday

11:00 am Hot Meals
6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

July 23 — Sunday

8:30 am Blood Drive (FH)
9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
10:50 am Worship

July 24 — Monday

9:30 am WOW (S)
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

July 25 — 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)

July 26 — Wednesday

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

July 27 — 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 28 — Friday

7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

July 29 — Saturday

11:00 am Wedding Shower: Emily Mitchell (GP)
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:

During the month of July, Ruling Elders of the church are leading us in Worship. Today, Donald McDaniel is at the Pulpit!

The Flowers for this morning are given by Laurie, Gary, Ethan, and Emily Mitchell, Adam Turner, and Kaye & Tom Fearnayhough, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of Virginia and Harold Miller's 77th wedding anniversary.

The Gathering Place will meet tomorrow at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The theme for this month is *Hawaiian Luau!* Please contact Sarah Dikeman or Jacque Ballesteros if you'd like to help out.

Save-the-Date for our July Blood Drive – SBPC will have a Blood Drive next 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!

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

Happy Hands will meet on Wednesday, July 26th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Hope you can join us then. If you have any questions, please contact Doris Wright.

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!

Join us for the Annual PW Welcoming Luncheon on Sunday, August 13th from 12:15-2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall! You are invited to bring your mothers, grandmothers, daughters, and granddaughters to join us for a lovely luncheon. We will be serving Quiche, Gazpacho, Assorted Tea Sandwiches, Salad, and Dessert Goodies. We will be entertained by the *Spa Girls*, a comedy group that performed at the recent Presbytery PW Lunch. We will also have the introduction to our new Bible Study for the coming year. Please RSVP to Kay Craig at 713-248-4138 or kay@craig-heidt.com. **We will also be raffling off fun themed baskets!** Get your creative juices flowing and fill a basket! If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Miller at 713-562-5897.

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 (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.

*PASSING OF THE 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

Miguel Carlin

MO-RANCH MOMENT FOR MISSION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

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. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 25:31-45 Red Pew Bible NT 29

ANTHEM "How Great Thou Art" Rebecca Castillo

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 35:8-10 Red Pew Bible OT 663

SERMON "Sentimental Journey" Donald McDaniel

Responding to the Word

***HYMN** "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" GTG, No. 817
(sung to the tune of Amazing Grace)

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 (2 Corinthians 8:12)

Leader: For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.

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)

We offer our gifts to you, Lord, with grateful and cheerful hearts. We thank you that you meet our needs on this journey, providing what we need when we need it. Trusting you, we can joyfully share what we have with others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" GTG, No. 829

***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.