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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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“Incomprehensible”
 July 30, 2023

9th Sunday After Pentecost

July 30, 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.)

UPDATES FROM THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

PRELUDE

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS THE SANCTUARY

INTROIT *"Through God's Word, My Hope at His Returning" (v. 1)*

(insert)

*Through God's Word, my hope at His returning
Is that all my being be redeemed;
Yet in times of grief and tribulation,
Doubt and fear arise, no hope is seen.
In those hours, when prayer cannot be uttered,
Only groaning from my breast is heard.
Then the Spirit, in like manner, helps me,
Praying in my weakness unto God.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Psalm 105; NIV)*

Leader: Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.

People: **Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.**

Leader: Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

People: **Look to the LORD and his strength;
seek his face always.**

ALL: **He is the LORD our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.**

***HYMN** *"You Are My All in All"*

GTG, No. 519

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: We are told to rejoice and give praise, but we come this morning with heavy hearts as we realize all we have done that has not been joyful or beautiful in God's eyes. We come with downtrodden spirits as we face trials and tribulations, some which we share and some which we carry alone in our hearts.

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

July 30 — Sunday

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

July 31 — Monday

9:30 am WOW (S)
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

August 1 — Tuesday

9:15 am Congregational Care Meeting (CR)
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
5:00 pm Cribbage (CR)
5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce Ball* (Field)
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

August 2 — Wednesday

August 3 — 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)

August 4 — Friday

7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

August 5 — Saturday

6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)



August 6 — Sunday

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
9:45 am Choir Practice
10:50 am Worship
12:00 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration
6:00 pm Boy Scouts: Committee Meeting (GP)

August 7 — Monday

6:00 pm PW Unwind: Olive Garden!
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (Zoom)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

August 8 — Tuesday

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 Mission Team Meeting (Zoom)
7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

August 9 — Wednesday

11:30 am MAM Ice Cream Social
5:00 pm Cribbage (CR)
5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3)

August 10 — Thursday

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

August 11 — Friday

6:00 pm SBM/Arc Meeting* (CR)
7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

August 12 — Saturday

10:00 am PW Overview (John Knox)
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, Megan Hogg is at the Pulpit!

The Unwind Group will meet for dinner at the Olive Garden Italian Kitchen (9750 Katy Freeway) on Monday, August 7th at 6:00 PM. Please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114 if you plan to join us.

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.

There will be an **in-person** 2023-2024 PW Bible Study Overview held on **Saturday, August 12**, at John Knox Presbyterian, 2525 N. Gessner Rd. Registration and refreshments will begin at 9:30am, followed by the overview from 10am to noon. Register with Debbi Englade at 713-398-2299 (call or text) or email dmenglade@yahoo.com. There will be a **virtual** overview via Zoom held on **Saturday, August 19**, from 10am to noon. You may email Patti Nanney at pananney@sbcglobal.net to receive Zoom link via email. All overviews will be presented by Patti Nanney, R.E., Spring Branch Presbyterian Church. It will be helpful if you bring your copy of the Bible study to the overview.

MAM Back to School Uniform Voucher Drive – During the month of August, SBPC will be collecting funds for the Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) Back to School Uniform Voucher Drive. MAM coordinates with school guidance counselors and local vendors to provide school uniforms for local needy families. MAM's 2023 goal is to provide \$50 uniform vouchers to 3,000 children. Watch for more details about how you can contribute to this initiative!

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.

CONFESSION OF SIN (*sung, unison*)

"Through God's Word, My Hope at His Returning" (v. 2) (insert)

*Lord, my prayer is not for deeper suffering,
But that from each trial I'd be free.
Let the cup of bitterness be taken;
Yet, Thy Will, not mine, dear Lord, must be.
Even now, though trials sore surround me,
Still within my heart there is a peace,
For the love of God outpoured within me
Floods my heart and bids my doubting cease.*

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Rest Assured that through God, all things are possible, even our forgiveness. Nothing is too great and nothing is too small. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

***GLORIA** *"Through God's Word, My Hope at His Returning"* (v. 3) (insert)

*Blest assurance! God has fully ordered
Every matter by His sovereign hand;
Every person (though we see so dimly),
Every thing's according to His plan.
Every trial is but the Father's answer
To the groaning of the Spirit's prayer;
May He gain in every tribulation,
Until we Christ's glory fully share.*

God's People Are Empowered

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Megan Hogg

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Loving and living God, help us to hear Your voice within Your Word. Help our hearts and minds be open so that you can speak to us through these words. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Kings 3:5-12

Red Pew Bible OT 306

ANTHEM

“Shalom” by Dan Forrest
Rebecca Castillo & Ben Morgan

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:26-39 Red Pew Bible NT 158

SERMON

“Incomprehensible” Megan Hogg

Responding to the Word

***HYMN**

“Seek Ye First” GTG, No. 175

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Do you believe in God?
I Believe in God, whose love for us is always with us, never to be separated from us. He who formed everything we see and also loves us more deeply than we will ever know.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
I Believe in Jesus, who came to Earth, not to judge us, but to set us free. He who walked among us knows our hearts and still reaches out to take our hand and walk the path ahead of us, so that we may have eternal peace.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
I Believe in the Holy Spirit, who intercedes on our behalf and guides us in all we do. The Spirit who abides with us and with all of God’s creation past, present, and future. In all these things, I believe. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Leader: God has given us so much more than we can comprehend. Let us then give to him our tithes and offerings. They will never be enough, but we are already enough, God has made it so.

OFFERTORY

***OUR RESPONSE** *“Through God’s Word, My Hope at His Returning”* (v. 4) (insert)

*How could God from all His dealings spare us,
After He spared not His only Son?
Could the Potter’s hand upon the vessel
Ever leave the shaping work undone?
For the center of God’s heart’s desire
Is that many brethren we will be
Unto Christ, His precious First-begotten,
And to Him, conformed we’ll fully be.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*unison*) *(Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30)*
Heavenly Father, you have given more than we could ask for or imagine, please accept these humble gifts. Spirit, guide us to use these gifts for the good work that must be done, so that we can continue to serve your Kingdom come. 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** *“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”* (v. 1-4) GTG, No. 310

***BENEDICTION** *“Through God’s Word, My Hope at His Returning”* (v. 5) (insert)


*Heirs of God! Joint-heirs with our Lord Jesus!
What a hope of glory this for us!
Though the sufferings presently seem grievous,
Greater far the glory then for us!
Yea, in all these things we more than conquer,
Through the One whose love has possessed;
Soon the day for which waits all creation,
When the sons of God are manifest!*

***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.

 *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.*