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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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Serving today in Worship:

Worship Leader: Elder Jan Fitts

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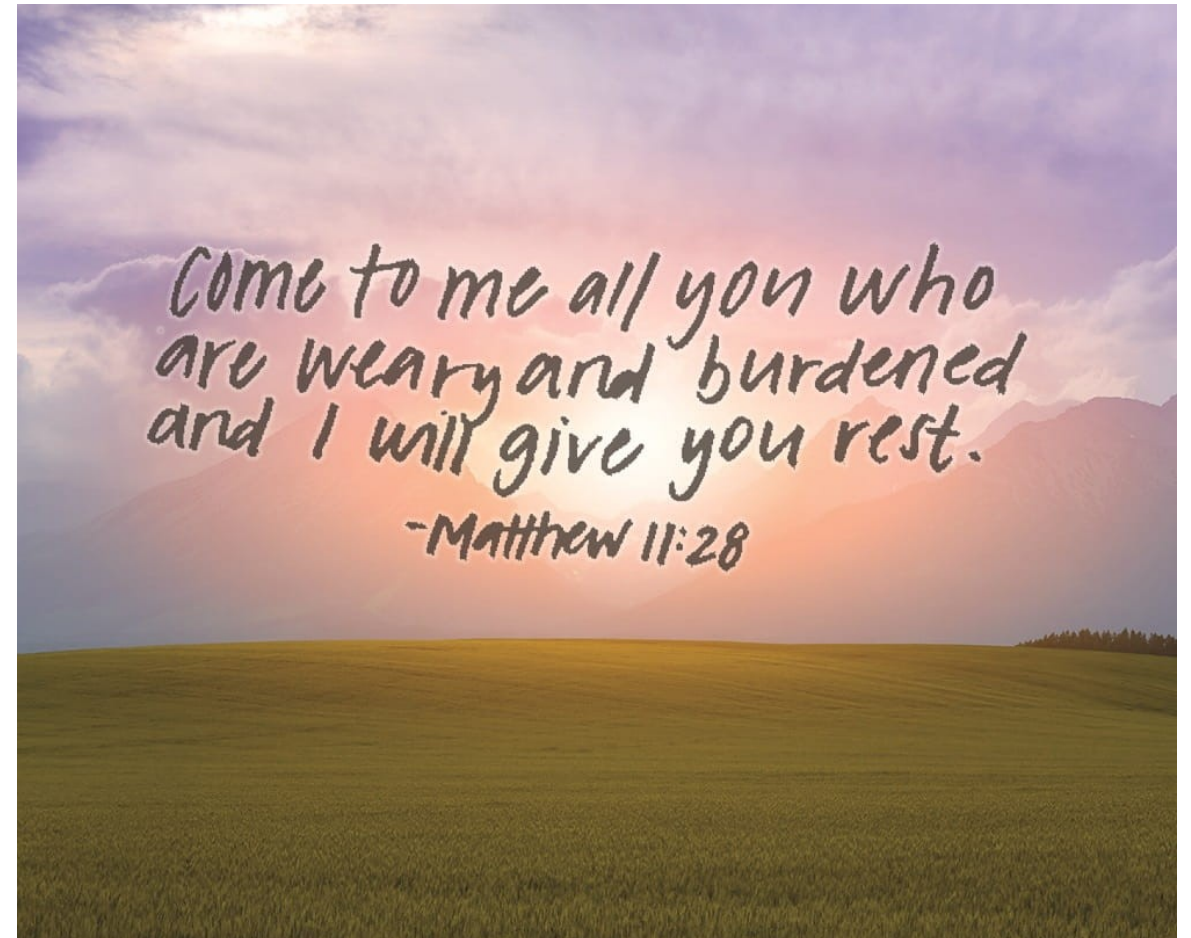
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“Finding Rest”
 July 9, 2023

6th Sunday After Pentecost

July 9, 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 145:8-11,13; NIV)*

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,

**People: The Lord is good to all,
And his compassion is over all that he has made.**

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you,

**People: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,**

**ALL: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

***HYMN** "Near to the Heart of God" GTG, No. 824

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: We have come this morning with full hearts – hearts that carry sorrow, and worry, and guilt. In this time we offer our hearts to God, remembering Christ's invitation that all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens may come to him. Trusting in that love, let us make our confession.

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)* *(from Isaiah 58:6-7)*

Open our eyes, Lord, to the modern yoke; the burden of our consumer culture, the debt that holds people fast, the myth of success which has us by the throat. We confess that we are trapped. You offer the possibility of release; you loosen the shackles of greed, freeing us from the urge to acquire at any cost, relieving us from the treadmill of busyness. We are your new releases, telling a story for this generation. Feeding the hungry, we whisper peace; clothing the naked, we murmur hope, sheltering the homeless, we declare your faithfulness. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

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

July 10 — Monday

Mo-Ranch Jr. High Jubilee

- 9:30 am WOW (S)
- 5:00 pm Faith Development (Zoom)
- 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)
- 7:00 pm Mission Team Mtg (Zoom)

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)

July 16 — 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)
- 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)

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)

*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, Jan Fitts is at the Pulpit!

The Flowers for this morning are given by Marguerite Priest, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of family birthdays: Matthew, Jeremy, Rex, and Wyatt!

Let's celebrate our July Birthdays! Join us in the breezeway immediately after Worship today as we gather to celebrate those among us born in July.

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!

The Gathering Place will meet on Monday, July 17th at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Sarah Dikeman or Jacquie Ballesteros if you'd like to help out.

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!

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.

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.

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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen!

*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

Marguerite Priest

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*) (*Based on Ephesians 11:17-19*)
Holy and gracious God, may your Holy Spirit give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know the hope to which Christ has called us, the riches of his glorious inheritance among us, and the greatness of his power for those who believe. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Zechariah 9:9-12 Red Pew Bible OT 884

ANTHEM "Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling" Rachael Castillo

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 Red Pew Bible NT 11

SERMON "Finding Rest" Jan Fitts

Responding to the Word

***HYMN** "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" GTG, No. 182

***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 (Hebrews 13:16)

Leader: Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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 11:16-19, 25-30)

The yoke the Bible describes doesn't burden us, but reminds us that you yearn for us to be a church, a community, that supports, steadies, and sustains when life makes us weary. The gifts we give this day we give in gratitude, for this yoke that helps us finish the race in faithfulness. Bless our giving and its use, we pray in Christ's 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** "How Firm a Foundation" GTG, No. 463

***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.