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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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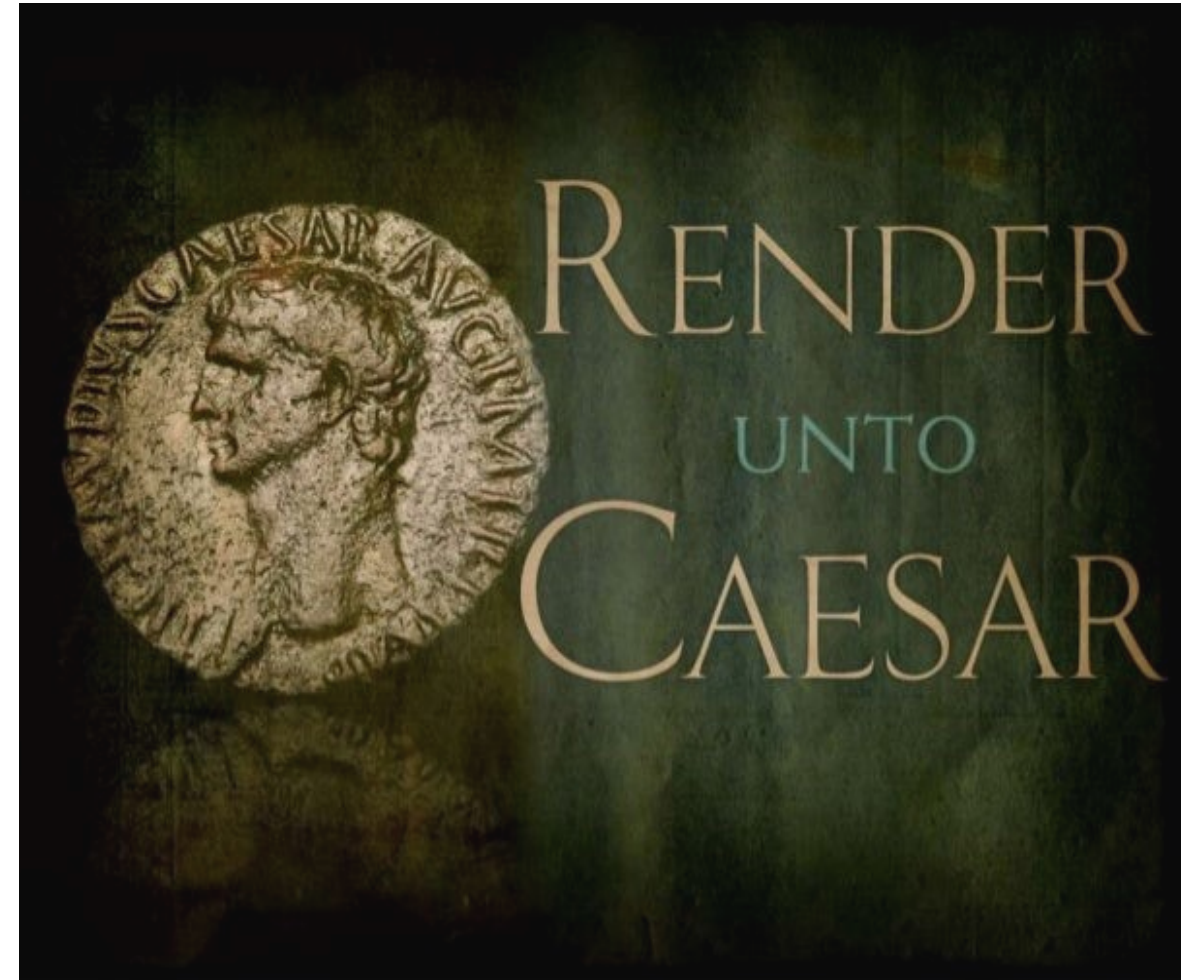
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“Doing the Right Thing”
 October 22, 2023

21st Sunday After Pentecost

October 22, 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: Celebrate God's love, which has been poured into your life!

People: Forgiveness, encouragement, support, and healing are gifts of God given to us.

Leader: Reach out and care for those around you.

People: We will be people of peace and justice.

Leader: Shout for joy!

ALL: Sing God's praises always! Amen!

***HYMN**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

GTG, No. 307

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: If we say we are without sin, we deceive only ourselves. Yet, Jesus came to heal us, to save us, and to love us. Let us turn to him with open hearts as we say the words of confession:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

We are so easily pulled this way and that way by those who would promise instant healing for all the world's woes. We want to have everything, be whole and happy, and we don't know what to do; so we pay attention to those voices that cry the loudest, whether they are voices of blame or promise the easy fix. In our fearfulness, we love to place blame for all our woes on the shoulders of a few people. In our anguish, we seek instant answers from sources that are very unreliable. Lord, turn us around. Help us know that you are our Lord and you have provided much for us. You have given to us abilities, and understanding, and ways in which we can be those who would bring peace and justice. You have blessed our lives. Heal and restore our spirits, Lord. Help us truly place our trust in you and to work in ministries that uplift people. This prayer we offer in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

October 22 — Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children's Chime Choir (S)
- 9:45 am Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- 10:50 am Worship

October 23 — Monday

- 6:00 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP)
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts: Webelos II (GP 1 & 2)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

October 24 — Tuesday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Webelos (GP 1 & 2)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

October 25 — Wednesday

- 9:30 am Happy Hands (CR)
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Pork Chops & Dressing!

October 26 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Bear (GP 1)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

October 27 — Friday

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

October 28 — Saturday

- 7:30 am Soccer Shots* (Field)
- 11:00 am Hot Meals
- 1:00 pm JP Morgan Chase* (Parking Lot)
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

October 29 — Reformation Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- 10:50 am Worship
- 3:00 pm Installation Service: Mark Plunkett

October 30 — Monday

- 9:30 am TGP Planning Meeting (CR)
- 6:00 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Recruiting Event Session (CR)

October 31 — Tuesday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 5:30 pm Trunk or Treat (Parking Lot)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)



November 1 — Wednesday

- 9:30 am PW Moderator (CR)
- 10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Chicken Pot Pie!

November 2 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

November 3 — Friday

- 7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

November 4 — Saturday

- 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:

Please join us as we celebrate the Installation of Rev. Mark Alan Plunkett as Co-Pastor of SBPC!

The service will be at 3:00 PM next Sunday, October 29th, in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow. Please make plans to attend!

Happy Hands will meet on Wednesday, October 25th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. We'll be stuffing and stitching the heart pillows with lots of great conversation. Please join us! In addition, for those who would like to knit or crochet items at home, we will be collecting lap blankets, hats for elementary children, and scarves this fall. If you've made some, take them to the office for pickup. Let Doris Wright know if you need yarn. Hope to see you there on Wednesday!

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, October 25th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Jan Fitts is making Roasted Pork Chops with Dressing, Green Beans, Apple Sauce, Fresh Fruit, Rolls, Pumpkin Pie, Pecan Pie, and Cookies! Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

During the month of October we're having a Diaper Drive to benefit the Mission of Yahweh. They are in need of Newborn to 5 Toddler diapers for boys and girls. Donations may be brought to the church throughout the month of October.

The Academy is hosting a Spooktacular Trunk or Treat in the parking lot on Tuesday, October 31st from 5:30-6:30 PM. Church members are encouraged to attend and sponsor a Trunk or Treat vehicle. Copies of the registration form are available in the Narthex and in the Friday email. Please submit forms to the Academy office by October 27th. Please email questions to academy@springbranchpres.org.

The Unwind Group is meeting for dinner on Monday, November 6th, at 6:00 PM at Juarez Mexican Restaurant (4145 Gessner Rd). They have moved locations! Please RSVP only if you plan to attend to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114.

The Fair Haven Food Pantry is in desperate need of plastic grocery bags. Donations may be brought to the Church Office any day of the week, or to the Fellowship Hall at Wednesday Night Suppers. The pantry has started to purchase bags to meet their current needs.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Idea Spring event last Thursday. There were over 150 people in attendance, and over 90 stayed for dinner! Save-the-Date for our next event - Mad Science on November 16th at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall! We look forward to seeing you there.

We are looking for Acolytes to help with the lighting of the candles on Sunday mornings. Please let Marguerite know if there are certain Sundays that your kids can serve. We are especially hopeful that we can have Acolytes for every Sunday in Advent.

We have a church-wide retreat in the works for March 14th-17th at Mo-Ranch in Hunt, TX! This is spring break week, so we're hopeful that we can have a big group go - including our families! This retreat will be Thursday-Sunday, with the option to stay with a small group into Monday. There will be lots of time for spiritual development, fellowship, recreation, worship, and good food! The total cost per person is \$185 for adults and \$120 for kids, for 3 nights, including all meals. We are asking those who would like to attend to please complete the registration form, reserve your room to secure the space you'd like, and pay \$75/person to the church. Copies of the registration form are available in the Narthex and in the Friday email. Please see Ethan Mitchell for any questions. We hope that you will join us!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Lord has given to us gifts and abilities to work for peace and justice. You are especially blessed by God. Go into this world in confidence of God's presence and love. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GLORIA PATRI

GTG, No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Todd Miller

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Dear Lord, as we read and hear the words from your ancient Scriptures, may we be drawn ever closer to you. Amen!

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 33:12-23

Red Pew Bible OT 80

ANTHEM

"He Is Exalted"

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 22:15-22

Red Pew Bible NT 24

SERMON

"Doing the Right Thing"

Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

GTG, No. 716

*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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

GTG, No. 607

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

God, you are our refuge. When the world gets to be too much with us, we turn to you for consolation and healing, for comfort and strength. Enable us today to be those who would willingly serve all people in need. For we ask these things in the name of Jesus our Lord. 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

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

GTG, No. 475

*BENEDICTION

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

*POSTLUDE



Portions of today's worship service are taken from ministrymatters.com.

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 Pastor Mark, 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.

Children's Chime Choir: The Chime Choir meets in the Sanctuary on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. This is a chance for elementary aged children to get to ring chimes as part of Worship. We are excited to continue this new adventure! Megan Hogg leads the Chime Choir.

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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