



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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Class of 2024

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**“The Man Everyone’s
 Talking About”
 March 24, 2024**

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

10:50 AM

**Those who are able please stand*

Gathering in God's Name

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: With crowds from ancient times we cry,

People: Hosanna! Save us!

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: We bless you in the house of the Lord!

Leader: Your King comes to you; triumphant and victorious is He,

People: Humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

ALL: Let us worship the living God!

***PROCESSIONAL "Blessed is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord"**

Segundo Barrio Children's Choir & SBPC Chancel Choir

*"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
(Refrain, 2, 1, 3, 4, Refrain)*

GTG, No. 196

WELCOME

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us now confess before God our tendency, like the Jerusalem crowds, to profess our faith in moments of enthusiasm and deny our faith in moments of fear and stress:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Merciful God, as we enter this Holy Week of Lent, solemnly gathered at your house of prayer, we turn our hearts toward Jerusalem. We want to walk the way with Jesus, to be present each step, from the Mount of Olives, to the cross, to the empty tomb. And yet we fall away. Forgive our stubborn resistance to Christ's work and witness. Inspire us by your Spirit to follow in his way, until we enter with him into that city, not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The one who rode into Jerusalem to cheering crowds knew the cross awaited. In this way, we might know the great love of God for us. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, has defeated sin forever.

ALL: Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

March 24 — Palm 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)
10:15 am Called Session Meeting (P)
10:50 am Worship
12:00 pm Called Congregational Meeting
5:00 pm Cub Scouts: Wolf (GP 1 & 2)
6:00 pm BSA Committee Meeting (GP)

March 25 — Monday

6:00 pm Special Olympics: Basketball* (GP)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)
7:00 pm Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (GP 1 & 2)

March 26 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
5:00 pm Special Olympics* (Field)
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
7:00 pm Session (CR)
7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

March 27 — Wednesday

9:30 am Happy Hands (CR)
3:30 pm WOW (S)
5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3)

March 28 — Maundy Thursday

5:00 pm Choir Practice (GP)
5:00 pm Special Olympics* (Field)
6:00 pm Maundy Thursday
Dinner & Worship (GP)

March 29 — Good Friday

Academy Closed
10:00 am Egg Dyeing Party (Picnic Area)
3:00 pm Good Friday Service (S)
7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

March 30 — Holy Saturday

1:00 pm At-Home Prayer Vigil
6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

March 31 — Easter Sunday

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Easter Brunch (FH)
10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt (Playgrounds)
10:00 am Choir Practice (S)
10:30 am Flowering the Cross
10:50 am Worship

April 1 — Easter Monday

Church & Academy Closed

6:00 pm PW Unwind: Sal Y Pimienta
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

April 2 — Tuesday

9:15 am Congregational Care Meeting (GP 2)
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
5:00 pm Special Olympics* (Field)
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

April 3 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Moderator (CR)
10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)
3:30 pm WOW (S)
6:00 pm WNS: Hot Dogs!

April 4 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
5:00 pm Special Olympics* (Field)
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

April 5 — Friday

7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

April 6 — 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:

Today is known as Palm/Passion Sunday. This begins the holiest week for the Christian Faith, which is why we call it "Holy Week." Today begins with the celebration of Jesus by the crowd when he enters Jerusalem. But we quickly go into the ever darkening events of this Holy week, ending in silence with the death of Jesus. May your heart be deeply touched anew by the passionate love of God for us, shown in the life and death of God's only begotten Son. It is through such love that death does not have the final answer. God does in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

There will be a Called Congregational Meeting immediately following Worship today. The purpose of the meeting is to act on the Nominating Committee's recommendation that Laurie Mitchell be elected to fill an expired term on Session in the Class of 2025.

Happy Hands will meet on Wednesday, March 27th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Join us for Stuffin', Sewin', and great conversation. Hope to see you there!

There will be no Wednesday Night Supper this week in observance of Holy Week. **Join us for our Maundy Thursday Worship & Dinner this Thursday, March 28th, in the Gathering Place.** Dinner will begin at 6:00 PM, followed by the Worship Service at 6:45 PM. On the menu is Spanakopita, Mediterranean-Style Pork Loin, Greek Lemon Roasted Potatoes, Greek Salad, Creamy Roasted Garlic Hummus, Fresh Pita Bread, and Assorted Desserts. Please RSVP to kay@craig-heidt.com, or sign up in the Narthex or Church Office.

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church is hosting an Egg Dyeing Party on Good Friday, March 29th, at 10:00 AM. Bring one dozen (or more) hard boiled eggs and a picnic lunch. We'll dye our eggs together in the picnic area next to the playgrounds. We'll move to the Gathering Place if it rains. For more information, please contact Miguel in the Church Office.

Great Easter Vigil Saturday, March 30th — The purpose of this vigil is to surround our church with prayer as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. We will be coming together from 1:00-2:00 PM CST, from our homes to pray for our neighbors, families, and communities around the world. We will be sending along prayer aids for you and your family to use during our hour together. We also want to include your prayer requests in the materials that we send. Prayer requests can be sent to Miguel at miguel@springbranchpres.org. We ask that they be submitted by Wednesday, March 27th, at 2:00 PM.

We will have Easter Lilies again this year! Place your order now through this Friday, March 29th. You may order by using the form in the Narthex or Church Office. The cost is \$10 each, and the payment can be mailed to the church office or placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. The names of those being honored or remembered will be shared with the congregation on Easter Sunday morning.

The Unwind Group is going to Sal Y Pimienta at Town and Country on April 1st at 6:00 PM. The restaurant specializes in recipes from Peru, Uruguay, and Argentina, and is located at 818 Town and Country Blvd. Please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114 or jballesteros1103@gmail.com, only if you plan to attend.

***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

Pastor Mark

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Open our hearts and our ears to hear your Word as it is read and proclaimed. Fill us with the Spirit and surprise us, for we eagerly expect your Word and know that you will speak to us today. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 12:2-6

Red Pew Bible NT 106

CONGREGATIONAL ANTHEM

"Hosanna! Hosanna!"

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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 11:1-11

Red Pew Bible NT 47

SERMON

"The Man Everyone's Talking About"

Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

***HYMN**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

GTG, No. 197

***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.

THE SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Anthony Thomas Bush

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Pam Blacklock

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME *(unison)*

We welcome you as a new friend in the faith. We welcome you as a member of the Body of Christ. We offer ourselves to you in the hope that you will find in this congregation warm fellowship and encouragement to your faith. We join hands with you, in order that we may share gladly with you, discipleship. Welcome to our life together in Jesus Christ.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

GTG, No. 606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

As the crowds cried, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord," we are truly grateful for the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ our Lord. Receive these gifts as a symbol of the dedication of our very selves to you, O God. Use our gifts and use us as a part of the inbreaking of your kingdom, which comes and is still coming into our world today. 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

"Lift High the Cross"

GTG, No. 826

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Portions of today's worship service are taken from pres-outlook.org.



MAUNDY THURSDAY – March 28th

6:00 PM Dinner in the Gathering Place

6:45 PM Tenebrae Worship in the Gathering Place

Please RSVP to kay@craig-heidt.com,

or sign up in the Church Office or Narthex.

Streaming Live on YouTube & Facebook



GOOD FRIDAY – March 29th

3:00 PM Worship in the Sanctuary

Reformed Stations of the Cross



EGG DYEING PARTY – March 29th

10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Picnic in the Garden



PRAYER VIGIL ON HOLY SATURDAY – March 30th

During Holy Week this year, we are inviting the congregation to join us in a virtual Prayer Vigil on Easter Saturday. We will be coming together from 1:00-2:00 PM CST from our homes to pray for our neighbors, families, and communities around the world. The purpose of this vigil is to surround our church with prayer as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Pastor Mark will be sending prayer aids for you and your family to use during our hour together. We also want to include your prayer requests in the materials that we send. Prayer requests can be sent to Miguel at miguel@springbranchpres.org. We ask that they be submitted by Wednesday, March 27th, at 2:00 PM.

EASTER – March 31st

Easter Brunch at 9:30 AM

Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 AM

Flowering the Cross at 10:30 AM

A Celebration of the Resurrection at 10:50 AM

Streaming Live on YouTube & Facebook



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.