

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church



EASTER SUNDAY

March 31, 2024

10:50 AM

**Those who are able please stand*

Gathering in God's Name

***EASTER FANFARE**

"He Is Risen! Risen Indeed!"

Choir

Congregational Verses

*Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Earth and heav'n in chorus say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply: Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: **CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!**

Leader: Darkness has been vanquished!

People: **THE BRILLIANT LIGHT OF HOPE HAS COME!**

Leader: Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

ALL: **ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! AMEN!**

***HYMN** "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" GTG, No. 248

WELCOME

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Loving and powerful God, joy floods over our souls on this day! Christ is risen! Fear is vanquished and sin has been defeated forever! Now may we humbly come before you and admit the sin that has been vanquished. Let us pray together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Gracious God, you have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey. You have celebrated our successes and our growing understanding of your love; and you have mourned our failures and rejections of your healing mercies. This day, as we have gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us remember that we are to become "Easter People," people of the Resurrection; people who know that what was thought to be impossible has been conquered. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Fill us with your healing love and help us to become the disciples that you need to serve in this world. For we ask this in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Darkness is gone! Light floods into our souls! Christ is Risen! His love and mercy are poured out for you. Rejoice! You have been saved through the gift of Jesus Christ. Amen!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***GLORIA** "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" GTG, No. 240

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Mark

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

With our hearts and souls full of joy and hope, may our minds be enriched as we listen to your Word read and proclaimed. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 16:1-8 Red Pew Bible NT 54

SERMON "Somebody Told..." Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

***HYMN** "Christ Is Alive!" (v. 1, 2, 5) GTG, No. 246

***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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**The Invitation
The Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Breaking of the Bread
Serving of the Elements
Prayer After Receiving**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE** "Holy, Holy, Holy!" (v. 4) GTG, No. 1

*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!*

Announcements & Events:

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*unison*)

God of eternal salvation, we come abounding with joy, transformed by your love. Through Christ you have broken the bonds of oppression, removing all barriers to your unending love. You have made us free to give you praise and thanksgiving. You have our undying devotion for the grace we receive. All our lives long we shall call your name blessed, and give you the glory for this gift of new life. 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 in Joy

***HYMN** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" GTG, No. 268

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**



*Portions of today's worship service are taken from
ministrymatters.com and gatheredprayers.wordpress.com.*

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Serving today in Worship:

Liturgist: Jan Fitts
Children's Moment: Pastor Mark
Usher Captain: Donald McDaniel
PowerPoint: Ethan Mitchell

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Brass Quartet:
Trumpet: Hector Cortez
Trumpet: George Hernandez
Trombone: Jose Hernandez
Euphonium: Crawford Howell

The Flowers for this morning are given by Marguerite Priest, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of the resurrection. Hallelujah! He is Risen! All praise to our God!

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering continues today. When you give, you are joining with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Please use the offering envelopes in your Bulletin, and make checks payable to "SBPC" and write "One Great Hour of Sharing" in the memo line.

The Church Office & Academy will be closed tomorrow, Monday, April 1st, in observance of the Easter Holiday.

The Unwind Group is going to Sal Y Pimienta at Town and Country tomorrow, 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.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, April 3rd, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Jan Fitts is making Hot Dogs. Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

The Mission Team is partnering with Undies for Everyone for our spring intergenerational mission activity. *Undies for Everyone* is committed to helping children that live in poverty or crisis have new underwear throughout the school year. We are hosting an underwear drive from April 2nd-17th. Please check out the display in the Education Building Foyer for additional details. We also are sponsoring a packing event at *Undies for Everyone* on Saturday, April 20th from 9:40 AM-Noon, located at 3610 Willowbend Blvd, Houston, TX 77054. Please sign up with Miguel in the church office by April 15th if you'd like to participate.

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, April 10th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. The **Evening Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday, April 9th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah or Ashely Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 8 video is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/sacred-encounters.

Idea Spring returns with Space Center Houston for "Yes, it is Rocket Science!" Join us at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, April 18th, for this free, family-friendly program. A dinner will follow. We hope to see you there!

One of our church's favorite events is back! **PCHAS** is hosting **The Annual Fundraising Luncheon on Thursday, April 18th**, that will showcase the life-changing work we are doing in our community. Our church will have four Table Hosts – Sarah Dikeman, Marguerite Priest, Jeannie Stockton, and Miguel Carlin. One of these individuals will probably be contacting you to see if you would like to attend the luncheon, but feel free to contact them first. We always have so much fun, great fellowship, good food, and supporting a great charity. We hope that you will join us!

Would you like to beautify the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings while honoring a loved one or commemorating a special occasion? **The 2024 Flower 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.



Miguel Carlin

*In Memory of Freda Carlin
In Honor of Gloria Dethloff*

Matt and Sarah Dikeman

*In Memory of Sally and Ray Woolrich
In Memory of Ann and Matt Dikeman, Sr.
In Memory of Wix and Ferrell Thorpe*

Luna Lassiter

In Memory of Michael Lassiter

The Mitchell and Turner Family

*In Memory of Virginia Miller
In Memory of Dorothy Mitchell*

Delia Nix

*In Memory of the Ferrel Family
In Memory of the Nix family
In Honor of Ali, Jacqueline, and Richard Nix
In Honor of Rebecca Ferrel*

Mark and Jeanne Plunkett

*In Honor of Our Children and Grandchildren
In Memory of Our Fathers and Grandparents*

Marguerite Priest

*In Memory of Robert J. Priest
In Memory of Joy Purfurst
In Memory of Paul and Mary Priest
In Memory of Eddie and Sallie Downs
In Honor of My Children*

Allen and Cathie Robinson

In Memory of Vera Marie-Catherine Robinson

The Scanlin Family

In Memory of Richard J. Scanlin

Jani Shepard

In Memory of My Niece, Carol Condon Colwell

Curtis and Jeannie Stockton

*In Memory of Mary Helen Stockton
In Memory of Norma Lynn Mund
In Memory of Jewel Hodges*

Lu Taylor

*In Memory of Ann and Matt Dikeman, Sr.
In Memory of Ben and Thelma Warren*

Don and Barbara Tremble

*In Memory of Doris Ramsay
In Memory of Peggy Tremble*

Jorida Vakiari

In Honor of My Family