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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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“Part of the Deal”

April 14, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

10:50 AM

**Those who are able please stand*

Gathering in God's Name

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 1 John 3:1-2)*

Leader: See what love our Beloved Father has given us,

People: That we should be called children of God, for this is who we are.

Leader: The reason the world does not know us,

People: Is that it did not know God.

Leader: Beloved, we are God's children now.

People: What we will be has not yet been revealed.

Leader: What we do know is this: when Christ is revealed, we will be like Christ,

People: For we will see Christ as he is.

Leader: Join together as the body of Christ in worship,

ALL: For we are all God's children - beloved, and still coming into who we are.

***HYMN**

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

GTG, No. 1

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: We open our hearts to You, O God, and invite Your presence to be made known to us. We open our minds to You, O God, and ask that You transform us. We open our lives to You, O God, and ask that You guide us on this journey of faith. We open ourselves to You, O God, as the body of Christ, that You may live, move, and be among us, Your beloved children. We welcome You in this time of worship. Let us pray together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Risen Savior, we confess that we live as if You are not among us now. We do not see Your face in those we pass on the street. We do not see You amongst the rubble and ruins of war. We do not see You in those who beg of us. We do not see You in those we have left out, unintentionally or intentionally. We have failed to remember that when we care for the most vulnerable among us, we are caring for You. We have made You into our own image, instead of seeing Your image reflected among the ones most in need. Call us into accountability. Guide us into repentance and reparation. Help us to seek restoration and forgiveness for where we have failed, so that we might live into Your "kin-dom" here on earth as it is in heaven. In Your name we pray, Amen.

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

April 14 — 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
12:00 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration
12:15 pm Faith Development Meeting (P)
12:15 pm PW Tea Planning Meeting (CR)
5:00 pm Cub Scouts: Wolf (GP 1 & 2)

April 15 — Monday

10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

April 16 — Tuesday

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 17 — Wednesday

9:40 am Undies for Everyone
3:30 pm WOW (S)
6:00 pm WNS: Lasagna!

April 18 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
12:00 pm PCHAS Luncheon (Lakeside CC)
5:00 pm Idea Spring: Space Center Houston!
5:00 pm Special Olympics* (Field)
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)
7:00 pm Rainbow's End Meeting* (GP 1)

April 19 — Friday

7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

April 20 — Saturday

PresPress Articles Due
6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

April 21 — Sunday

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Children's Sunday School (GP 3)
9:45 am Choir Practice (Choir Room)
10:50 am Worship
7:00 pm Aggie Muster (Scout Hut)

April 22 — Monday

10:00 am Staff Meeting (P)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)
7:00 pm Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (GP 1 & 2)

April 23 — 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)

April 24 — 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: Roasted Chicken!

April 25 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
5:00 pm Special Olympics* (Field)
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)
7:00 pm Cub Scouts: Webelos (GP 1)

April 26 — Friday

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

April 27 — Saturday

8:00 am Youth Fishing Trip
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:

April Birthday Celebration! Join us for our church-wide monthly birthday celebration of family and friends born in April. Light refreshments will be served in the Breezeway immediately following worship today!

There will be a PW Welcoming Tea planning meeting immediately after worship today in the Conference Room. Anyone who is interested in planning the PW Welcoming Tea held in August is welcome to attend.

The Gathering Place will meet tomorrow, Monday, April 15th, at 10:00 AM! The theme for this month is *Italy Party!* Please see Jacquie Ballesteros or Sarah Dikeman if you are interested in helping out.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, April 17th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Jeannie Stockton is making Lasagna. 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 thru April 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.

Idea Spring returns with Space Center Houston for "Yes, it is Rocket Science!" Join us at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall this 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 this 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. We always have so much fun, great fellowship, good food, and supporting a great charity. We hope that you will join us!

Pastor Mark will be leading a one-time First Communion class on Sunday, April 28th, at 9:30 AM in his office. During this class, participants will learn all about Communion, with the focus on what it is, why it is a sacrament, and how we should prepare for it. Even if your child has already been receiving Communion, he or she is still welcome and encouraged to participate in this class. The First Communion experience will take place the week following the class, on Sunday, May 5th, during the regular Communion time. Members of this class will receive Communion first in a special part of the sacrament. Questions? Contact Pastor Mark!

Task Force Needed - In our 2024 budget, under Mission, we placed a new category called "Seminary Student" in the amount of \$3000. There have now been over 120 applicants to date. We want to form a task force of 3-5 members to do the following: Create parameters for the scholarship(s), Review the applicants, and Choose from them for Fall acceptance. This is a short-term task force of a few months. If you would be interested in volunteering for this worthy job, please let Pastor Mark know. No experience necessary!! We will guide you.

Did you take any pictures on Easter Sunday? There will be a collage of pictures in the May PresPress of the Celebration of the Resurrection. These can be pictures of any of the festivities on Easter weekend at the church, or Easter traditions with your families at home. Please submit pictures to Ethan Mitchell (ethan@springbranchpres.org).

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from Psalm 4:3-5)*

Leader: Know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for God's self; the LORD hears when we call to Him. When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Put your trust in the LORD. God hears our prayers, and God restores our souls. God will renew your spirit when you turn back to God, and will give you the strength you need for the journey of faith. You are not alone. Put your trust in the Lord, and God will make Himself known to you. Go forth with this Good News! Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

***GLORIA** "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" GTG, No. 582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Mark

ANTHEM

"Triune God"

Rachael & Rebecca Castillo

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

With our hearts and souls renewed and strengthened by the knowledge of the risen Christ, may our minds be enriched as we listen to your Word read and proclaimed. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8

Red Pew Bible OT 635

SERMON

"Part of the Deal"

Rev. Mark Plunkett

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Laurie Mitchell

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"You Are Holy"

GTG, No. 705

*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

***RESPONSE** *"Our God Is an Awesome God"* GTG, No. 616

*Our God is an awesome God
who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love;
our God is an awesome God!*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(unison)*
Author of life and Giver of all gifts, we thank you for the many blessings of our lives. Receive now these gifts, and transform them with the power of your love. May they become witnesses to your resurrection, proclaiming your power and forgiveness in our community and throughout the world. 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** *"Here I Am, Lord"* GTG, No. 69

***BENEDICTION**

***THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD**

***POSTLUDE**

*Portions of today's worship service are taken from rev-o-lution.org
and 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 Bears classroom, Room 126, which is in the north hallway of the Education Building.

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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