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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Who's Who:

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"When Life Comes to the Story"

Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018

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Easter Sunday

10:50 AM

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

*Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels 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!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is a great and joyous festival day
Come to celebrate amazing good news. Christ is risen!

**ALL: Christ is risen indeed!
The tomb is empty; death is not the last word.**

One: Sing songs of praise, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever. Christ is risen!

**ALL: Christ is risen indeed!
Jesus Christ is alive and we, too, shall live.**

One: Open your hearts and minds to the risen Christ.
You are welcome here. Christ is risen!

**ALL: Christ is risen indeed!
This is the day that our God has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

INTROIT no.104

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We think your promises of everlasting love are a trick, joke and a fool's errand. We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us trust your power to change lives, that we may die daily to sin and rise with you to know the joy of life abundant in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

Church Calendar of Events

April 1— Sunday

Easter Sunday
Communion Sunday
9:30 am Easter Breakfast
10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt
10:50 am Easter Worship

April 2— Monday

9:30 am Adult Comm. Room
6:00 pm Yoga

April 3— Tuesday

9:15 am Cong. Care
10:00 am Flexercise

April 4— Wednesday

9:30 am PW
10:15 am PW Board
4:00 pm WOW
6:00 pm WNS
7:00 pm Choir

April 5— Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise
5:30 pm Messy Church
6:00 pm Yoga

April 6— Friday

April 7— Saturday

April 8— Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School
10:50 am Worship
12:15 pm Hand Bells
5:30 pm Boy Scouts

April 9— Monday

9:30 am Adult Comm. Room
5:00 pm Academy Board
6:00 pm Yoga

April 10— Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise

April 11— Wednesday

9:30 am PW
4:00 pm WOW
6:00 pm WNS
7:00 pm Choir

April 12— Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise
6:00 pm Yoga

April 13— Friday

April 14— Saturday

PW Spring Gathering
9:30 am– 2:00 pm

Welcome Visitors!

We rejoice that you have chosen to worship with us, and hope you feel welcome to call Spring Branch Presbyterian Church your home. The * indicates where you are invited to stand. If you have any questions about our church family, you are invited to ask an usher, an Elder or the person next to you in the pew. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Pastor Kristin Galle after the service!

Parents of Young Children

We are so glad you are here, and that you brought your children with you! Thank you! A few suggestions for your worship experience:
Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. It can be helpful to sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear. Sing hymns loudly, pray, and voice the responses with enthusiasm. Children learn behavior by copying you. If you are excited about God, they will be too!

Teach children some of the basic prayers; being able to join in with the prayers helps them feel they are contributing, too. Also, it can be helpful to explain to your child what is happening during the service.

So that the children will become familiar with the rhythm of worship, we invite them to the "Prayground" in the side alcove of the sanctuary immediately following Children's Moment. Children will participate in age-appropriate activities that connect to the bible verses and message each week. Our goal is to keep the children engaged until the end of the sermon. However, children younger than 4 may have difficulty remaining in the sanctuary for the extended period of time. If necessary, younger children may be taken to the nursery before the sermon begins. Please attend worship often! Children like and need routines where they can participate.

To those who are sitting near worshipping parents and children:

A smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children! Jesus welcomed the little children, and so do we. Whether talking, crying, laughing, or singing, the sounds of children in worship are joyful songs of praise.

Join us for Sunday School at 9:30 AM

6 Weeks-Pre-K meet in the nursery. Nursery is extended through service. All nursery staff are First Aid and CPR certified, have undergone a background check and complete additional child care and development training annually. Nursery care begins at 9:20am.

Gospel Reading group meets in the Parlor to discuss the Gospel reading of the week.

Pre-K—5th Grade meet in The Gathering Place to learn the New Testament and how to connect the teachings of God to their everyday lives.

Saints Under Construction meet in The Gathering Place using the Presbyterian curriculum, "The Present Word", to engage in the opportunity to connect your faith with the world around you.

The Explorers meet in the Conference Room to study the Bible book-by-book using different translations that help the lively and thought provoking discussions.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In this we are forgiven!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

*PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you!

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

*OUR RESPONSE

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

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.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth Jesus has died and has risen...

Alleluia, Alleluia Give thanks to the risen Lord

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

We have been crucified with Christ Now we shall live forever.

Come let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Savior.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Second Reading: Mark 16:1-8

Third Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1– 11

Patty Blome

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ANTHEM

Majesty

Choir

SERMON

"When Life Comes to the Story"

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN *insert*

Thine is the Glory

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Because He Lives

arr. James Koerts

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

One: The Lord be with you!

ALL: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts!

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord!

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise...

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

We proclaim what we believe this Easter morning saying...

Prayer After Communion

We believe in the Easter God, who transforms darkness into light, hatred into tolerance, despair into hope. We believe God is always working for good, changing every Good Friday nightmare into an Easter reality of new possibility. We believe in the risen Christ, who befriends us on our roads of searching, and worry; who touches us through song and silence, word and gesture; who calls us by name to enter the dance of life. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the hidden presence behind every resurrection, who beckons us to leave tomblike safety and trust the gracious invitation to live joyfully. We believe the Spirit is always renewing the church and making us a people who practice kindness, encourage beauty and work for justice and freedom in the name of the Risen Lord. We believe God has made us into an Easter people, living signs that with God, all things are possible. Amen.

through Jesus Christ, who did teach us to pray:

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!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

THE SENDING

*HYMN *insert*

Crown Him With Many Crowns

*BENEDICTION

The Day of Resurrection! Vs 3

*OUR RESPONSE

We Know That Christ Is Raised Vs1

*We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.*

Alleluia!

*We share by water in his saving death.
This union brings to being one new cell,
a living and organic part of Christ.*

Alleluia!

*POSTLUDE

Thine is the Glory

arr. James Koerts

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GO FORTH TO SERVE

Announcements & Events

Today is Easter! He is Risen!

The flowers this week are given to the glory of God by Lin and Rocco Sabala for the Resurrection of the Lord.

Yoga with Marguerite is at 6 pm on Monday and Thursday.

Flexercise is in the Gathering Place at 10 am on Tuesday and Thursday.

Presbyterian Women meet on Wednesday, April 4th at 9:30 am, then PW Board meets at 10:15. The PW Spring Gathering is being held here at SBPC, April 14th, from 9:30 am– 2:00 pm. Registration deadline is April 7th.

Wednesday night supper resumes its regular time and night this week. Join us at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall for dinner and stay for the fellowship and fun.

Messy Church will be held again on April 5th, at 5:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will follow.

The Property Committee has approval from Session to replace the Sanctuary carpet (lower and upper levels). Property is accepting contributions toward the cost of the Carpet (\$13,122). Please mark your checks "Sanctuary carpet". Thank you.

Pastor Nominating Committee continues to meet weekly. To track the committee's progress, please see the diagram in the narthex. For further questions see PNC Members: Elizabeth Powell (Chair), Christopher Powell, Delia Nix, Jessica Albert, Matt Dikeman, Denise Wilborn, Lisa Merritt, and David Fuller.