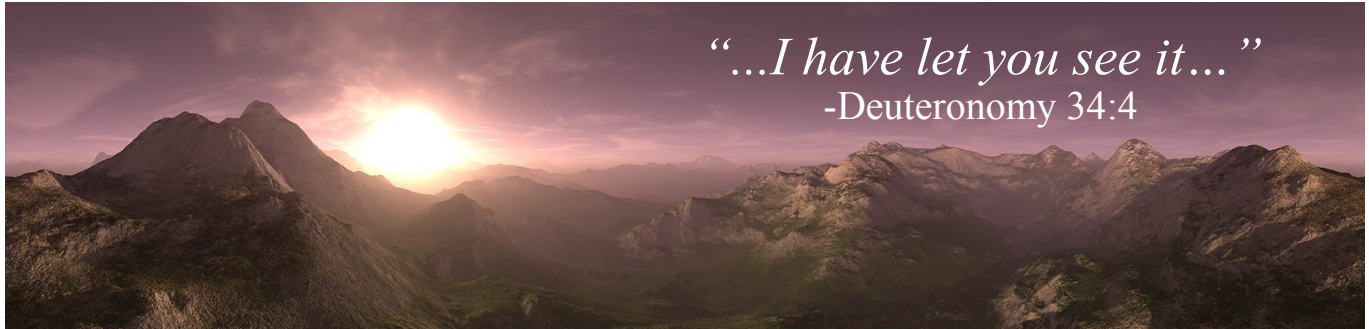


## Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

October 25, 2020

10:50 AM



*Welcome back to Worship at Spring Branch Presbyterian Church! Please enter through the Breezeway Narthex doors and follow the instructions of the Greeters and Ushers. Should you need a restroom, the Narthex family bathroom is available. After the service begins, both Narthex bathrooms will be available.*

*\* Those who are able please stand*

### Gathering in God's Name

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **WELCOME**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, Immortal One, high and exalted

**People: Come into our midst and share Your love**

Leader: Come, Savior Jesus, who reaches out to embrace the needy

**People: Come and heal us with Your love**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit of light and life

**People: Let Your love be in the praise we offer,  
and endurance to face any hardship.**

Leader: Open our eyes to see you walking beside us,

**People: protecting us, encouraging us, loving us.**

**ALL: We pray this in the name of Jesus, in whom we live  
and move, and have our being. Let us praise the Lord!**

#### **HYMN**

*"The Gift of Love"*

*(In lieu of Congregational singing, our Socially Distant Choir has pre-recorded our Hymns for this morning. You are invited to ponder the text as the images as shown on the screens.)*

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

## Preparing for the Word

### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Brothers and sisters, Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself." We come before God this morning aware that we have fallen short of what God desires of us. We have not loved God with all our heart and soul and mind, nor have we loved our neighbors as we love ourselves. So let us come before God to confess where we have failed, and to seek God's forgiveness.

### CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

**God of mercy, whose heart is full of forgiveness, and who does not deal with us as we deserve: When we have thought of ourselves more highly than we ought and forgotten to put our relationship with You first, forgive us, we pray. When we have loved only those who love us and ignored or turned aside from those who need a smile and a hand of friendship; forgive us, we pray. When we have acted as if all tomorrow was ours yet neglected to do good in the moment of this day; forgive us, we pray. May Christ Jesus, who healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, and loosened the tongues of the dumb, free us from our faults and all that would hold us back from being the children that the eternal and loving God desires. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God of Love, hear our prayers spoken and unspoken, and receive them in Your grace and mercy, through Jesus, our loving Savior;

People: **Amen.**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Hearing the Word

### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Patty Blome

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

**God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ANTHEM

*"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"*

Gabe Perez

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 22:34-46

### HYMN OF REFLECTION

*"I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath"*

Gabe Perez

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;  
And when my voice is lost in death,  
Praise shall employ my nobler powers.  
My days of praise shall ne'er be past  
While life and thought and being last,  
Or immortality endures.

## SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

## SERMON

***"Mission Improbable, Part 4: Our Legacy"***  
*"...I have let you see it..." -Deuteronomy 34:4*

Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd

### Responding to the Word

#### \*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

#### A TIME OF GIVING

*Contributions may be placed in the wooden offering box in the Narthex on your way out, or you can give online at [www.springbranchpres.org/give](http://www.springbranchpres.org/give).*

#### 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

*"Lord, I Want to Be A Christian"*

*(In lieu of Congregational singing, our Socially Distant Choir has pre-recorded our Hymns for this morning. You are invited to ponder the text as the images as shown on the screens.)*

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, in-a my heart;  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.  
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart, in-a my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.  
In-a my heart, In-a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

*(from the Church of Scotland)*

**With thankful hearts,  
for Moses and Aaron and Joshua,  
for their call to follow God, for the witness of generations,  
for the part we play  
in the continuing story of your people,  
we go encouraged to serve you,  
to seek to build your Kingdom,  
here, now,  
this week, forever.**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Thank you for joining us for Worship this morning! Please wait for the Ushers to dismiss you by row.*

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**Announcements & Events:**

**You are invited to attend Pastor’s Bible Study with Kevin!** The group gathers at 11:00 AM on Zoom on Tuesday mornings. Watch for details on how to join this study. We hope to see you there!

**Join us for our next Drive-Thru Wednesday Night Supper** this week at 6:00 PM. Kay & Betty are preparing Stir Fry Beef & Vegetables, Chicken Fried Rice, and Egg Rolls! Contact [secretary@springbranchpres.org](mailto:secretary@springbranchpres.org) to place your dinner order.

If you have an article that you would like to submit for the **November PresPress**, please do so ASAP to [ethan@springbranchpres.org](mailto:ethan@springbranchpres.org) or [secretary@springbranchpres.org](mailto:secretary@springbranchpres.org).

You will need to **register for Worship every Sunday** until the Session and Worship Team determine that we no longer need to do so. A digital form for signing up for Worship will be become available on Monday mornings the week prior to the service, and will close at 8:00 PM the Saturday evening before. The form can be accessed at [www.springbranchpres.org/worship-registration](http://www.springbranchpres.org/worship-registration). You can also register by email at [secretary@springbranchpres.org](mailto:secretary@springbranchpres.org) or calling the Church Office and leaving a voicemail.

**October 25 — Sunday**

9:00 am Explorers SS Class on Zoom  
10:50 am Worship

**October 26 — Monday**

7:00 pm Mission Team Meeting

**October 27 — Tuesday**

11:00 am Pastor’s Bible Study on Zoom  
7:00 pm Session (Zoom)

**October 28 — Wednesday**

6:00 pm Drive-Thru WNS: Asian Food!

**October 31 — Saturday**



**November 1 — Sunday**

9:30 am Explorers SS Class (FH)  
10:50 am Worship

**November 3 — Tuesday**

9:15 am Congregational Care Meeting  
11:00 am Pastor’s Bible Study on Zoom

**November 4 — Tuesday**

9:30 am PW Moderator (Zoom)  
10:15 am PW Board Meeting (Zoom)





**Who's Who:**

Minister: All Members of the Church  
 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kevin Boyd  
 Administrator: Jorida Vakiari  
 Ministries Coordinator: C. Miguel Carlin  
 Administrative Assistant: Ethan Mitchell  
 Music Director: Gabriel Perez  
 Accompanist: Chip Colvin  
 AV Director: Ethan Mitchell  
 Academy Director: Renee Henry

**Ministry Teams:**

Administration Leader: Web Trevathan  
 Congregation Leader: Kay Craig  
 Faith Development: Denise Wilborn  
 Mission Leader: Steve Blair  
 Worship Leader: Megan Hogg  
 Treasurer: Neal Dikeman

**The Session**

Clerk: Elizabeth Powell

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Kevin Boyd

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 Lisa Merritt  
 Christopher Powell

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 Ethan Mitchell  
 Web Trevathan  
 Denise Wilborn

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 Megan Hogg  
 Elizabeth Powell  
 Lu Taylor

**Academy Board**

Elizabeth Earnest  
 Stephanie Premer

Anne Johnson

Neal Dikeman  
 Sarah Dikeman

**Serving today in Worship:**

**Liturgist:** Donald McDaniel  
**Time For Young Disciples:** Patty Blome  
**Usher Captain:** Marguerite Priest  
**PowerPoint:** Patty Blome  
**Socially Distant Choir:** Patty Blome, Kyle Eveler, Megan Hogg,  
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