

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 AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The world is filled with the glory of God, and we say,

People: Thank you!

Leader: The hills and valleys are filled with color, and we say,

People: Thank you!

Leader: Our lives are filled with love of family and friends, and we say,

People: Thank you!

Leader: We fill this house of God with our voices, saying,

People: Thank you!

ALL: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, as we enter into worship.

HYMN

"We Gather Together"

(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.)

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another....

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Almighty and loving God, You created us to love you, worship you, and serve you. But our brokenness and sinfulness tarnishes the beauty and perfection of your creation. We are hard-hearted and indifferent toward your Kingdom. We easily forget your call to love you with all our heart, soul, and might. Forgive us for being preoccupied with ourselves and not fulfilling our call to fully surrender and serve you. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit in us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from Hebrews 4:16)*

Leader: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God in confidence.

People: **In the name of Christ we are forgiven. Glory to God!**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Hearing the Word

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Patti Nanney

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Holy and gracious God, God of wonders beyond our comprehension, we seek to understand you and your ways so that we might live according to your commandments. Illumine our hearts and minds, that we might see with new eyes. Speak to us of what you know we need to hear. Draw us closer through what we hear this day. Amen.

ANTHEM

"For The Beauty of the Earth"

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 42:1-9

HYMN OF REFLECTION

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Gabe Perez

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 10:46-52

SERMON

“Throw Off Your Cloak”

Mrs. Jeanmarie Tade

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.

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

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

(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.)

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
Gladly for aye we adore him.

CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: Glorious Lord, you created us to worship you.

People: We have gathered today from near and from far, in person and virtually.

Leader: As we prepare to go to various destinations, be with us as our hiding place and shield us from every evil,

People: To the praise and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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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Calendar of Events:

November 22 — Sunday

9:30 am Explorers SS Class (FH)
9:30 am Saints Under Construction (CR)
10:50 am Worship

November 26 — Thursday

A Season of Thanks: Calling Seniors



November 28 — Saturday

11:00 am Hot Meals

November 29 — First Sunday in Advent

9:30 am Explorers SS Class (FH)
9:30 am Saints Under Construction (CR)
10:50 am Worship
1:30 pm A Weary World (Zoom)

December 1 — Tuesday

9:15 am Congregational Care Meeting
11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study
7:00 pm Session (Zoom)

December 2 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Moderator (Zoom)
10:15 am PW Board Meeting (Zoom)
6:00 pm Drive-Thru WNS: Hamburgers!

Announcements & Events:

We welcome back Elder Jeanmarie Tade to the Pulpit this morning! Jeanmarie is an MDiv student at Fuller Theological Seminary in Houston. Prior to seminary, she practiced Law for many years. Jeanmarie is married to Tim. They have two children, Caroline and Miles.

The Flowers this morning are given by Lee Dudinsky to the Glory of God, and in celebration of Samantha Dudinsky's birthday.

Thank you to everyone that has contributed to our annual packing and wrapping of the Seafarer's Boxes! We are continuing to accept goodies and completed boxes this morning before and after Worship. If you have any last minute completed boxes to contribute this week, please contact Laurie Mitchell ASAP.

We will have poinsettias for purchase again this year! You can place your order in the Church Office, online at this form (www.springbranchpres.org/poinsettia-order-form/), or by emailing secretary@springbranchpres.org today through Monday, December 21st! Don't forget to bring your poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Please remember to indicate who you are honoring, and/or remembering with your payment of \$10.00 to SBPC. You can mail your payment to the Church Office or place it in the offering box on Sunday mornings. The names of those being remembered or honored will be shared with the congregation on Christmas Eve.

Please submit articles for the December 2020 PresPress ASAP to secretary@springbranchpres.org.

Please turn in all outstanding receipts for reimbursement to Jorida in the church office no later than December 15th.

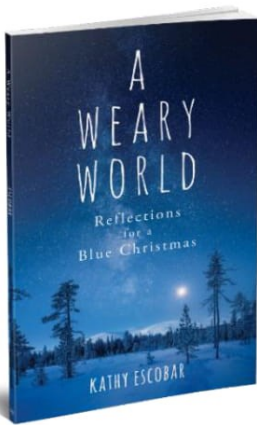
A Weary World: Reflections of a Blue Christmas

You're Invited to Participate

Discussion Group Begins Sunday, November 29 @ 1:30pm



2020 has been a tough year. You are invited to join a discussion group as we read and discuss Kathy Escobar's book, *A Weary World: Reflections for a Blue Christmas*. Her book includes daily readings through this Advent season which will provide discussion and reflection prompts. The discussion group will be a safe place to share and express your feelings and stories as you feel called to do. *The goal of this group study will be to enact in our lives the four central themes of the book: honoring reality, practicing honesty, embracing paradox, and borrowing hope.*



Beginning Sunday, November 29 we will gather by Zoom at 1:30pm for the four Sundays of Advent. Let Denise Wilborn know you are interested in participating by email to faithdevelopment@springbranchpres.org. Zoom invitations will be sent each week. If you are interested in being in a discussion group and Sunday afternoons do not work for you, please reach out to Denise to explore other day/time options.

Personal copies of the book may be ordered from: Amazon (paperback and Kindle); Barnes and Noble (paperback and Nook); Cokesbury (paperback); The Thoughtful Christian (paperback); or Westminster John Knox Press (paperback).

Dust off your Halos—It's time for our annual Angel Tree Christmas Program! Although this ministry is virtual this year, we are still serving local children. Each child will receive a \$40 gift card to Walmart, which you will purchase directly through Angel Tree. We encourage SBPC folks to join together with another member or family if the \$40 is out of your individual price range. The SBPC Virtual Angel Tree Website can be accessed here: <https://vat.angeltreetool.org/61b9fe72-cb77-4454-a778-fdd56e9cfe24>. This is our Access Code: 8DXUI (8dxui). Laurie created an [informational video](#) for how to access, select, and purchase the gift cards for our Angel Tree children. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to her.



Spring Branch Presbyterian has continued to pray for our neighbors in Louisiana who have been impacted by Hurricanes Laura and Delta. Through our Presbytery and partners like Houston Responds, we have been identifying ways we can continue to help. **The Mission Team is partnering with Fuller Center for Disaster Recovery to plan a mission trip** to go help our neighbors with rebuilding their homes. All skill levels are welcome, and we are hoping to send a team the weekend of **January 15th-18th**. If you are interested in getting more information or signing up, please let Pastor Kevin or Miguel know. The deadline to sign up to participate and get additional information is December 17th.

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church is excited to announce the date of our 2021 Men's Retreat! The retreat will be held on Sunday February 28th, 2021 after worship at the church. Lunch will be provided, and we encourage you to invite a friend! To sign up to attend and for more information, please contact Donald McDaniel at dmcdan77007@sbcglobal.net.



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Who's Who:

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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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Serving today in Worship:

Guest Preacher: Elder Jeanmarie Tade

Liturgist: Jacquie Ballesteros

Time For Young Disciples: Patti Nanney

Usher Captain: Donald McDaniel

PowerPoint: Patty Blome

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