

## Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

November 8, 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** *(from Isaiah 55)*

Leader: All you who are thirsty,

**People: come drink from the waters of life!**

Leader: All you who are weary,

**People: come bathe, be refreshed in God's river!**

**ALL: All you who long for peace, come rest in the clear, silent pools of God's love!**

#### HYMN

*"Cry of My Heart"*

*(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.)*

#### **Refrain**

It is the cry of my heart to follow you.

It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.

It is the cry of my heart to follow

All of the days of my life.

Teach me your holy ways, O Lord,

So I can walk in your truth.

Teach me your holy ways, O Lord,

And make me wholly devoted to you.

Open my eyes so I can see

The wonderful things that you do.

Open my heart up more and more,

And make me wholly devoted to you.

## Preparing for the Word

### **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Leader: We are the people of God, but Scripture reminds us that we still sin. We need to confess our failures, knowing that the Lord Jesus intercedes for us with the Father, who freely forgives us, through his infinite goodness and mercy. So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together.

### **CONFESSION OF SIN** (*unison*)

**God of healing, God of wholeness, we bring our brokenness, our sinfulness, our fears and despair, and lay them at your feet.**

**God of healing, God of wholeness, we hold out hearts and hands, minds and souls to feel your touch, and know the peace that only you can bring.**

**God of healing, God of wholeness, this precious moment in your presence and power grant us faith and confidence that here broken lives are made whole. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **SILENT CONFESSION**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: As Jesus healed the afflicted and restored those who have died, he also forgives our sins and gives us new life. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Hearing the Word

### **TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Pastor Kevin

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (*unison*)

**Sacred Jesus, you sent the Holy Spirit to your disciples so that they might have a helper and a guide at all times. Send to us your Holy Spirit, we pray. May your Spirit pour light into our hearts and make our spirits glow in your glory. We come seeking wisdom and understanding from your Word, O Lord. Illuminate our hearts this day with your Spirit. Amen.**

### **ANTHEM**

*"Keep Your Lamps"*

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-15

### **HYMN OF REFLECTION**

*"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"*

Gabe Perez

I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode,  
The church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God. Her walls before thee stand,  
Dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways:  
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

## SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 25:1-13

## SERMON

***“Mission Improbable, Part 6: Silly Girls”***  
*“Five of them were foolish and five were wise.” -Matthew 25:2*

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

*“Christ Be Beside Me”*

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Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, Light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me; Christ be on all tongues telling of me.  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me; in ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

## CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: As we all depart from here today, we pray that you would pour out your love on us without measure.

**People: Though we have come with differing backgrounds, viewpoints, distractions, disappointments, and celebrations,**

Leader: Let us depart as a people, one in faith, one in purpose, and one in heart.

**People: Be with us all as we go, and let your worship be alive in our hearts today and each day, until you bring us together again. 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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### 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

### Class of 2021

Kay Craig  
Margaret Ford  
Lisa Merritt  
Christopher Powell

### Class of 2022

Steve Blair  
Ethan Mitchell  
Web Trevathan  
Denise Wilborn

### Class of 2023

Silvia Argyriou  
Megan Hogg  
Elizabeth Powell  
Lu Taylor

### Academy Board

Elizabeth Earnest  
Stephanie Premer

Anne Johnson

Neal Dikeman  
Sarah Dikeman

### Serving today in Worship:

**Liturgist:** Jan Fitts

**Time For Young Disciples:** Pastor Kevin

**Usher Captain:** Donald McDaniel

**PowerPoint:** Ethan Mitchell & Patty Blome

**Socially Distant Choir:** Rebecca Castillo, Kyle Eveler, Jeff and Megan Hogg, Emily, Gary, and Laurie Mitchell, Gabe Perez, Lin Sabala

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# Church Calendar

## November 8 — Sunday

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

## November 9 — Monday

5:00 pm Academy Board Meeting

## November 10 — Tuesday

11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study on Zoom

## November 11 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Circle (Zoom)  
 6:00 pm Drive-Thru WNS: Chicken Pot Pie!

## November 15 — Sunday

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

## November 16 — Monday

5:00 pm Faith Development Meeting  
 7:00 pm Mission Team Meeting

## November 17 — Tuesday

7:00 pm Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom

## November 18 — Wednesday

6:00 pm Drive-Thru WNS: King Ranch Casserole!

## November 20 — Friday

**PresPress Articles Due**

## Announcements & Events:

**The flowers** this morning are given by Marguerite Priest to the Glory of God and in honor of her great aunt, Joy Stennis Van Devender and cousin, Marguerite Elizabeth Drake, and celebrating family birthdays: sister, Cathey Roth, granddaughter, Samantha Sellers Turner, great niece, Savannah Roth, daughters Melissa Priest Sellers and Robyn Waldron.

**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 of how to join this study. We hope to see you there!

**The PW Day Circle** will meet on Wednesday, November 11th at 9:30 AM via Zoom to discuss Lesson 3 of *Into the Light*. **The Evening Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday, November 17th at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Carol Davis at [caroldavis@entouch.net](mailto:caroldavis@entouch.net) to receive a Zoom invitation for both studies. The Lesson 3 video can be viewed at [www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/into-the-light](http://www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/into-the-light).

Join us for our next **Drive-Thru WNS** this Wednesday, November 11th at 6:00 PM. Jan & Gerald Fitts are preparing Chicken Pot Pie, coleslaw, ambrosia, rolls, and cupcakes. Contact [secretary@springbranchpres.org](mailto:secretary@springbranchpres.org) to place your dinner order.

### **The packing and wrapping of the Seafarers Boxes will be a little bit different this year.**

This is how you can be involved:

- Go on a family shopping trip and fill your own shoebox with goodies, make a Christmas card to put inside, wrap it, and return it to the church.
- Make a Christmas card or cards for the Seafarer(s) and return them to the church.
- Let Laurie know that you would like to wrap gifts at your home. Completed boxes, paper and tape can be supplied.
- Bring empty ladies sized shoe boxes to the church.
- Buy toiletries and small gifts off the suggested list and return them to the church.
- Sign-up to deliver all of the boxes to the Port of Houston on or after November 29th.

**\*\* Note: Full-sized items are much preferred over small travel size**

Hairbrush / Comb	Band-Aids (fabric)	Baseball Caps (new)	2021 Calendar
Magnets	Dental floss	Deodorant	Disposable Razors
T-shirts (new)	Kleenex	Lip Balm	Lotion
Nail Clippers	Gold Bond Powder	Gold Bond Cream	Hot Chocolate
Q-Tips	Needle & Thread	Shaving Cream	Soap & Shampoo
Teethbrush	Toothpaste	Gum & Hard Candy	Key Chains
Pocket size notebooks	Mechanical Pencils	Pens	Playing Cards
Popcorn	Socks	Flashlight w/ batteries	Texas Souvenirs
Earbuds / Headphones	USB Flash Drives	Word Search/ Sudoku/ Fill-in books	Personal note or card