Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 17, 2021



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: Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being:
- People: You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you.
- Leader: Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness keep us from doing it.
- People: In your light may we see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom.
- ALL: May we worship you with one heart, with one mind, and in one Spirit. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

"Come and See"

(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.)

"Come and see, come and see, I am the way and the truth," said he. "Follow me, follow me, come as a child, O come and see."

Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Christe, Christe, Christe eleison.

Christe, Christe, adoramus te. Alleluia, Kyrie eleison.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Christ has met us here for worship. Is your experience of his presence unhindered?

People: No! We need to have our lives cleansed by the grace of God in Christ.

Leader: Then let us confess our sins to Almighty God:

CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

Holy and Merciful God, We acknowledge that this crisis has exposed our idols. We accept that we have placed our trust and hope in stability, in consistency, and technology. We have followed of the gods of temporary pleasure and acceptance by others. Now, as we recognize our lack of control over this disease, help us turn to you and you alone: the only true source of stability in a world that is constantly changing. Help wean us off of the idols of this world, that we might see your goodness and strength as our goodness and strength. Comfort us with a peace that surpasses anything we could understand. In the name of our Helper, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. 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

Denise Wilborn

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Holy God, we pray that our hearts would be open to you. Help us to release every defense against your Spirit's guidance, that we would receive the wisdom you intend for us. May we be led more deeply into knowledge of you and love for all your creatures and creations. In Christ we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Know My Heart"

Lord, You have searched me, You know everything I do. When I rise, when I lie down, You are with me. Before I speak, You hear me, Your presence follows day by day. O know my heart, O God.

If I descend into heaven, You are there on the wings of the morning Or in my deepest despair. His hand shall lead me, His right hand will guide me, Though darkness should cover me, light shall surround me, And I will praise the Lord, I will praise the Lord, I will praise Him with my whole heart!

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:43-51

HYMN OF REFLECTION

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

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.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 139:1-18

SERMON

WON *"Looking Good!"* Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd *"I will give thanks to You, because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."* -Psalm 139:14

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.

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

"Guide My Feet"

Guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race; Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Search my heart while I run this race; search my heart while I run this race. Search my heart while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race; Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Leader:	As we leave this place, in this time of COVID-19 and of such unrest, recognizing your love for us and all of creation, we pray:
People:	When we aren't sure, God, help us be calm;
i copic.	when information comes from all sides, correct and not, help us to discern;
	when fear makes it hard to breathe, and anxiety seems to be the order of the
	day, slow us down, God;
Leader:	Help us to reach out with our hearts, when we can't touch with our hands;
	Help us to be socially connected, when we have to be socially distant;
	Help us to love as perfectly as we can, knowing that "perfect love casts out all fear."
People:	For the doctors, nurses, technicians, custodians, aides, and caregivers, we pray,
	For the researchers, epidemiologists, and investigators,
	For the sick, the grieving, and the affected we pray,
	For the hungry, thirsty and naked,
	For safety, health, and wholeness.
Leader:	In the love of the Creator,
	In the name of the Healer,
	In the life of the Holy Spirit that is in all and with all
ALL:	Amen!

POSTLUDE

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

Announcements & Events

You are invited to attend Pastor's Bible Study with Kevin. The group gathers at 11:00am on Zoom on Tuesday mornings. Watch your email for instructions to join. We hope to see you there!

The Evening PW Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, January 19th at 7:00 PM via Zoom to discuss Lessons 4 & 5 of *Into the Light*. Please contact Carol Davis at <u>caroldavis@entouch.net</u> to receive a Zoom invitation. The Lesson 4 & 5 videos can be viewed at <u>www.springbranchpres.org/adult-</u> education/presbyterian-women/into-the-light.

Would you like to beautify the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings while honoring a loved one or commemorating a special occasion? **The 2021 Flowers Sign-Up Calendar is located in the Narthex!** The cost per arrangement is \$65.00. Checks should be written to SBPC and mailed to the Church Office or placed in the Offering Box on Sunday mornings.

The 2020 Offering Envelope Books are now available in the Narthex. Please sign your name by the number that corresponds to your book number. If you already have a book of offering envelopes, you can continue to use it since it doesn't correspond to specific dates. Thank you for your continued commitment!

January 17 - 9:30 am 9:30 am 10:50 am	Explorers SS Class (FH) Saints Under Construction (CR)		
January 18 — Monday 5:00 pm Faith Development Meeting			
January 19 — Tuesday11:00 amPastor's Bible Study7:00 pmHorizon's Bible Study on Zoom			
January 20 — Wednesday PresPress Articles Due			
January 23 — Saturday 11:00 am Hot Meals			





Who's Who:

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