

Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 24, 2021

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: Though we come from different circumstances, though we are in different locations, though some come in sorrow while others come in joy,

People: The Lord will make us one in worship.

Leader: Though we face bodily illness and turmoil of the soul,

People: The Lord will make us one in healing.

Leader: Though each one of us has struggles and strife, celebrations and sorrows,

People: The Lord will make us one in hope.

ALL: Together let us praise the Lord!

HYMN

"Lord of the Dance"

(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.)

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fisherman, for James and John.
They came with me and the dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
And left me there on a cross to die.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: God has drawn us together this day to experience God's presence and healing love.

People: **May God open our hearts and our spirits to receive strength, encouragement, and peace as we confess our sins together.**

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

Lord, you alone are the ruler of the universe. To you alone does our total allegiance lie. Yet, we so often get trapped in our little corner of the world. We find ourselves self-consumed and empty. We hunger and thirst for your loving touch and your presence. We sometimes think that we should be the only ones who receive these blessings, and we turn our backs on those in need, either by refusing to help or by pretending that the needs do not exist. But you have heard the cries of all who are in need, and you turn to each one with your healing love. Forgive our selfishness and stubbornness. Heal us and turn us again toward pathways of compassion for all your people. For we offer this prayer in Christ's Name. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We have reached out for the Lord, seeking God's healing power. It is given to us through God's awesome love. Receive the love of God. Reach out to others with that same compassion.

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

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing the Word

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Megan Hogg

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Sacred Jesus, you sent the Holy Spirit to your disciples so they would have a helper and a guide at all times. Please now send that same Holy Spirit to be our helper. May your Spirit pour light into our hearts, making our spirits glow in your glory. Illuminate us we pray. In Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Here I Am, Lord"

I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night,
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

I the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? Whom shall I send?

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:14-20

HYMN OF REFLECTION

"For the Healing of the Nations"

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
For a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
To a life of love in action helps us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release;
That, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;
For our growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind,
That by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

SERMON

"Floating Gold"

Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd

"...the people of Nineveh believed in God." -Jonah 3:5

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

"I Will Call Upon the Lord"

I will call upon the Lord
Who is worthy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from my enemies.
I will call upon the Lord.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock,
And let the God of my salvation be exalted.
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CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Leader: For all in direct patient care; give them strength for their service and strength to ask for help when they are in need.

All: God, protect them.

Leader: For all the sick; bring them to full health and restore them to those who love them.

All: God, protect them.

Leader: For all those isolated in their homes; sustain them in joy and peace.

All: God, protect them.

Leader: For all those who have died and those who grieve their loss in isolation; comfort them in their sorrow.

All: God, protect them.

Leader: For decision-makers at all levels; send them your wisdom and good counsel to serve their communities, their countries, and our world.

All: God, protect them.

Leader: And now may we go in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God our Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. 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!

Join us for our next Drive-Thru Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, January 27th at 6:00 PM! Kay and Betty are serving up Creamy Chicken Enchiladas, Charro Beans, Mexican Coleslaw, Salsa, and Homemade Brownies. Contact secretary@springbranchpres.org to place your dinner order.

If you have an article that you would like included in the February 2020 Edition of the PresPress, please send it ASAP to ethan@springbranchpres.org or secretary@springbranchpres.org.

Scholarship Applications are now available for interested students. Completed applications are due by May 1st for the year applying, and should be turned in to Sarah Dikeman for the Women's Scholarship and Ken Crawford for the Men's Scholarship. The 2021-2022 Scholarship Application can be accessed at the following link: <http://www.springbranchpres.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2021-2022-Scholarship-Application.pdf>.

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

January 25 — Monday

January 26 — Tuesday
11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study
7:00 pm Session

January 27 — Wednesday
6:00 pm Drive-Thru WNS: Enchiladas!

January 28 — Thursday

January 29 — Friday

January 30 — Saturday

January 31 — Sunday
9:30 am Explorers SS Class (FH)
9:30 am Saints Under Construction (CR)
10:50 am Worship

February 1 — Monday
7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting

February 2 — Tuesday
11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study
1:30 pm Congregational Care Meeting

February 3 — Wednesday
9:30 am PW Moderator (Zoom)
10:15 am PW Board Meeting (Zoom)
6:00 pm Drive-Thru WNS!

February 4 — Thursday

February 5 — Friday

February 6 — Saturday





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Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church
 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kevin Boyd
 Administrator: Jorida Vakiari
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Ministry Teams:

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

The Session

Clerk: Elizabeth Powell

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Kevin Boyd

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Academy Board

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Serving today in Worship:

Liturgist: Web Trevathan

Time For Young Disciples: Megan Hogg

Usher Captain: Donald McDaniel

PowerPoint: Patty Blome

Socially Distant Choir: Patty Blome, Rebecca Castillo, Kyle Eveler,

Megan and Jeff Hogg, Emily, Gary, and Laurie Mitchell

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