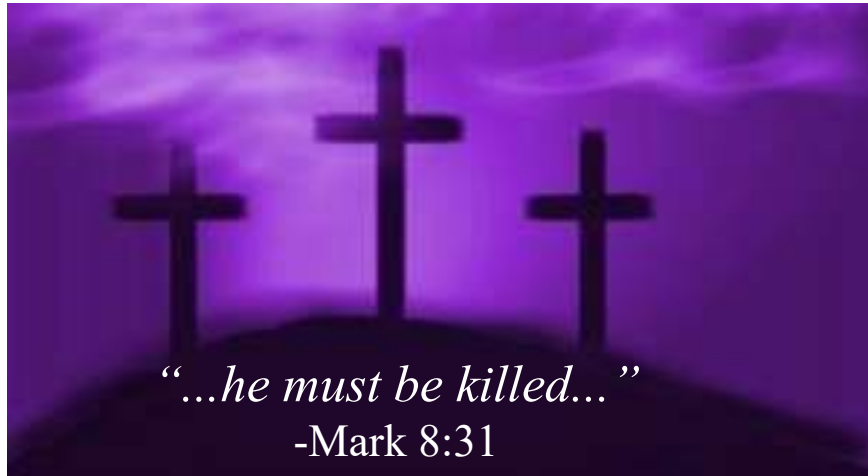


## Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 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 (Based on Psalm 22)

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God;

**People: God's face is not hidden from us when we cry to God.**

Leader: The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

**People: For dominion belongs to the Lord, and God rules over the nations.**

**All: Help us now on our Lenten journey. Give us a view of your Kingdom as we give praise to your Almighty name.**

#### HYMN

*"Step By Step"*

*(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.)*

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

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I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.

And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

### Preparing for the Word

#### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: If we would only confess our sin, God is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from the wrongs we have caused.

**People: Let us confess our sin together, trusting God's promised mercy.**

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

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in our thoughts, our words and our actions. There is a brokenness in us that reflects the brokenness of our world — and it is deep and broad. Yet in your mercy and healing grace, you can restore us and empower us to walk in the way of Christ. In your mercy and healing grace, you can reform our paths toward love and justice for our neighbors and for the earth. In your mercy and healing grace, you can make your peace – your shalom – a reality in our communities and lives. Amen.**

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Leader:** God's mercy and healing grace are sure for each and for all. Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored. We are set on right paths of love, justice and peace.

**People:** **Alleluia! Amen!**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Hearing the Word**

## **TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Jan Fitts & Bryn Fuller

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

**O God, send your Spirit to us to open our hearts that we might discern your Word amid the words of Scripture we read today, so that in hearing your Word, we may be formed in the way of Christ for one another and our world. Amen.**

## **ANTHEM**

*"Take Up Your Cross"*

"Take up your cross," the Savior said, "if you would my disciple be;  
Take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me."

Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your restless heart be still;  
The Lord for you accepted death upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross, and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;  
For only they who bear the cross may hope to gain the glorious crown.

"Take up your cross," the Savior said, "if you would my disciple be;  
Take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me."

Take up your cross, and follow Christ. Take up your cross.

## **FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

## **SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

John 19:1-6

## HYMN OF REFLECTION

*"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me;  
And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:  
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,  
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

## THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 8:31-38

## SERMON

***"Purple Daze, Part 2: The True Meaning of the Cross"***

Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd

*"...he must be killed..."* -Mark 8:31

### **Responding to the Word**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*unison*)

*(from A Brief Statement of faith)*

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:**

**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,**

**teaching by word and deed and blessing children,**

**healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,**

**eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,**

**and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,**

**Jesus was crucified,**

**suffering the depths of human pain**

**and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead,**

**vindicating his sinless life,**

**breaking the power of sin and evil,**

**delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place,**

**we rejoice that nothing in life or in death**

**can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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).*

## SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: O God, our creator and redeemer, we pray that the Spirit of Jesus would be with us as we continue our journey through Lent. Jesus called his disciples to pick up their cross and follow him. Help us to discern what that means for us as the church in this time and place.

People: **Give us the courage to name suffering and evil and to stand in resistance to it. Give us endurance when we face persecution for resisting abuses in our lives and communities. Empower us to stand with those who suffer on account of homelessness, lack of food or resources, or other injustices. Inspire us to see Christ in the least of these in our midst.**

Leader: O God, we pray for those who are isolated and lonely during this pandemic. May we find ways to be a comfort for them. We pray for children and parents who are navigating school and work under such stressful circumstances. We pray for those who have lost loved ones because of the virus and are grieving the loss.

People: **We pray for your church in this time of crisis and that we would find new ways to live your mission. We also pray for those hurt by the snow and ice storms that have ravaged large sections of our county — adding to the already stressful realities of life in our current crisis.**

Leader: And, O God, we continue to pray for the global community as it grapples with the pandemic. We pray that you would give us the fortitude to take responsibility for measures that will protect us all. We pray especially for the those hit hardest by the strains of this menace, and pray for those in leadership in our communities, states and nation as they negotiate ways in which to aid those most afflicted. We pray for a speedy process of vaccination in this country and in countries around the globe. And we pray for fairness in access to the vaccine for those who have not received it. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying,

**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 Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,  
The world behind me, the cross before me,  
The world behind me, the cross before me,  
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow,  
Though none go with me, still I will follow,  
Though none go with me, still I will follow,  
No turning back, no turning back.

## CHARGE AND 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 11:00am on Zoom on Tuesday mornings. Watch your email for instructions to join. We hope to see you there!

### Please join us for a Drive-Thru Wednesday Night Supper

this Wednesday, March 3rd, at 6:00 PM! The Trembles are making Hamburgers! Please contact [secretary@springbranchpres.org](mailto:secretary@springbranchpres.org) to place your dinner order.

### Please don't forget to turn in your Pledge

**Card.** You can find one in the Narthex or the Church Office. Pledge Cards that are mailed or emailed should be addressed to Jorida in the Church Office.

**The PW Day Circle** will meet on Wednesday, March 10th at 9:30 AM via Zoom to discuss Lesson 7 of *Into the Light*. **The Evening Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, March 24th 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 7 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).

### 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>.

### February 28 — Second Sunday in Lent

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

### March 1 — Monday

7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (Zoom)

### March 2 — Tuesday

11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study  
1:30 pm Congregational Care Meeting

### March 3 — Wednesday

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

### March 4 — Thursday

### March 5 — Friday

### March 6 — Saturday

### March 7 — Third Sunday in Lent

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

### March 8 — Monday

5:00 pm Academy Board Meeting

### March 9 — Tuesday

11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study

### March 10 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Circle (Zoom)

### March 11 — Thursday

### March 12 — Friday

### March 13 — Saturday





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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  
 Denise Wilborn

Neal Dikeman  
 Sarah Dikeman

## Serving today in Worship:

**Liturgist:** Jan Fitts

**Time For Young Disciples:** Jan Fitts & Bryn Fuller

**Usher Captain:** Donald McDaniel

**PowerPoint:** Patty Blome

**Socially Distant Choir:** Rebecca Castillo, Kyle Eveler, Gary & Laurie Mitchell  
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