

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 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 107)*

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; for God's steadfast love endures forever.

**People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those God redeemed from trouble. God gathers us from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

Leader: Let us thank the Lord for God's steadfast love;

**People: for God's wonderful works to humanity.**

**All: Help us now on our Lenten journey. We praise your Almighty name!**

#### **HYMN**

*"If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"*

Kyle Eveler

If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways,  
God will give strength, what-e'er betide thee, to bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that nought can move.

Only be still, and wait God's leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content  
To take what-e'er thy Keeper's pleasure and all discerning love hath sent.  
No doubt our inmost wants are clear to One who holds us always dear.

Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine own part faithfully.  
Trust the rich promises of grace; so shall they be fulfilled in thee.  
God never yet forsook at need the soul secured by trust indeed.

## Preparing for the Word

### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Christ has lifted up our brokenness so that we might see the wounds of the world.  
In the light of Christ, we can find healing and mercy.

People: **Let us confess our sin before our merciful and healing God.**

### CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

**O God, you have set before us our greed, our hatred and self-hatred, our fear and our apathy. You have also shown us the injustice and tyrannies of our public life. We have succumbed to paralyzing anxiety in response to injustice. We have resisted the prompting of your Spirit and used anger in unproductive and futile ways. Empower us by your Spirit to be attentive to your leading and discerning in our judgments. Amen.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's healing mercy abounds. God's grace goes before us, after us, through us — sometimes even unbeknownst to us. Friends, hear the good of the gospel: We are forgiven and restored!

People: **Alleluia! Amen!**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Hearing the Word

### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Kevin

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

**God of love, Pour out your Spirit to us to open our hearts, so that we may discern your Word in and through the words that we are about to hear. Show us your way in Christ. Amen.**

### ANTHEM

*"God So Loved the World"*

SBPC Choir, March 2017

God so loved the world, God so loved the world,  
That he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth, believeth in Him,  
Should not perish, should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,  
God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;  
But that the world through Him might be saved.

God so loved the world, God so loved the world,  
That he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth, believeth in Him,  
Should not perish, should not perish, but have everlasting life,  
Everlasting life, everlasting, everlasting life.  
God so loved the world, God so loved the world, God so loved the world.

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Numbers 21:4-9

## HYMN OF REFLECTION

*"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"*

Pastor Kevin & Barry Wilson

Lord, I lift your name on high;  
Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life;  
I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;  
From the cross to grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift your name on high.

## SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:14-21

## SERMON

***"Purple Daze, Part 4: Looking Up"***

Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd

*"...as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness... -John 3:14*

### 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

## SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: God of Lent, help us as we continue our journey to the cross and resurrection. Help us to discern the crosses that litter the landscape of our lives and your world. Enable us to see your resurrecting power always and already at work in the broken places of our lives and your world. Empower us to step into those places where we can participate in your work of bringing life out of the death-tending places of our world.

People: **We pray for the world of nations, especially for those places where violence is wreaking havoc upon human lives and where your faithful servants are persecuted. We pray for countries dealing with devastation caused by the pandemic.**

Leader: We pray for those in our own country who have lost jobs, revenue, healthcare and loved ones during this relentless pandemic. Help us to serve as agents of your love and care to those who are suffering.

**People:** We pray for wise discernment by our nation's leadership as they negotiate ways in which to aid those most afflicted. Help us to truly be church of Jesus Christ in this time and place. Keep us faithful to that calling. Help us love one another and, by so doing, to be a witness to our world of what it means to be disciples of Jesus. 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.**

## **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).*

### **Departing to Serve**

#### **HYMN**

*"What Wondrous Love Is This"*

Kyle Eveler

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul.  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And through eternity I'll sing on.

## **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Portions of today's liturgy are by Rev. Roger Gench, The Presbyterian Outlook. Used by permission. 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!

**Please join us for a Drive-Thru Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday at 6:00 PM!** Kay and Betty are making Lemon Pepper Chicken Breast, Wild & White Rice Pilaf with Mushrooms, Seasoned Green Beans, Mixed Fruit, and Homemade Hummingbird Cake. BUT, no hummingbirds will be harmed in the making of this cake! Please contact [secretary@springbranchpres.org](mailto:secretary@springbranchpres.org) to place your dinner order.

**The Evening PW Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, March 24th at 7:00 PM via Zoom. To discuss Lesson 7 of *Into The Light*. Please contact Carol Davis at [caroldavis@entouch.net](mailto:caroldavis@entouch.net) to receive a Zoom invitation. 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).

**We will have Easter Lilies again is year!** Place your order now through Friday, April 2nd. You can order by using the form in the Narthex or Church Office, contacting Ethan Mitchell at [ethan@springbranchpres.org](mailto:ethan@springbranchpres.org), calling the Church and leaving a voicemail (713-464-7659), or using this [Google Form](https://forms.gle/2snyd16ggw35rAB99) (<https://forms.gle/2snyd16ggw35rAB99>). The cost is \$10 each, and the payment can be mailed to the church office or placed in the offering box on Sunday mornings. The names of those being honored or remembered will be shared with the congregation on Easter Sunday morning.

**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>.

**March 14 — Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**Daylight Savings Time Starts**  
9:30 am Explorers SS Class (FH)  
9:30 am Saints Under Construction (CR)  
10:50 am Worship

**March 15 — Monday**  
5:30 pm Faith Development Meeting

**March 16 — Tuesday**  
11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study

**March 17 — Wednesday**  
6:00 pm Drive-Thru WNS:  
Lemon Pepper Chicken!  
7:30 pm Mission Team Meeting

**March 18 — Thursday**

**March 19 — Friday**

**March 20 — Saturday**  
**PresPress Articles Due**

**March 21 — Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
9:30 am Explorers SS Class (FH)  
9:30 am Saints Under Construction (CR)  
10:50 am Worship

**March 22 — Monday**

**March 23 — Tuesday**  
11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study  
7:00 pm Session

**March 24 — Wednesday**  
7:00 pm Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom

**March 25 — Thursday**

**March 26 — Friday**

**March 27 — Saturday**  
11:00 am Hot Meals







Information about our Holy Week services will be shared with the Congregation as it becomes available. Be on the lookout for emails about how we will worship as a community as we continue through this Lenten season. The videos and SBPC website links will be released on the day of that Holy Week Service.

## **PALM SUNDAY** – March 28th

*Drive-In Worship Service at 10:00 AM*

**Streaming on Facebook Live**

[www.facebook.com/springbranchpres](http://www.facebook.com/springbranchpres)



## **MAUNDY THURSDAY** – April 1st

*Drive-Thru Dinner at 6:00 PM (Baked Ziti)*

*More details to follow*

[www.springbranchpres.org/Maundy-Thursday-2021](http://www.springbranchpres.org/Maundy-Thursday-2021)

## **GOOD FRIDAY** – April 2nd

*Good Friday Video Devotional*

*More details to follow*

[www.springbranchpres.org/Good-Friday-2021](http://www.springbranchpres.org/Good-Friday-2021)



## **PRAYER VIGIL ON HOLY SATURDAY** – April 3rd

*The purpose of this vigil is to surround our church with prayer as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Do you miss being in our beautiful sanctuary? Well here is the perfect opportunity for you to come safely and comfortably use it! The church sanctuary will be reserved solely for the Prayer Vigil on this day. Coming soon, a digital and paper and sign-up sheet will be available for selecting individual 1-hour time slots. You may participate both in the Sanctuary or from your home. Watch for more information, and a request for prayer concerns to be included in the Prayer Vigil aids and materials.*

## **EASTER** – April 4th

*Drive-In Worship Service at 10:00 AM*

*Celebrate our Risen Lord from the comfort of your car in the church parking lot.*

*Tune your radio to FM 89.5!*

**Streaming on Facebook Live**

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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
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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
Treasurer:	Neal Dikeman

## The Session

Clerk: Elizabeth Powell

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Kevin Boyd

## Class of 2021

Kay Craig  
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## Class of 2022

Steve Blair  
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## Academy Board

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## Serving today in Worship:

**Liturgist:** Dick Slover

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