

**Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**

**July 11, 2021**

10:50 AM



*\* Those who are able please stand*

**Gathering in God's Name**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Psalm 9)*

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord who dwells in Zion.

**People: Declare among the peoples His deeds.**

Leader: We will sing to the Lord with our whole hearts.

**People: We will be glad and exult in the Lord.**

**ALL: We will sing praise to the Most High God!**

**\*HYMN**

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

GTG, No. 307

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
Crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.  
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

## Preparing for the Word

### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (v. 1 & 2)*

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Chorus:

Leaning, leaning,  
Safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

### CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

**Holy and merciful God, for the sake of Jesus our Lord, hear our confession. We have taken Your mercy for granted. We have passed by those in need and our hearts have grown cold. We have not been a people who have displayed the good news. Gracious Lord, forgive us for all the ways we have failed you. Teach us Thy word. Soften our hearts, that we may be more sensitive to the Holy Spirit and give us strength to be faithful servants. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (v. 3)*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Chorus:

Leaning, leaning,  
Safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Hearing the Word

### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Kevin

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

**Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ANTHEM

*"If God Be For Us"*

If God be for us who can be against us, who can be against us?  
If God be for us who can be against us?

Who can separate us from the love of Christ,  
Who can separate us from the love of Christ?

If God be for us who can be against us, who can be against us?  
If God be for us who can be against us?

In all things, in all things, we are more, are more than conquerors.  
Through Him that loved us, through Him that loved us, we are more than conquerors.

He that gave, that gave his own Son, that gave his own Son for us all.  
Shall He not, shall he not through Him, through Him, give us all things.

## FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

Red Pew Bible NT 192

## \*HYMN

*"Be Still and Know"*

GTG, No. 414

Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am God.

## SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 6:14-29

Red Pew Bible NT 40

## SERMON

***"The Church in the Spirit, Part 8: Fatal Distractions"***

*"...a strategic day came..."* -Mark 6:21

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

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY

## \*DOXOLOGY

GTG, No. 606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*unison*)

**O God, we have given of our income to your church because we love you and because this church has provided for us a place to serve. Accept our offerings as we join our lives with others to be faithful to your call to us. Thank you, God, for the giver and for your blessings that enable us to give. Amen.**

**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**

*"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"*

GTG, No. 649

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come.  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

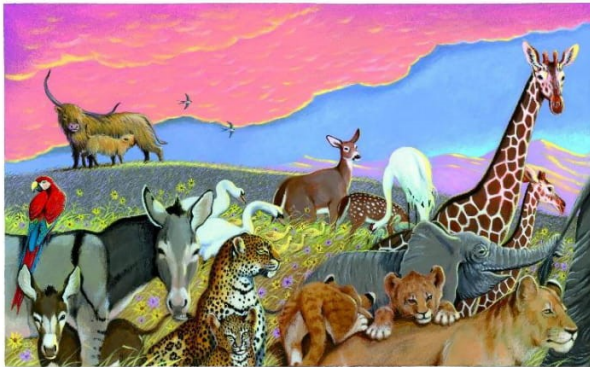
**\*POSTLUDE**



# Announcements & Events

## *We All Have a Place* 2021 VBS

The Faith Development ministry team of Spring Branch Presbyterian Church, in conversation with the Academy, is working hard to discern the best way to proceed with VBS 2021 in light of the ever-changing COVID landscape. The theme for the week will be built around the folksong "All God's Creatures Have a Place in the Choir." Science, art, music, and storytelling will reflect animals mentioned in the Bible.



The dates for this year's VBS are Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Each day will begin at 9:00 for the children and end at 11:30. At this time with the Covid metrics in consideration, VBS will include the Academy students and the children and youth of Spring Branch members.

Faith Development will continue to reassess as the summer progresses. If you are available to volunteer for VBS 2021, please email Denise Wilborn ([dwilborn55@gmail.com](mailto:dwilborn55@gmail.com)) or Miguel Carlin ([miguel@springbranchpres.org](mailto:miguel@springbranchpres.org)).

[VBS Registration Form 2021](#)  
[VBS Youth Volunteer Registration 2021](#)  
[VBS Adult Volunteer Registration 2021](#)

**Spring Branch Presbyterian Church is participating in the PCHAS Back to School Supply Campaign!** You can go to our church website and click on one of the links to sign up to sponsor one or more items for Elementary or Middle School supplies. After you purchase the items, please bring them to the Church Office by July 31st. The donations brought to the church will be delivered to the PCHAS Office to support children in the PCHAS Foster Care program. If you would rather not sign up online, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and on the table outside of the church office. For more information, go to: [www.springbranchpres.org/pchas-back-to-school-drive](http://www.springbranchpres.org/pchas-back-to-school-drive).

**The next SBPC Blood Drive is Sunday, July 18th**, from 8:30am-12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Share the gift of life with others! Contact Ashley Powell at [ashleycrawford161@gmail.com](mailto:ashleycrawford161@gmail.com) to sign up.

**Save-the-date for the Installation and Ordination of our new Elders on Sunday, July 18th.** Glenn Lanan and Donald McDaniel will be Ordained and Installed as Ruling Elders for the Class of 2024. Charlie Fairchild and Jennifer Miller will be Installed as Ruling Elders for the Class of 2024. We give thanks to God that these four individuals have accepted the call to serve in leadership at Spring Branch. We also give thanks for the work of our outgoing Elders: Kay Craig, Margaret Ford, Lisa Merritt, and Christopher Powell.

**Sunday School Zoom:** Jim Kunkel will facilitate our June and July Zoom Sunday mornings. Spread the word. If you would like to join us at 9:30 each Sunday from home or on the road, contact Denise Wilborn ([dwilborn55@gmail.com](mailto:dwilborn55@gmail.com)) or Carol Davis ([caroldavis@entouch.net](mailto:caroldavis@entouch.net)). Watch *PresPress* and church announcements for additional information.



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## Calendar of Events

### July 11 — Sunday

9:30 am Explorers (CR)  
9:30 am Saints Under Construction (P)  
9:30 am Virtual Sunday School (Zoom)  
10:50 am Worship

### July 12 — Monday

5:00 pm Academy Board Meeting  
5:30 pm Choir  
6:00 pm Yoga (GP 1)  
7:30 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut & GP)

### July 13 — Tuesday

9:00 am Vacation Bible School  
5:15 pm Special Olympics: Bocce Ball\* (Field)

### July 14 — Wednesday

9:00 am Vacation Bible School

### July 15 — Thursday

9:00 am Vacation Bible School  
9:00 am Jessie's Bites\* (Kitchen)  
5:15 pm Special Olympics: Badminton\* (Field)

### July 16 — Friday

#### **VBS Evening Closing Celebration**

9:00 am Vacation Bible School  
9:00 am Jessie's Bites\* (Kitchen)

### July 17 — Saturday

6:00 pm CENTI Church\* (GP)

### July 18 — Sunday

#### **Ordination & Installation**

8:30 am Blood Drive (FH)  
9:30 am Explorers (CR)  
9:30 am Saints Under Construction (P)  
9:30 am Virtual Sunday School (Zoom)  
10:50 am Worship

### July 19 — Monday

9:30 am The Gathering Place Training (GP 2)  
6:00 pm Yoga (GP 1)  
7:30 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut & GP)

### July 20 — Tuesday

#### **PresPress Articles Due**

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study (GP)  
5:15 pm Special Olympics: Bocce Ball\* (Field)

### July 21 — Wednesday

9:30 am Wednesday Welcome Chape (GP)

### July 22 — Thursday

9:00 am Jessie's Bites\* (Kitchen)  
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
5:15 pm Special Olympics: Badminton\* (Field)

### July 23 — Friday

9:00 am Jessie's Bites\* (Kitchen)

### July 24 — Saturday

11:00 am Hot Meals

### **Serving today in Worship:**

**Liturgist:** Donald McDaniel

**Time For Young Disciples:** Pastor Kevin

**Usher Captain:** Marguerite Priest

**PowerPoint:** Megan Hogg

**Music Leaders:** Pastor Kevin, Rebecca Castillo, Kyle Eveler

**Audio-Visuals:** Riley Fairchild

**Facebook Live:** Miguel Carlin

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