

August 29, 2021

10:50 AM

**Those who are able please stand*

Gathering in God's Name

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Psalm 45)*

Leader: Praise God, who is fairer than any person.

People: Through God's lips, grace is poured out.

Leader: Our God has blessed us abundantly!

People: Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever.

ALL: We will give praise and thanksgiving to God forever and ever!

***HYMN**

"The Gift of Love"

GTG, No. 693

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION *(Romans 6:23)*

Leader: God invites us: "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." So teach us the way of life as we now confess our sins together:

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Lord, have mercy on us for we have sinned. Forgive those hours given to trivia when our hearts longed for the peace only prayer can bring. Forgive us for disregarding promptings to speak a word in Christ's name. Forgive us for eyeing the possessions of others with envy. Forgive us for practicing no more wisdom than those who have never seen a Bible. Forgive us for judging those we do not understand, or who do what troubles us most. Cleanse us from these sins and grant us another chance. Apply wisdom to our hearts. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from Isaiah 61:10)*

Leader: Hear the good news! God has clothed us with garments of salvation. He has wrapped us with a robe of righteousness. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

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

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

August 29 — Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

August 30 — Monday

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

7:30 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut & GP)

August 31 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

11:00 am Pastors Bible Study (CR)

5:15 pm Special Olympics* (Field)

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

September 1 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Moderator (CR)

10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)

6:00 pm Drive-Thru WNS: Hamburgers!

September 2 — Thursday

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

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

September 3 — Friday

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

5:15 pm Special Olympics* (GP)

September 4 — Saturday

6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

September 5 — Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

September 6 — Monday

Labor Day

September 7 — Tuesday

9:15 am Congregational Care Mtg (GP)

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

11:00 am Pastors Bible Study (CR)

6:00 pm Special Olympics* (GP)

September 8 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Circle (FH)

9:30 am Wed. Welcome Chapel (GP)

September 9 — Thursday

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

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

September 10 — Friday

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

5:15 pm Special Olympics* (GP)

September 11 — Saturday

8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)

1:30 pm Special Olympics* (GP)

6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

*Outside SBPC Reservations & Events

(CR) Conference Room

(FH) Fellowship Hall

(GP) Gathering Place

(L) Library

(P) Parlor



Announcements & Events:

The Flowers for this morning are given by Kathryn and Ben Dethloff, to the glory of God, and in celebration of Jack's birthday.

During the month of August, SBPC will be collecting funds for **MAM's Back to School Uniform Voucher Drive**. MAM coordinates with school guidance counselors and local vendors to provide school uniforms for local needy families. MAM's 2021 goal is to provide \$50 uniform vouchers to 5,000 children. Donations will be accepted in the breezeway before and after the service every Sunday in August, and donations may be dropped off in the church office. Please make checks payable to SBPC, and write *MAM back to school* in the memo line. You may also give online through the SBPC MAM fundraiser page: <https://givebutter.com/2021MAMbacktoschool/springbranchpresbyterian>.

You are invited to attend Pastor's Bible Study with Kevin. The group gathers at 11:00am on Tuesday mornings. The Bible Study will continue to be offered both in-person and virtually. You may either join in-person at 11:00 AM in the Conference Room, or by Zoom using the instructions that appear in the Friday emails and monthly edition of the PresPress. We hope to see you there!

Wednesday Night Supper resumes this Wednesday at 6:00 PM with a drive-thru! On the menu is hamburgers with all of the trimmings! Please contact secretary@springbranchpres.org to place your dinner order. During the month of September, we will have drive-thru dinners every other week. We will reevaluate in-person dinners for October

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, September 8th, at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall for a salad luncheon. Please bring a salad to share. **The Evening Bible Study** will meet on Monday, September 13th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah Powell at mrspowelltobe@yahoo.com to receive a Zoom invitation. The Introduction and Lesson 1 videos will be available at the following link after the DVD has arrived: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/what-my-grandmothers-taught-me.

SBPC would like to thank you for using the PayPal platform to contribute to the church! We are thankful that more members are beginning to utilize the service and enroll in automatic payments. Please remember to select the purpose of the donation by using the dropdown menu.

Would you like to beautify the sanctuary on Sunday mornings while honoring a loved one or commemorating a special occasion? The 2021 Flower Sign-Up Calendar is located in the Narthex. If you are currently worshipping from home, but would still like to sponsor flowers for a Worship Service, you may signup digitally by using this form: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084cabac2ba1fa7-2021>. The cost per arrangement is \$65.00. Special arrangements vary and should be requested EARLY! Checks should be written to SBPC and mailed to the Church Office or placed in the offering plate.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing the Word

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Patty Blome

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Set Me As A Seal"

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as you would a seal upon your arm.
For love is as strong as death, unyielding as the grave.
Set me as a seal upon your heart.

Love is a blazing fire. It is a mighty flame.
Many waters cannot quench love. Rivers cannot wash it away.

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as you would a seal upon your arm.
For love is as strong as death, unyielding as the grave.
Set me as a seal upon your heart, a seal upon your heart.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Song of Solomon 2:8-14

Red Pew Bible OT 623

*HYMN

"Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord"

GTG, No. 452

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Red Pew Bible NT 42

SERMON

"House Rules, Part 5: Traditions"

"...invalidating the word of God by your tradition..." -Mark 7:13
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

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

Our Father in heaven, Teach us that silver and gold are worthy gifts. They show how much we care. But add to them the gifts of heart, talent, and time, so that our stewardship might be whole. Accept these gifts from the work of our hands, and this prayer from grateful lips. 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

"Jesus, You're the Way"

LUYH, No. 40

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

MAM distributes over 5,000 shopping vouchers to local schools for children in need of school clothes!	PARENTS shop with their kids for new clothing at local retailers using vouchers like gift certificates.	CHILDREN see their parents as the providers and <i>real!</i> superstars!
\$50 PROVIDES NEW SCHOOL CLOTHES FOR A LOCAL KID!		
mamhouston.org/backtoschool		
		

Welcome Visitors

You are joyfully welcomed as you worship with us today. In the worship bulletin, you will see an asterisk (*) which invites you to stand as you are able throughout today's service. If you have any questions about Spring Branch Presbyterian Church's ministries and programs, you are invited to speak with Pastor Boyd, an elder, an usher, or any other member of our church family. Also, the ushers have additional information for you as you leave today. We hope you will come back and that you consider Spring Branch as your church home.

Worship 10:50 am

Worship: Spring Branch Presbyterian Church welcomes families of all ages and sizes. For families with young children, relax! God put the wiggle in all children (and adults), we understand. You are invited to sit closer to the front so your children can hear, see, and experience worship with those around them. Remember, children and youth learn through what they observe. Participate and engage yourselves fully.

Sunday Morning Offerings at 9:30 am, Various Locations

Saints Under Construction: This class uses the Presbyterian Church (USA) curriculum, *The Present Word*, which seeks to help participants understand the Bible in relation to present-day life experiences. Weekly attendance ranges from six to eight participants who are encouraged to join class discussions and activities to benefit from a common Christian experience and knowledge. Saints Under Construction meets in the Education Building in the Parlor. Patti Nanney leads the class.

The Explorers: This class meets in the Conference Room in the Education Building. The class studies the Bible, book-by-book, using different translations which help the lively and thought-provoking discussions. Linda Crawford leads the class.

Other Faith Development Opportunities: Watch the monthly PresPress, weekly church-wide emails, and the worship bulletin for other opportunities throughout the year. It may be a short-term Special Topic or book discussions on Sunday mornings, a week night book study, or retreat.

SBPC now offers the option to give a gift to the church using your laptop or any mobile device. Please see the "Giving" card in your pew for details and information on how to support the missions and ministries of SBPC from anywhere at anytime, or visit www.springbranchpres.org/give.