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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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*“True Christianity, Part 2:
The Right Savior”*



September 12, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021

10:50 AM

**Those who are able please stand*

Gathering in God's Name

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Psalm 81)*

Leader: Sing for joy to God our strength;

People: Shout joyfully to the God of Jacob.

Leader: Raise a song, strike the timbrel,

People: The sweet sounding lyre with the harp.

ALL: This is the Lord's day. Let us rejoice!

***HYMN**

"Cry of My Heart"

(Insert)

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Our Lord is gracious, forgiving the sins of all who repent and call upon him.

People: Hear, O Lord, the cries of our hearts:

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Almighty God, in love you spread good gifts before us, more than we need or deserve. You feed, heal, teach, and save us. We confess that we always want more; that we never share as freely as you give. We resent what we lack, and are jealous of our neighbors. We misuse what you intend for joy. God, forgive our stubborn greed and our destructiveness. In mercy, help us to take such pleasure in your goodness that we will always give you thanks; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Glory to God. Amen.

***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.

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

September 12 — Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

September 13 — Monday

5:00 pm Academy Board Meeting

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

7:00 pm Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom

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

September 14 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

11:00 am Pastors Bible Study (CR)

6:00 pm Special Olympics* (GP)

September 15 — Wednesday

9:00 am ZIP Trip: Newman's Castle

9:30 am Wed. Welcome Chapel (GP)

6:00 pm Drive-Thru WNS:
Chopped Beef Sandwiches!

September 16 — 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 17 — Friday

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

5:15 pm Special Olympics* (GP)

September 18 — Saturday

1:30 pm Special Olympics* (GP)

6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

September 19 — Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

September 20 — Monday

PresPress Articles Due

10:00 am The Gathering Place

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

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

September 21 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

11:00 am Pastors Bible Study (CR)

6:00 pm Special Olympics* (GP)

September 22 — Wednesday

9:30 am Happy Hands (GP 2)

9:30 am Wed. Welcome Chapel (GP)

September 23 — 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 24 — Friday

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

September 25 — Saturday

7:45 am Soccer Shots (Field)

11:00 am Hot Meals

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 Evening PW 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 are available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/what-my-grandmothers-taught-me.

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!

September Presbyterian Women ZIP trip is September 15, 2021 to Newman's Castle and Bakery in Bellville. There have been additions and improvements since our last foray into the Medieval realm. We will leave the church parking lot at 9 AM and return by 3 PM. The cost of the tour and lunch is \$20, payable at the bakery when we arrive. Please email me if you plan to go: mepriest@hotmail.com.

Join us for a Drive-Thru Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday at 6:00 PM! Jim & Lu are making Chopped Beef Sandwiches. Please contact secretary@springbranchpres.org to place your dinner order.

The Gathering Place is meeting on Monday, September 20th at 10:00 AM! If you are interested in helping out, please contact Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114 or jballesteros1103@gmail.com or Sarah Dikeman at 713-468-3973 or swdmmd@dikeman.net.

Articles for the October 2021 Edition of the PresPress are due Monday, September 20th. Please submit articles to ethan@springbranchpres.org or secretary@springbranchpres.org.

Join the Happy Hands group on Wednesday, September 22nd from 9:30-11:00 AM to stuff and/or sew heart pillows for hospital patients. We hope to see you there!

MAM Back to School Uniform Voucher Drive – During the month of August, SBPC was 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. There's still an opportunity to contribute if you haven't had a chance to do so! Donations can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings or mailed to the Church Office. Please make checks payable to SBPC, and write *MAM Back to School* in the memo line. We will be accepting donations through Sunday, September 19th.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing the Word

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Patti Nanney

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Speak, God, for our ears are open. By your Spirit, light the way for us in a darkened world through what we hear today. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Come Follow Me Forever"

"Come follow me forever," I heard my Lord proclaim.
We sing with joy together and praise God's holy name.
Lift high in adoration a song to God above.
Let all in this creation receive God's peace and love.

He said, "Come follow me, Come follow me, and I will set you free."
He said, "Come follow me, Come follow me for all eternity."

O bless the Lord with singing, come fill your heart with grace.
A joyful song is ringing, that we may see his face.
All join the celebration, to God our voices raise.
We pray for our salvation and offer hymns of praise.

He said, "Come follow me, Come follow me, and I will set you free."
He said, "Come follow me, Come follow me for all eternity."

He said, "Come follow me, Come follow me, come rest in God above."
He said, "Come follow me, Come follow me, come live in peace and love."

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9

Red Pew Bible OT 681

*HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

GTG, No. 826

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 8:27-38

Red Pew Bible NT 43

SERMON

"True Christianity, Part 2: The Right Savior"

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)*

Bountiful God, your generosity to us overflows each and every day. Now graciously accept this offering from your people, and bless it and us, that peace and goodwill may abound throughout the world, through Christ our Lord. 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**

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

(Insert)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**



We want to thank the members and friends of Spring Branch Presbyterian who have already donated to help our neighbors that were impacted by Hurricane Ida. Our church is partnering with three organizations at this time to help with long term efforts for recovery. Members and friends are invited to participate in the opportunities below as they are able. Please contact Miguel in the church office if you have any questions on how to help. The Mission Team will continue to keep everyone informed as we learn more.

1. Presbytery of New Covenant Donation Drive

The Presbytery of New Covenant is partnering with the Cajun Navy Ground Force who helped many of our neighbors and friends during Hurricane Harvey. We have provided a list from the Presbytery of donations that they are taking at this time. We will be accepting donations over the next several Sunday's and a bin has been placed outside of the church office for you to place your donations in. If you have a large donation you wish to give, please contact Miguel in the church office for pick-up.

2. Hurricane Ida Family Support Gift Cards

Our friends at The Restoration Team through Houston Responds are collecting Visa and Mastercard gift cards to help buy supplies and materials to help repair homes. Any amount is welcome, and we will also accept Home Depot and Lowe's cards as well. If you want to donate a gift card, please contact Miguel to drop off the gift card and to receive the necessary acknowledgement. Gift cards will be collected throughout the month of September.

3. Donations to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

Spring Branch Presbyterian is collecting a special offering to go to a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) fund that has been set up to help with Hurricane Ida relief. If you would like to make a financial gift to PDA, please make your checks payable to Spring Branch Presbyterian Church and write "Hurricane Ida Relief" in the memo line. Donations to PDA can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the Church Office.

From the Cajun Navy
Ground Force:

- Gas - 5 Gallon Cans
- Bottled Water
- Water Jugs
- Tarps, Nails, Zip Ties and Bungees
- Gatorade
- Diapers and Wipes
- Clorox wipes
- Flashlights
- Batteries
- Sanitary Pads, Tampons
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Plates and Plastic Utensils
- Toiletries
- First Aid Supplies
- Non-perishable Food Items
- Pet Food
- Baby Formula and Baby Food
- Insect Repellent
- Covid Rapid Tests
- Bleach
- Work Gloves
- Trash Bags
- PPE

We will be accepting donations during the Wednesday Night Suppers in September. A cart and donation bin will be available for you to drop off your donations as you receive your meal.

Along with these giving opportunities, we invite everyone to continue to pray for our neighbors and friends that have been impacted by Hurricane Ida. The road to recovery will be long, and these families need our love and prayer at this time.