



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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Worship Leader: Megan Hogg
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The Session

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Serving today in Worship:

Liturgist: Jacquie Ballesteros

Time For Young Disciples: Pastor Kevin

Usher Captain: Donald McDaniel

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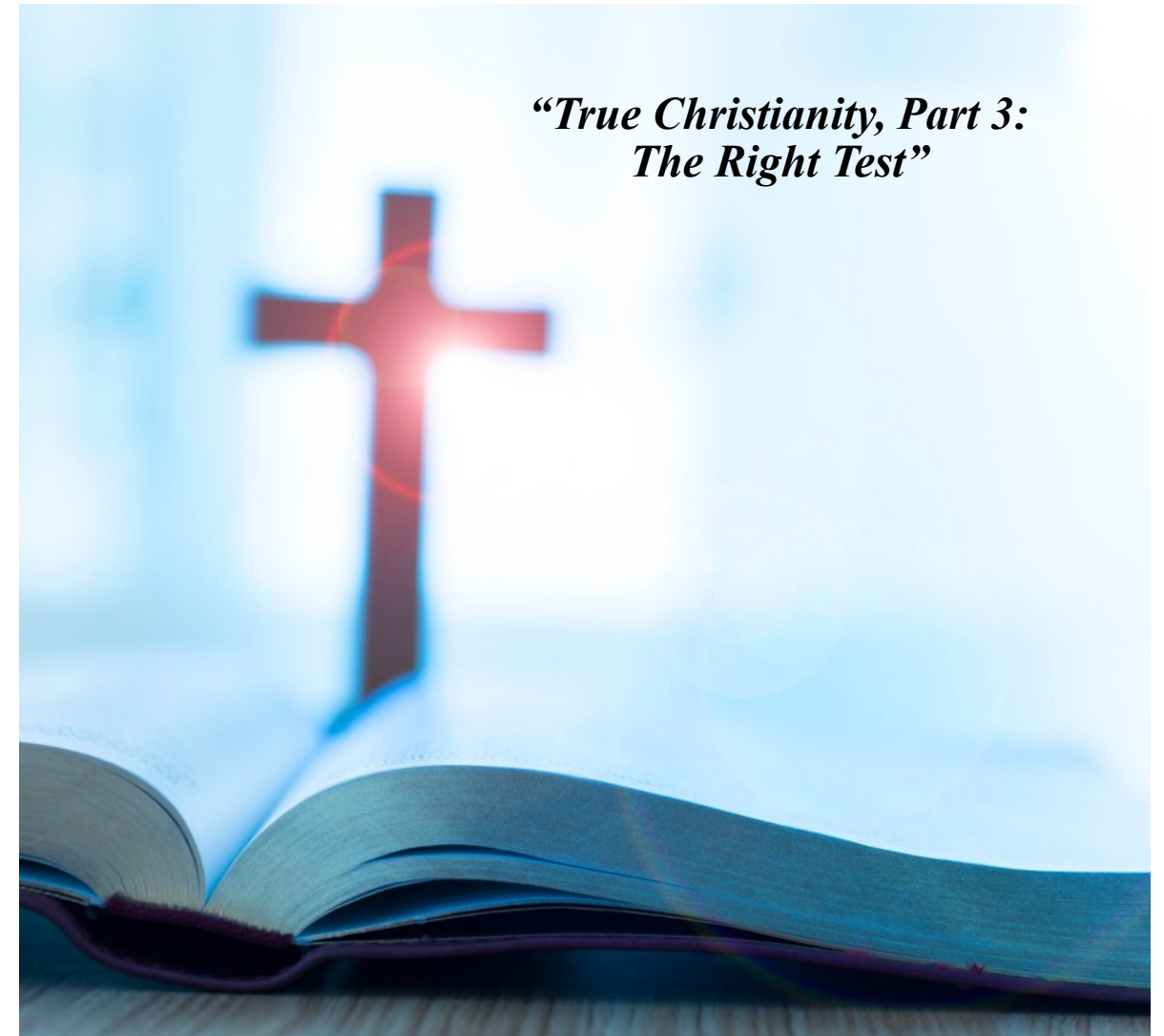
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*“True Christianity, Part 3:
The Right Test”*

September 19, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

10:50 AM

**Those who are able please stand*

Gathering in God's Name

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 103)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: With all our hearts, we will praise God's holy name!

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Never forget the good things God has done for us.

Leader: Praise the Lord, all the earth!

People: Every creature is praising our Creator, everyone, everywhere!

ALL: We too will join our voices in praising the Lord!

***HYMN**

"No Other Like You"

(Please See Screens)

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting in our God of grace, let us make our confession:

CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. 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.

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

September 19 — Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

September 20 — Monday

PresPress Articles Due

10:00 am The Gathering Place

5:00 pm Academy Board Meeting

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

6:00 pm Texas A&M HN* (FH)

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)

September 26 — Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

September 27 — Monday

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

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

September 28 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

11:00 am Pastors Bible Study (CR)

6:00 pm Special Olympics* (GP)

7:00 pm Session

September 29 — Wednesday

9:30 am Wed. Welcome Chapel (GP)

6:00 pm Drive-Thru WNS:

Chicken Pot Pies!

September 30 — 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)

October 1 — Friday

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

October 2 — Saturday

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 Dethloff to the glory of God, and are in honor of Gloria Dethloff's birthday on September 23rd.

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!

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 today, Sunday, September 19th.

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 worshiping from home, but would still like to sponsor flowers for a Worship Service, you may sign up 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

Pastor Kevin

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

"Let the Children Come Unto Me"

Let the children come unto me, let the children come to me.
Bring them near, bring them here. Let the children stay, don't send them away.

Let the children come unto me, let the children come to me.
Bring them near, bring them here.
It may not seem like much, but I bless each one I touch.
Let the children come to me.

The kingdom of God belongs to such as these.
Have faith like a child for with this our God is pleased,
Our God is pleased, our God is pleased.

Let the children come unto me, let the children come to me.
Bring them near, bring them here.
Let laughter fill this place and love shine on each face.
Let the children come to me, Let the children come, let the children come,
Let the children come, let the children come to me.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Red Pew Bible OT 713

*HYMN

"There is Power in the Blood"

(Please See Screens)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 9:30-37

Red Pew Bible NT 45

SERMON

"True Christianity, Part 3: The Right Test"

"What were you arguing about...?" -Mark 9:33

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)*

O God, the Giver of all good gifts, we beseech you graciously to accept this offering of thy people, and so bless it and them, 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**

"Jesus Loves Me"

GTG, No. 188

***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.