



# Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

### Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church  
 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kevin Boyd  
 Administrator: Jorida Vakiari  
 Ministries Coordinator: C. Miguel Carlin  
 Administrative Assistant: Ethan Mitchell  
 Music Director: Gabriel Perez  
 Accompanist: Chip Colvin  
 AV Director: Ethan Mitchell  
 Academy Director: Renee Henry

### 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 2022

Steve Blair  
 Ethan Mitchell  
 Web Trevathan  
 Denise Wilborn

### Class of 2023

Silvia Argyriou  
 Megan Hogg  
 Elizabeth Powell  
 Lu Taylor

### Class of 2024

Charles Fairchild  
 Glenn Lanan  
 Donald McDaniel  
 Jennifer Miller

### Academy Board

Anne Johnson  
 Denise Wilborn

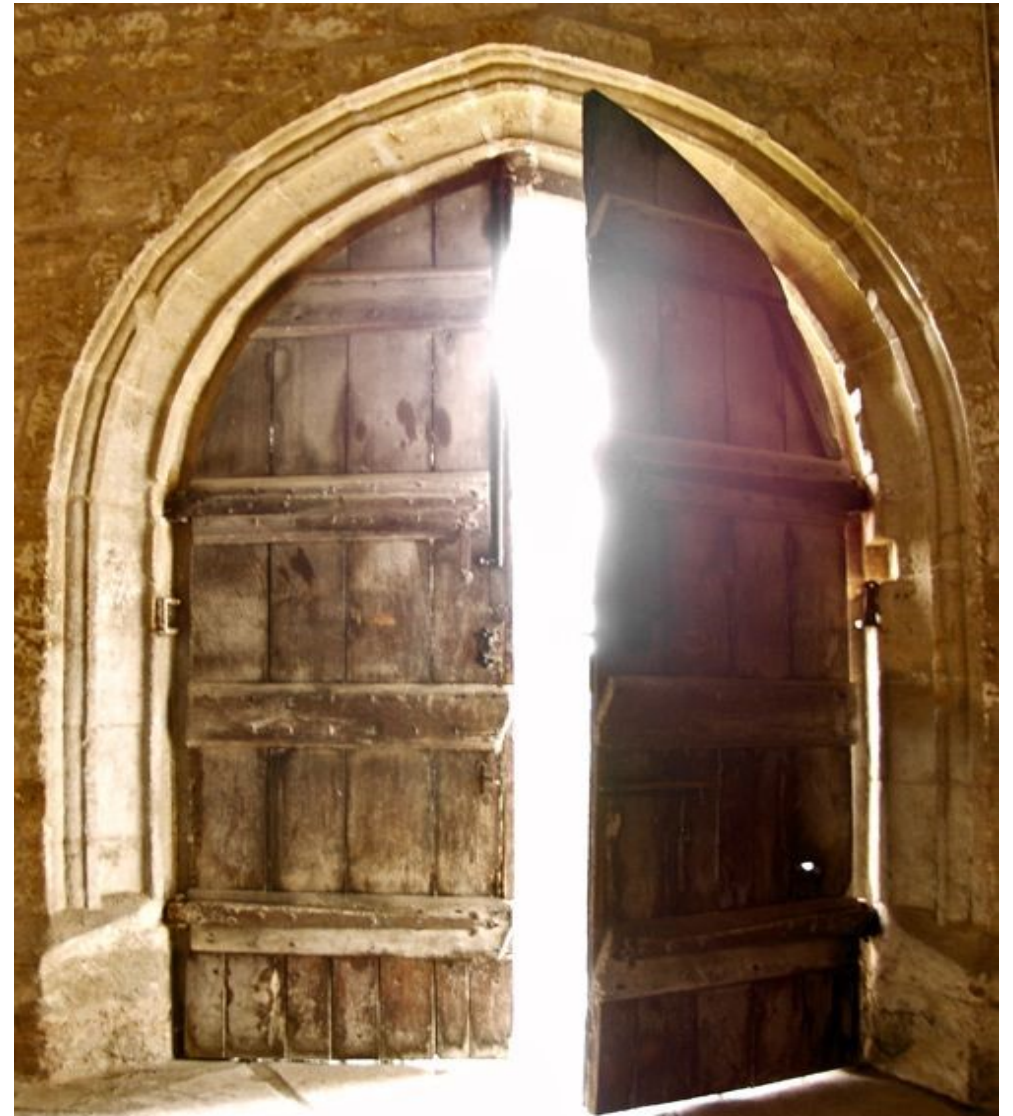
Neal Dikeman  
 Sarah Dikeman

Laurie Mitchell  
 Jani Shepard

### Serving today in Worship:

**Liturgist:** Elizabeth Powell  
**Time For Young Disciples:** Miguel Carlin  
**Usher Captain:** Donald McDaniel  
**PowerPoint:** Megan Hogg  
**Socially Distant Choir:** Patty Blome, Rachael Castillo, Rebecca Castillo  
 Bob Deutsch, Kyle Eveler, Charlie Fairchild, Megan & Jeff Hogg,  
 Gary & Laurie Mitchell, Dick Slover, Patti Walsh

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September 26, 2021

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

10:50 AM

*\*Those who are able please stand*

Gathering in God's Name

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 66:1-4)

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name;

**People: Give to him glorious praise!**

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

**People: So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.**

**ALL: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to your name. Let us worship the Lord!**

**\*HYMN**

*"O Jesus, I Have Promised"*

GTG, No. 724

Preparing for the Word

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

*"There's A Place"*

LUYH, No. 67

**CONFESSION OF SIN** (unison)

**Lord, look now upon your children, who love your name and need your care. Let your mercy be known unto us. Only say that word that we might be healed. We have been a people living astray from the grace of Christ. Call us back to you, watch over us. Fill us with the joy and peace that comes from believing, that we may abound in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: As far as the east is from the west, your sins have been forgiven and removed. We are forgiven!

**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. Amen. Amen.*

# Calendar of Events

[www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar](http://www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar)

**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)

5:15 pm Special Olympics\* (Field)

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\* (Field)

6:00 pm CENTI Church\* (GP)

\*Outside SBPC Reservations & Events

(CR) Conference Room

(FH) Fellowship Hall

(GP) Gathering Place

(L) Library

(P) Parlor

**October 3 — Sunday**

**World Communion Sunday**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

**October 4 — Monday**

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

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

**October 5 — Tuesday**

9:15 am Congregational Care Mtg (GP)

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

11:00 am Pastors Bible Study (CR)

5:15 pm Special Olympics\* (Field)

**October 6 — Wednesday**

9:30 am PW Moderator (CR)

9:30 am Wed. Welcome Chapel (GP)

10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)

**October 7 — 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 8 — Friday**

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

**October 9 — Saturday**

7:45 am Soccer Shots\* (Field)

8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)

1:30 pm Special Olympics\* (Field)

4:00 pm Summerhouse\* (Parking Lot)

6:00 pm CENTI Church\* (GP)



# Announcements & Events:

**The Flowers** for this morning are given by Dick and Dorothy Slover, to the glory of God, and are in loving memory of their parents.

**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!

**Join us for a Drive-Thru Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday at 6:00 PM!** Jennifer Miller is dishing up Chicken Pot Pies. Please contact [secretary@springbranchpres.org](mailto:secretary@springbranchpres.org) to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

**The PW Day Circle** will meet on Wednesday, October 13th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room to discuss Lesson 2 of *What My Grandmother's Taught Me*. Please contact Carol Davis if you'd like to attend via Zoom. **The Evening Bible Study** will meet on Monday, October 11th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah Powell at [mrspowelltobe@yahoo.com](mailto:mrspowelltobe@yahoo.com) to receive a Zoom invitation. The Lesson 2 video is available at the following link: [www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/what-my-grandmothers-taught-me](http://www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/what-my-grandmothers-taught-me).

**If there is an article that you would like included in the October 2021 Edition of the PresPress,** please submit it ASAP to [ethan@springbranchpres.org](mailto:ethan@springbranchpres.org).

**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 signup digitally by using this form: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084cabac2ba1fa7-2021>, or by emailing [jorida.vakiari@springbranchpres.org](mailto:jorida.vakiari@springbranchpres.org). 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 (Attn: Jorida) or placed in the offering plate.

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MOMENT FOR MISSION

### Hearing the Word

## TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Miguel Carlin

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

**Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.**

## ANTHEM

### *"Hand in Hand"*

Walk with me my brother. Walk with me my sister. Journey with me as we seek our destiny,  
Talk with me, my brother. Talk with me, my sister. Lend me your wisdom and your eyes that I might see.  
No matter what the problem, I will try to understand.  
We can make it through, hand in hand.

Sing with me, my brother. Sing with me, my sister. Let's get together and make a melody,  
Shout with me, my brother. Shout with me, my sister. Let's celebrate what it means to be free.  
No matter what the problem, I will try to understand.  
We can make it through, hand in hand.

Work with me, my brother. Work with me, my sister. Labor with me as we strive for unity.  
Dance with me, my brother. Dance with me, my sister. Come step with me as we move in harmony.  
No matter what the problem, I will try to understand.  
We can make it through, hand in hand.

Hand in hand. We can make it through. Hand in hand.  
Hand in hand. We can make it through. Hand in hand.  
Working together in harmony, hand in hand.  
Working together in harmony, hand in hand.  
Sing with me, Oh, shout and dance with me, hand in hand.  
Sing with me, Oh, shout and dance with me, hand in hand.  
Hand in hand in hand in hand.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 Red Pew Bible OT 129

**\*HYMN** *"Make Me a Chanel of Your Peace"* GTG, No. 753

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** Mark 9:38-50 Red Pew Bible NT 45

**SERMON** *"True Christianity, Part 4: The Right Door"*  
*"...and whoever causes..." -Mark 9:42*  
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)*

**God of grace and truth, receive and bless these gifts which we offer in response to the blessings you bestow on our lives and our world. We dedicate ourselves anew to live witnessing to the love and servanthood of Jesus, in whose name we pray. 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**

*"Song of Hope"*

GTG, No. 765

### **\*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. 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. 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. Thank you to everyone that has contributed to this effort! So far we have collect \$2,595 in gift cards.

### **2. 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 (Attn: Jorida). Donations will be accepted through Sunday, October 3rd.

### *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.

*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](http://www.springbranchpres.org/give).*