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# Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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**The Session**

Clerk: Elizabeth Powell

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Kevin Boyd

**Class of 2022**

Steve Blair  
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Anne Johnson  
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**Serving today in Worship:**

**Liturgist:** Todd Miller  
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*“...Can that faith  
save him?”  
-James 2:14*

*September 5, 2021*

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021

10:50 AM

*\*Those who are able please stand*

God's People Connect

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 125)

Leader: Those who trust in the Lord

**People: Are as Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.**

Leader: As the mountains surround Jerusalem,

**People: So the Lord surrounds His people.**

**ALL: Our hope is in the Lord, from this time forth and forever.**

**\*HYMN**

*"Jesu, Jesu"*

GTG, No. 203

Preparing for the Word

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Leader: As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of God's love, revealed in Word and Sacrament, let us call to mind our sins.

**CONFESSION OF SIN** (unison)

**Eternal God, our Creator, whose mercy in Christ Jesus blots out our transgressions; we confess our sins. For deeds done and words said, for thoughts entertained and actions taken, for blessings ignored and powers misused, for abilities hidden and opportunities denied, for hatreds harbored and restitution unsought, for all that has limited Thy will in our lives. Spare not Thy mercy, O Lord. Cover our sins with Thy grace. For the sake of our Redeemer, our Savior, Christ Jesus. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Hear the good news! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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.*

# Calendar of Events

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

**September 5 — Sunday**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

**September 6 — Monday**

**Church & Academy Closed**



**September 7 — Tuesday**

9:15 am Congregational Care Mtg (GP)

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

11:00 am Pastors Bible Study (CR)

**September 8 — Wednesday**

9:30 am PW Circle (CR)

Salad Luncheon (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)

**September 11 — Saturday**

8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)

6:00 pm CENTI Church\* (GP)

\*Outside SBPC Reservations & Events

(CR) Conference Room

(FH) Fellowship Hall

(GP) Gathering Place

(L) Library

(P) Parlor

**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)

## Announcements & Events:

**The Flowers** for this morning are given by Gabe Perez and Floyd Christopher, to the Glory of God, and in celebration of their 5th wedding anniversary on September 3rd.

**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 PW Day Circle** will meet on Wednesday, September 8th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Please contact Carol Davis if you'd like to attend via Zoom. A salad luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall. 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](mailto: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](http://www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/what-my-grandmothers-taught-me).

**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](mailto:mepriest@hotmail.com).

**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.

**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>. 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.

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Todd Miller

#### God's People Are Empowered

#### ANTHEM

*"In Remembrance"*

*Rachael Castillo, Rebecca Castillo, Kyle Eveler, and Gabe Perez*

In remembrance of me, eat this bread.  
In remembrance of me, drink this wine.  
In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.  
In remembrance of me, heal the sick.  
In remembrance of me, feed the poor.  
In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in.

Take, eat, and be comforted,  
Drink, and remember, too,  
That this is my body and precious blood,  
Shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth.  
In remembrance of me, always love.  
In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart, in your heart.  
Look in your heart for God.

Do this in remembrance of me.  
Do this in remembrance of me.  
In remembrance of me.

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

**Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

#### \*HYMN

*"When the Poor Ones"*

GTG, No. 762

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 2:1-10, 14-18

Red Pew Bible NT 229

#### SERMON

***"True Christianity, Part 1: The Right Ethic"***

*"...Can that faith save him?" -James 2:14*

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

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**The Invitation**  
**Sharing of Prayer Concerns**  
**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**  
**The Words of Institution**  
**Prayer of Thanksgiving**  
**Breaking of the Bread**  
**Serving of the Elements**  
**Prayer After Receiving**

### 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**

Leader: Merciful God, you have graced our lives with so many gifts, the greatest of these being Jesus, your Son, our Lord. He showed us how to live truly blessed and saintly lives which are in harmony with yours. We offer these gifts with the hope and prayer that they are used to bless others, and we dedicate ourselves to follow Jesus as faithfully as the saints of every age have done. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### Departing to Serve

#### **\*HYMN**

*"This Little Light of Mine"*

*(Please See Screens)*

#### **\*BENEDICTION**

#### **\*POSTLUDE**



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