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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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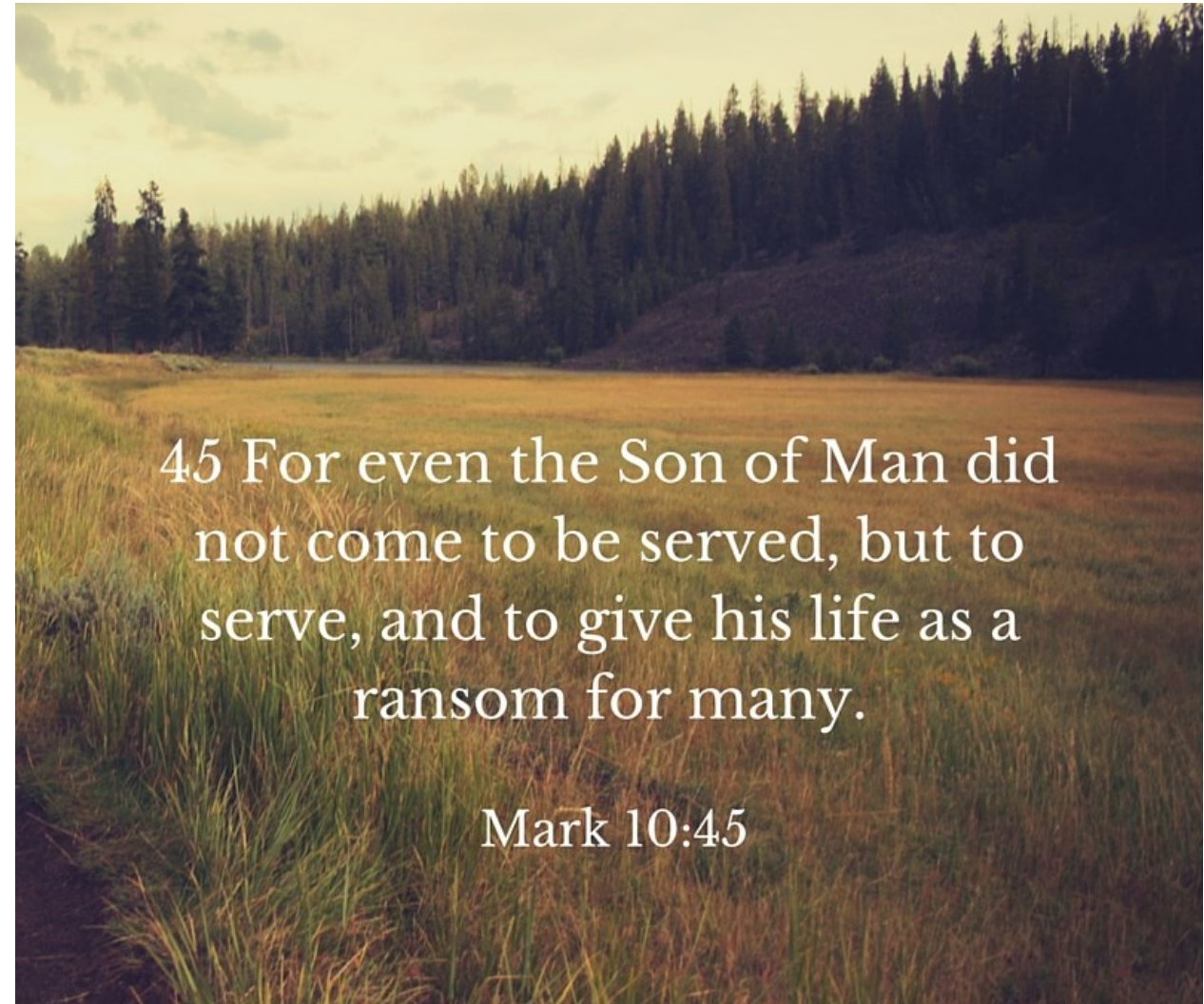
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October 17, 2021

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021

10:50 AM

**Those who are able please stand*

Gathering in God's Name

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 95:1,2*)

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord,

People: And shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,

People: Singing joyful songs of praise.

***HYMN**

"The Church of Christ in Every Age"

GTG, No. 320

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Lord, we call ourselves your servants. But in order to serve, we need to have our relationship with you strengthened and renewed.

People: So, renew us as we confess our sins together:

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

Holy God, you give to us all good things. From us, you expect responsible use of your gifts; but talent lies unused or wasted. Time is given to unimportant activities. Wealth is grudgingly shared. Forgive us in the ways we have failed as stewards. Free us to recognize our responsibility that we, your church, might be the friend to the needy, the guardian of your creation, and the builder of your kingdom. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Arise, shine for your light has come! God has cleansed us. Celebrate!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we give 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

October 17 — Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

12:30 pm Men's Retreat (GP)

October 18 — Monday

10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)

5:30 pm Faith Development Meeting

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

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

October 19 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

11:00 am Pastors Bible Study (CR)

5:15 pm Special Olympics* (Field)

October 20 — Wednesday

PresPress Articles Due

9:30 am PW Zip Trip:
Memorial Park Arboretum

October 21 — Thursday

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

10:30 am NACBA Luncheon* (GP)

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

October 22 — Friday

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

October 23 — Saturday

10:00 am TXPWA Support Group* (GP)

11:00 am Hot Meals

1:30 pm Special Olympics* (Field)

6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

October 24 — Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

October 25 — Monday

9:00 am TGP Planning Meeting (CR)

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

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

October 26 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

11:00 am Pastors Bible Study (CR)

7:00 pm Session

October 27 — Wednesday

9:30 am Happy Hands (GP 2)

6:00 pm Drive-Thru WNS: Lasagna!

October 28 — Thursday

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

11:00 am Flexercise (GP)

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

October 29 — Friday

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

October 30 — 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

Announcements & Events:

The Flowers for this morning are given by Bill Bryant, to the glory of God, and are in remembrance of his wife, Emma, his parents, 4 brothers and 3 sisters.

Join us for our Men's Retreat this afternoon from 12:30-5:00 PM! We will meet in the Gathering Place, and lunch will be provided. Come join us!

The Gathering Place is meeting tomorrow, October 18th 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.

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 ZIP Trip this month is to the Houston Arboretum at Memorial Park and lunch at a local restaurant. Meet at the church at 9:30 am this Wednesday, October 20th. Expect to return by 2:00 pm.

Happy Hands will meet for the last time this year on Wednesday, October 27, at 9:30 AM. November and December are holiday months for us. Join us as we finish the year stuffing and sewing pillows for hospitalized patients. We hope to see you there!

Articles for the November 2021 Edition of the PresPress are due this Wednesday, October 20th. Articles and submissions may be sent to ethan@springbranchpres.org or secretary@springbranchpres.org.

On November 28th, we will be packing and wrapping Seafarers' Boxes at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Our goal is to collect over 100 boxes to pack. In lieu of bringing donations, consider filling a box (or several) on your own. Please bring any fully wrapped boxes to the church by Sunday, November 21st. If you would like to help deliver, please let Laurie know. A list of requested items from the Port of Houston is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/seafarers-boxes.

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. 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

Hearing the Word

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Patty Blome

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Lord of wisdom, sometimes we find understanding the scriptures to be difficult. Yet we truly want to be your faithful disciples. So by your Spirit, open our eyes to the truths in your Word, and give us the grace to live out your instructions. Hear the prayers of your thankful children. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Be Thou My Vision"

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, what ever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 53:4-12

Red Pew Bible OT 683

*HYMN

"Make Me a Servant"

(Insert)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 10:35-45

Red Pew Bible NT 47

SERMON

"True Christianity, Part 7: The Right Order"

"...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve..." -Mark 10:45

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)*

We confess, O Lord, how we tarnish your image, how we fail to live up to the responsibility you have given us. We trust in your forgiveness in Christ Jesus. We don't offer these gifts to make up for our sins, for Christ alone is our sacrificial lamb. What we have, we give freely in thanksgiving, as your children. May those around us see you in what we say, in what we do, and in who we are. May all of this glorify you. 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**

"Jesu, Jesu"

GTG, No. 203

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

May the Lord bless you and keep you; may He make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you; may He lift up His countenance on you and give you peace. Amen.

***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 Library. 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.