



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church
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The Session

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Anne Johnson
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November 21, 2021

Christ the King Sunday

November 21, 2021

10:50 AM

**Those who are able please stand*

Gathering in God's Name

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Psalm 27)*

Leader: Give ear, Shepherd of Israel.

People: You, O Lord, lead us like a flock.

Leader: You, O Lord, are enthroned above the cherubim.

People: Stir up your power, O God, and come to save us.

ALL: To behold the beauty of the Lord and to meditate in His temple. Praise God!

***HYMN**

"We Gather Together"

GTG, No. 336

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: We are the people of God, but Scripture reminds us that we still sin and that we need to confess our failures.

People: Knowing that the Lord Jesus intercedes for us with the Father, who freely forgives us through his infinite goodness and mercy, let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together.

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

God of love, we have failed to live as we ought to live. We have mismanaged our stewardship, mishandled our morality, misjudged friends, misappropriated abilities, misspent our energies, misinterpreted your will, misapprehended the truth, and missed the joy of discipleship. Forgive our sins, intentional and unintentional. Lead us to live in quiet obedience, and serve with thanksgiving in our hearts, until we are the disciples we are called to be. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Psalm 103:8-12)*

Leader: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve, or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. In Christ we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

November 21 — Christ the King Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

November 22 — Monday

1:00 pm Hanging of the Greens

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

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

November 23 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

11:00 am Pastors Bible Study (CR)

November 24 — Wednesday

Church & Academy Close @ 2:30 PM

6:45 pm Santa Iglesia* (GP 1)

November 25 — Thursday

Church & Academy Closed

7:00 am CENTI Thanksgiving Breakfast*



November 26 — Friday

Church & Academy Closed

November 27 — Saturday

11:00 am Hot Meals

1:30 pm Special Olympics* (GP)

6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

November 28 — First Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Blood Drive (GP)

9:30 am Packing Seafarers' Boxes (FH)

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

November 29 — Monday

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

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

November 30 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

11:00 am Pastors Bible Study (CR)

December 1 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Moderator (CR)

10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)

6:00 pm WNS: Taco Soup!

6:45 pm Santa Iglesia* (GP 1)

December 2 — 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)

December 3 — Friday

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

6:30 pm Santa Iglesia* (GP 1)

December 4 — 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 Jacquie Ballesteros, to the glory of God, and are in memory of Marian W. Auld, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother of the Ballesteros and Earnest families.

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!

Spring Branch Presbyterian, as part of our Season of Thanks, is partnering with Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston to call seniors in Houston to wish them a Happy Thanksgiving on November 25th. These seniors are participants of Interfaith Ministries Meals on Wheels program. We are inviting members and friends to join us by signing up to call ten of our neighbors on Thanksgiving Day from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. The church and Interfaith Ministries will provide you with everything you need to make the calls. If you are interested in participating, please sign up with Miguel in the Church Office by November 21st.

There will not be Wednesday Night Supper this week, in observance of Thanksgiving. Join us when we resume on December 1st! The Presbyterian Women will be making Taco Soup. All proceeds will benefit the College Connections care packages. We hope to see you there!

Save-the-date for Carols in the Park, presented by Spring Branch Presbyterian Church! We will gather in the Spring Valley Village Park (1025 Campbell Rd) on Sunday, December 5th at 6:00 PM. Pastor Kevin and several of the area Middle School Choirs will share some of our favorite Christmas carols. We hope to see you there!

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, December 8th, at 9:30 AM to discuss Lesson 4 of *What My Grandmother's Taught Me*. Please contact Carol Davis if you'd like to attend the Day Circle via Zoom. **The Evening Bible Study** will meet on Monday, December 6th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah Powell at mrspowelltobe@yahoo.com to receive a Zoom invitation for the evening study. The Lesson 4 video is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/what-my-grandmothers-taught-me.

The Academy Christmas Pageant is Wednesday, December 15, at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary. All are invited to attend! A cookies and punch reception will immediately follow in the Breezeway.

Please join us for the annual Advent Party on Thursday, December 16th at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Come for food, fellowship, music, and crafts. This meal will be free. We hope to see you there!

*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

Jan Fitts

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Holy God, as we appear before you, we are in need of instruction, of encouragement, of healing, of enlightenment, of commitment. So fulfil your will in our hearts this day as we hear your word. Amen.

ANTHEM

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Choir

For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies, over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light, sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven, Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise,
This our joyful hymn of praise.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Red Pew Bible OT 828

***HYMN** "Give Thanks" GTG, No. 647

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON John 18:33-38 Red Pew Bible NT 113

SERMON "Excellence in Faith, Part 3: Knowledge"
"My kingdom is not from this world..." -John 18:36
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. Amen. Amen. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(unison)*
It is out of gratitude that we give these gifts of food and money. They come with the prayer that all may know abundance of goods and of peace in all places in our world. So may it be. 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** "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" *(Please See Screens)*

***CHARGE AND 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

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. Participants are encouraged to join class discussions and activities to benefit from a common Christian experience and knowledge. Saints Under Construction class 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 though-provoking discussions. Linda Crawford leads the class.

Sunday School on Zoom! Taught by Jim Kunkel, hosted by Carol Davis on Zoom, but subjects are in response to suggestions and topics from the members. Recent classes have been about women in the Old Testament, prayer, and immigration. Class is at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. Everyone is invited to join at any time for any period of time—just contact Jim or Carol for a zoom invite.

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.