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# Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

## Who's Who:

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Administration Leader: Web Trevathan  
Congregation Leader: Kay Craig  
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Worship Leader: Megan Hogg  
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## The Session

Clerk: Elizabeth Powell

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Kevin Boyd

## Class of 2022

Steve Blair  
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## Class of 2023

Silvia Argyriou  
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Elizabeth Powell  
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## Class of 2024

Charles Fairchild  
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## Academy Board

Anne Johnson  
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November 28, 2021

## First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

10:50 AM

*\*Those who are able please stand*

### Gathering in God's Name

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come from a world of darkness

**People: Into Christ's world of light.**

Leader: We come from a world of weariness

**People: Into God's strength and hope.**

Leader: We come from a slumbering world.

**ALL: Strengthened by the Spirit, we come to awaken our souls and watch for the coming of Christ.**

#### \*HYMN

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v. 1, 6, 7)*

GTG, No. 88

#### THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE (Hope)

The Pace Family

### Preparing for the Word

#### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: The night is nearly over, the day is at hand.

**People: Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light.**

#### CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

**Righteous God, stay your hand of judgment against us for we have not lived faultlessly nor acted without sin. Ours was to serve but we rebelled. Ours was to wait but we ran ahead. Ours was to trust but we mistrusted. Many who needed our help went without aid. Many promptings of your Spirit went unheeded. Many understandings of your will went unlearned. Forgive our disobedience and stubbornness. So, align us with your purpose, that when called again to serve, we will reply: "Not my will, O Lord, but Thine be done." Amen.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear this good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, and freed to love and serve. Alleluia! Amen.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen!**

# Calendar of Events

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

#### November 28 — 1st 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

#### December 5 — 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:50 am Worship  
6:00 pm Carols in the Park (Spring Valley)

#### December 6 — Monday

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)  
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)  
7:00 pm Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom  
7:30 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut & GP)

#### December 7 — Tuesday

9:15 am Congregational Care Meeting  
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
11:00 am Pastors Bible Study (CR)  
7:00 pm Session (CR)

#### December 8 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Circle (CR & FH)  
5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 2)  
6:00 pm WNS: Cranberry Chicken!  
6:45 pm Santa Iglesia\* (GP 1)

#### December 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)

#### December 10 — Friday

9:00 am Jessie's Bites\* (Kitchen)  
6:00 pm Academy Christmas Party (FH)  
6:30 pm Santa Iglesia\* (GP 1)

#### December 11 — Saturday

8:30 am Boy Scouts ILST Meeting (GP 1)  
1:30 pm Special Olympics\* (GP)  
3:00 pm Fairbees Christmas Party\* (FH)  
6:00 pm CENTI Church\* (GP)

# Announcements & Events:

**Thank you to everyone who is participating in our Mission initiatives this morning**—the annual packing, wrapping, and delivering of the Seafarers' Christmas Boxes to the Port of Houston, and our November Blood Drive! If you'd like to donate blood, come down to the Gathering Place before 12:30 PM!

**Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, December 1st, at 6:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. The Presbyterian Women are making Taco Soup! All proceeds will benefit the College Connections care packages. Please contact [secretary@springbranchpres.org](mailto:secretary@springbranchpres.org) to place your dinner order. 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 the Spring Branch Middle School, Landrum Middle School, and Memorial High School Choirs will share some of our favorite Christmas carols. If you would like to volunteer to help with this exciting event, please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or contact the Church Office. We encourage you to bring a blanket or a chair to sit on in the park—and to invite your friends! We look forward to seeing you there!

**Angel Tree is back in person this season!** The Angel Tree Christmas Prison Ministry Program provides gifts for the children of incarcerated parents. Every year, our church receives the names of about 20 children who live in the zip codes around our church. Tags will be available beginning on Sunday, December 5th, before and after worship, and also on Wednesday, December 8th at dinner. Be sure to pick up one or two! The deadline for returning gifts is December 15th. In addition to the gifts, each family receives a basket of food. Please pick up some kid friendly, non-perishable food from the store the next few weeks and we will begin to set it aside for our Angel Tree families.

**The PW Day Circle** will meet on Wednesday, December 8th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room to discuss Lesson 4 of *What My Grandmother's Taught Me*. A Salad Luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall. 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](mailto: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](http://www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/what-my-grandmothers-taught-me).

**Poinsettias are available for purchase again this year.** A sign-up sheet is located in the Church Office & Narthex to place your order until Tuesday, December 21st. Remember to indicate who you are honoring, and/or remembering, with your payment of \$10 to SBPC, which you can drop off in the Church Office, or during Worship in the offering plate.

**Please turn in all outstanding receipts for reimbursement** to Jorida in the church office no later than Wednesday, December 15th.

**\*GLORIA**

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

GTG, No. 113

*Angles we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo! Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo!*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Hearing the Word**

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Patti Nanney

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

**Lord God, help us to know your ways; teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

*"E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come"*

Choir

Peace be to you and grace from Him  
Who freed us from our sins,  
Who loved us all and shed His blood  
That we might saved be.

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, The Lord, Almighty God,  
Who was and is and is to come;  
Sing Holy, Holy, Lord!  
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,  
For Christ is coming, is coming soon, For Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,  
And night shall be no more;  
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,  
For Christ will be their All!

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Luke 21:24-36

Red Pew Bible NT 85

**\*HYMN**

*"You Are Holy"*

GTG, No. 705

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Red Pew Bible OT 738

**SERMON**

***"Let There Be Light, Part 1: All People Will See"***

*"Behold the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the good word."* -Jeremiah 33:14  
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**

### **PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### **OFFERTORY**

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God for gifts of hope and peace  
Praise God for gifts of joy and love  
Praise God for sending Christ to dwell  
On earth for us - Emmanuel.  
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

### **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(unison)*

**Draw us onward, heavenly Father. In a way, the giving of these gifts is an act of releasing them. We tend to hold on too tightly to our possessions. Forgive us, Lord. The harder we hold on, the more difficult it is to step out in faith, to be drawn nearer to your Kingdom. Here, God - these offerings belong to you. We belong to you. In Jesus' 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**

*"Come! Live in the Light!" (v. 3, 2,1)*

GTG, No. 749

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