



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Who's Who:

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The Session

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 than all...” -Mark 12:43*

November 7, 2021

**Those who are able please stand*

God's People Connect

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Psalm 116)*

Leader: We love the Lord because He hears our voice and our supplications.

People: We shall call upon Him as long as we live!

Leader: What shall we render to the Lord for all His benefits toward us?

People: We shall lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

ALL: In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of God's people, let us praise the Lord!

***HYMN**

"When the Poor Ones"

GTG, No. 762

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: We are the people of God, but Scripture reminds us that we still sin. We need to confess our failures, knowing that the Lord Jesus intercedes for us with the Father, who freely forgives us, through his infinite goodness and mercy.

People: So, let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together.

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Merciful God, when we think of your great faithfulness and steadfast love, we confess how far we fall short of both. There are times when we judge others by our standards of faithfulness, rather than yours. We confess also that our busy-ness can so distract us, that we let opportunities slip by to plant even the smallest seeds of faith. Forgive us and increase our faith, O God, so that we can uproot any obstacles which hinder our faithfulness. This we pray in Jesus' name. 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.

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

November 7 — Sunday

Daylight Savings Time Ends

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

November 8 — Monday

5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

7:00 pm BSA Informational Mtg (FH)

7:00 pm Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom

November 9 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

11:00 am Pastors Bible Study (CR)

7:00 pm Mission Team Meeting (P)

November 10 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Circle (Jan Fitts' House)

6:00 pm WNS: Hamburgers!

6:30 pm Santa Iglesia* (CR)

November 11 — Thursday

Veterans Day

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

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

4:45 pm Special Olympics* (Field)

6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

November 12 — Friday

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

6:30 pm Santa Iglesia* (CR)

November 13 — Saturday

8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)

1:30 pm Special Olympics* (GP)

6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

November 14 — Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

2:00 pm Baby Shower: Ashley Powell (FH)

November 15 — Monday

10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

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

November 16 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

11:00 am Pastors Bible Study (CR)

November 17 — Wednesday

6:00 pm WNS: Quesadillas!

6:30 pm Santa Iglesia* (CR)

November 18 — Thursday

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

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

4:45 pm Special Olympics* (Field)

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

November 19 — Friday

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

6:30 pm Santa Iglesia* (CR)

November 20 — Saturday

PresPress Articles Due

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 the Rach-Bik family, dedicated to the glory of God and family birthdays this month.

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, November 10th, at 9:30 AM at Jan Fitts' house to discuss Lesson 3 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, November 8th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah Powell at mrspowellto@yahoo.com to receive a Zoom invitation for the evening study. The Lesson 3 video is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/what-my-grandmothers-taught-me.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, November 10th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Trembles are making Hamburgers! Please contact secretary@springbranchpres.org to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church has been invited by our community partner, Theatre Under the Stars, to go see Sister Act. TUTS is offering a one-time limited group price to SBPC of \$65.00 per a person ticket price. We have made a reservation for Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 2:00 PM to go as a group. If you would like to go with the church, please sign up in the Church Office through Miguel no later than Sunday, November 7th. Please note our friends at TUTS are following COVID-19 protocols and have asked us to share this link with you prior to signing up (www.thehobbycenter.org/covid-19). Thank you!

SBPC will have a Blood Drive on Sunday, November 28th from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM in the Gathering Place. Please contact Ashley Powell at ashleycrawford161@gmail.com if you would like to donate. Successful donors will receive a long sleeve pullover. Share the gift of life!

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.

*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

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Kevin

God's People Are Empowered

ANTHEM

"Take My Life"

Choir

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne,
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.
Take me life, let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

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

"Give Thanks"

GTG, No. 647

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 12:38-44

Red Pew Bible NT 49

SERMON

"Excellence in Faith, Part 1: Giving"

"this poor widow has put in more than all..." -Mark 12:43

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. Amen. Amen. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Leader: Faithful God, receive and bless these gifts which we bring as signs of our faithfulness. Bless us also as we seek not to be served, but to serve as Jesus did, humbly and wholeheartedly. Amen.

Departing to Serve

***HYMN**

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

GTG, No. 738

***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.