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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church
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 Mission Leader: Steve Blair
 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

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Class of 2024

Charles Fairchild
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 Donald McDaniel
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Anne Johnson
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December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

10:50 AM

**Those who are able please stand*

God's People Connect

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Almighty God,

People: In whose eternity our transient lives are held, whose will is our peace,

Leader: Who has come upon us in great humility,

People: Make us wise to wait for you, to watch for you, to wish for you,

ALL: Until in the fullness of time, Incarnation breaks in on us, light shines in the dark, and we worship you with our whole hearts!

*HYMN

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

GTG, No. 133

THE LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE (Love)

Delia & Ali Nix

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: You see lights all around us, the light of the Advent candles and the tree.
What is your response?

People: We long to be a people of light, shining brightly in this world. We trust that God can make us so as we pray together:

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Lord, forgive these grievous sins that so easily beset us: Unkind words, unworthy thoughts, careless attitudes with scant concern, petty grievances, sloppy living, questionable actions with slight remorse, weak motives, timid prayers, tardy concern, and checkered compassion. Purge us from all falseness, purify us from evil. Perfect us through the pardon of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people, pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, as you have promised in the gospel, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

December 19 — 4th Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

December 20 — Monday

PresPress Articles Due

10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

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

December 21 — Tuesday

11:00 am Pastors Bible Study (CR)

6:30 pm Santa Iglesia* (GP 1)

December 22 — Wednesday

6:45 pm Santa Iglesia* (GP 1)

December 23 — Thursday

Church & Academy Close @ 2:30 PM

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

6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

December 24 — Friday

Church Office & Academy Closed

5:30 pm Hot Chocolate & Cookies

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service



December 25 — Saturday

11:00 am Hot Meals



December 26 — Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

December 27 — Monday

Academy Closed

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

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

December 28 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

11:00 am Pastors Bible Study (CR)

6:30 pm Santa Iglesia* (GP 1)

December 29 — Wednesday

6:45 pm Santa Iglesia* (GP 1)

December 30 — Thursday

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

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

December 31 — Friday

Church Office & Academy Closed

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

January 1 — Saturday

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 Marguerite Priest, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of Bryan's 44th birthday!

One of our long-time Missions in December is the **PCHAS Ornament Tree**. During Advent time, we hang ornaments on a Christmas tree. Each of the ornaments has a PCHAS tag attached with a suggested donation amount. You take the ornament home with you and leave the donation in the basket provided. *(If you pay by check, please make checks payable to SBPC and put "PCHAS Ornament Tree" in the memo line.)*

You are invited to join us for the Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve Service. Hot chocolate & cookies will be served at 5:30pm. The service will begin at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Please don't forget to turn in your Pledge Card. You can find one in the Narthex, Church Office, or Parlor. There is a box in the Narthex for submitting cards. Pledge Cards that are mailed or emailed should be addressed to Jorida in the Church Office. Thank you for your continued commitment!

Would you like to beautify the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings while honoring a loved one or commemorating a special occasion? **The 2022 Flowers Sign-Up Calendar is located in the Narthex!** The cost per arrangement is \$65.00. Checks should be written to SBPC and mailed to the Church Office or placed in the Offering Box on Sunday mornings.

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.

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!

If there is an article that you would like included in the January 2022 edition of the PresPress, please submit it ASAP to ethan@springbranchpres.org or secretary@springbranchpres.org.

The Presbyterian Women have cookbooks for sale (\$5), including one Kay Craig compiled for a collection of recipes by Lil Drago. The PW cookbooks #3 and #6 are also available with recipes donated by the Presbyterian Women.

***GLORIA**

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

GTG, No. 113

*Angels 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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

The Gathering Place

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Miguel Carlin

God's People Are Empowered

ANTHEM

"The Virgin's Slumber Song"

Rebecca Castillo

Amid the roses Mary sits and rocks her Jesus-Child
While amid the treetops sighs the breeze so warm and mild
And soft and sweetly sings a bird upon the bough
Ah, Baby, dear one
Slumber now

Happy is Thy laughter; holy is Thy silent rest
Lay Thy head in slumber fondly on Thy mother's breast
Ah, Baby, dear one
Slumber now

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Almighty God, you pour out the spirit of grace and supplication on all who desire it. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal, we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 10:5-10

Red Pew Bible NT 224

***HYMN**

"Canticle of the Turning"

GTG, No. 100

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:39-45

Red Pew Bible NT 57

SERMON

"Let There Be Light, Part 3: A Labor of Love"

"And blessed is she..." -Luke 1:45

Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd

Departing to Serve

***HYMN**

"Love Has Come"

GTG, No. 110

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**



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.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(unison)*

Most gracious God, today we give our gifts as a thank offering for the magnificent gift of Jesus, that God so generously gave to us. We dedicate this gift for the loving work of the church, and we ask you to use all that we have in your service. This we pray in Jesus' name. 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.

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.