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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service December 24, 2021

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2021 6:00 PM

*Those who are able please stand

Gathering in God's Name

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Isaiah 9:1, 6b; Psalm 96:11-13)

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived

in a land of deep darkness - on them, light has shined.

People: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all

that fills it. Let the paddocks and fields exult, and everything in them.

Leader: Let all the trees in the bush sing for joy before the Lord; for he is coming, he

is coming to judge the earth.

People: He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his

truth.

ALL: And he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace.

***HYMN** "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" GTG, No. 128

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Boyd Family

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: God, creator of all life, you made us in your image, and sent your Son to

share our flesh. Tonight, as we celebrate the glad time of his birth, we pray

that your love may be born anew in us.

People: Help us to respond to the greatness of your love as we offer ourselves

in prayer.

CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

We celebrate the coming of the Light of the world; we have prayed for that light to enter our lives and our world. Yet we confess that there have been times when we have obscured the light for others through insensitivity and prejudice, through the use of careless and hurtful words or selfish and destructive actions. Gracious God, your angels broke into the midnight of a sleeping world to sing the news that Christ was born in Bethlehem. Break into the midnight of our dark world and stir hearts to hear again the message of your love. Come Lord Jesus, be light for our darkness and empower us with your Spirit to be faithful bearers of your light into all the shadowy and clouded areas of people's lives.

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

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) 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

January 2 — Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School 10:50 am Worship

January 3 — Monday

6:00 pm Basketball (GP) 6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

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

January 4 — Tuesday

9:15 am Congregational Care Meeting

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

11:00 am Pastors Bible Study (CR) 6:00 pm Special Olympics* (GP)

January 5 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Moderator (CR) 10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR) 6:45 pm Santa Iglesia* (GP 1)

January 6 — Thursday *Epiphany*

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

10:00 am Flexercise (GP) 6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

January 7 — Friday

9:00 am Jessie's Bites* (Kitchen) 6:30 pm Santa Iglesia* (GP 1)

January 8 — Saturday

1:30 pm Special Olympics* (GP) 2:00 pm Spring Valley Snow Day*

(Parking Lot)

6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)



Departing in Joy

***HYMN** "Silent Night" GTG, No. 122 (Note: Please read the instructions carefully on lighting your candle. Please see your insert.)

*BENEDICTION

Leader: Go in peace and joy to love and serve the Lord. We go in the name of the

Christ Child. And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, go

with you and remain amongst you now and always.

People: Amen! Alleluia!

*POSTLUDE



Given By

Jacquie Ballesteros

Bill Bryant Miguel Carlin Ken and Linda Crawford

Sarah and Matt Dikeman

Anne Johnson The Mitchell Family

Patti and Steve Nanney

Marguerite Priest

Curtis and Jeannie Stockton

Lu Taylor

Jorida Vakiari

In Honor/Memory of

In Memory of Marian Auld In Memory of Jay Auld

In Memory of Freda Carlin
In Memory of Gerald L. Rhoads
In Memory of Andrew "Captain Andy" Crawford
In Memory of Anne and Matt Dikeman, Sr.
In Memory of Ray and Sally Woolrich
In Memory of Wix and Ferrel Thorpe

In Memory of Harold Miller
In Memory of Dorothy Mitchell
In Memory of Bob and Laverne Coller
In Memory of Christine and Todd Nanney
In Memory of Lorene and Troy Carr
In Memory of Robert J. Priest
In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. James Paul Priest, Sr.
In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Downs
In Memory of Ms. Joy Purfurst
In Honor of S. Bryan Evenson
In Memory of Mary Helen Stockton
In Memory of Norma Lynn Mund
In Memory of Ben and Cotton Warren
In Honor of Jacqulyn Dillard
In Honor of her parents and family

Loving God, in the stillness of this midnight hour, touch our understanding with your Holy Spirit, that we may know again in true reality the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ; and though there was no room for him in Bethlehem's inn, help us to make more room for him in our lives, responding to his love and receiving his peace, for the sake of the same Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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. Amen. Amen. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace and the love of the Lord be yours this night and always.

People: And also with you.

(You are invited to share words of reconciliation with those around you.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO CHRIST

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

ANTHEM

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

Hearing the Word

"O Holy Night"

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TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIP	LES	Pastor Kevin
*HYMNS	"What Child Is This" (v. 1)	GTG, No. 145

"Away in a Manger" (v. 1) GTG, No. 115

Rebecca Castillo

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (A Prayer for Christmas by Robert Louis Stevenson)

Leader: The day of joy returns, Father in Heaven, and crowns another year with

peace and good will.

People: Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in

the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship

of the wisemen.

Leader: Close the doors of hate and open the doors of love all over the world.

People: Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Leader: Deliver us from evil, by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be

merry with clean hearts.

People: May the Christmas message make us happy to be thy children, And the

Christmas evening bring us to our bed with grateful thoughts, forgiving

and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

*HYMNS "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (v. 1) GTG, No. 119

"The First Nowell" (v. 1) GTG, No. 147

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7 Red Pew Bible OT 638

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:1-20 Red Pew Bible NT 58

A CHRISTMAS STORY "The Story of Three Trees" Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd

Responding to the Christmas Story

HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (v. 1) GTG, No. 133

PRAYER (The last part of this prayer adapted from a prayer in 'Worship Now' St Andrew Press, Edinburah, 1972)

Come, Lord Jesus, where there is hatred, give love, where there is sadness, give joy, where there is discord, give peace. Come Lord Jesus, be light for our darkness, for the hour of your birth is near. Come, Lord Jesus, be born in our hearts through faith. Amen.

HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (v. 2) GTG, No. 133

PRAYER

Come to us, Lord. Help us to put aside any bitterness that may be in our hearts towards loved ones or others in our lives. Loving Father, give us a special sense of your presence as we encounter others, that we may shed on them the light of the Bethlehem Star, the Spirit of Christmas. Amen.

HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (v. 3) GTG, No. 133

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation
Sharing of Prayer Concerns
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer
Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Loving God, at this blessed Christmas feast, we give you thanks and praise. At the very beginning of time, you spoke the word that replaced the darkness of chaos with life-giving light - A light which has nurtured generations of people, and plants and creatures, great and small. A light which also revealed the fear and powerlessness caused by corrupt and evil actions. And so you created the Word, which would once and for all dispel the darkness of chaotic and clouded lives.

Through your love for the world, the Word became flesh and lived among us. As the angels caroled glory to you in the highest heavens and peace to all people on earth, so we join with them and with all people to praise your name: Holy Lord, God of endless love, heaven and earth are surely full of your glory. The angels sang of it, the shepherds encountered it, we have been blessed with it. Blessed is he who is born this night. Glory to God and on earth, peace to all people.

As you, O God, shared your love and yourself with us in the person of Jesus, so he shared himself with us in loving us and giving himself for us. On that never-to-be-forgotten night, as he sat at the table and broke bread with his friends, he said: 'Take and eat; this is my body which is broken for you. Remember me each time you do this.' After they had eaten, he took the cup, and said: 'Remember me as you drink from this, for it is my life, poured out for you - the beginning of a new relationship with God.'

Send the power of your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may experience the presence of the Word-made-flesh - Jesus Christ. Breathe your Spirit in us that we may be one body with him - faithfully following and serving him, and awaiting with expectation the coming of his kingdom. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread Serving of the Elements Prayer After Receiving (unison)

Most gracious God, source of all blessing, we give you thanks for inviting us to share this meal as your family. Strengthen us to be a blessing to one another and a blessing to all the world, glorifying you in all things, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.