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GOD • ONE ANOTHER • WORLD

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Who's Who:

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Mission Leader: Steve Blair
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The Session

Clerk: Elizabeth Powell

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Class of 2022

Steve Blair
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Class of 2024

Charles Fairchild
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December 26, 2021

First Sunday of Christmas

December 26, 2021

10:50 AM

**Those who are able please stand*

Gathering in God's Name

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Psalm 148)*

Leader: Praise the Lord from the heavens;

People: Praise Him in the heights!

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth;

People: Both young men and virgins; Old men and children.

ALL: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted.

***HYMN**

"Joy to the World"

GTG, No. 134

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: It is because of God's promise of grace that we can take a hard look at our sins. The Lord invites us to transparently confess our sin, our brokenness and our emptiness to him. Take this moment to confess your sins to the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind the ways you have failed to love your God, your family, and your neighbor.

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Lord of Christmas Peace, we have done wrong. We have tarnished the gift you gave freely. We have buried you so deeply in our hearts, the world doesn't see you. We have not followed Christ, we have ignored your teachings, we have lived lives of apathy against your love, we have built fences and fortresses to push people away, and we have silenced the screams of those in need. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our sin, Free us from our captivity, Free us to a life lived in Joy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We are enabled to forgive one another, and to be forgiven, because Jesus feeds us with his life. A life given to save us from sin. Hear, then, the good news: those who are in Christ are a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

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)



Announcements & Events:

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.)*

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.

Pastor's Bible Study will not meet this week. Join us when we resume on Tuesday, January 4th at 11:00 AM in the Conference Room and on zoom!

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, January 12th, at 9:30 AM to discuss Lesson 5 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, January 10th, 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 5 video is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/what-my-grandmothers-taught-me.

Save-the-Date for Wednesday Night Suppers to resume on Wednesday, January 12th at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall! Jennifer Miller will be making Chicken Pot Pies.

Our next PW ZIP Trip is on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. We will be going to Brookwood for shopping and lunch at the café. Please RSVP to Marguerite Priest at mepriest@hotmail.com.

Happy Hands will start the new year meeting on Wednesday, January 26th at 9:30 AM in the Gathering Place. Hope you can join us then. If you have any question, please contact Doris Wright.

***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

Hearing the Word

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Kevin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

God of light, you have revealed your very self to us in your son Jesus Christ, your one Word made flesh, who lived among us, full of grace and truth. Open us to your revelation once again, that in the words of your holy scripture, we might know your presence and follow in your light always. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Mary's Boy Child"

Long time ago in Bethlehem, so the Holy Bible said,
Mary's boy child Jesus Christ was born on Christmas Day.

Hark, now hear the angels sing, a new King born today,
And man will live for evermore, because of Christmas Day.
Trumpets sound and angels sing, listen to what they say,
That man will live forever more, because of Christmas Day.

Now Joseph and his wife, Mary, came to Bethlehem that night,
They found no place to bear her child, not a single room was in sight.
By and by, they find a little nook, in a stable all forlorn,
And in a manger cold and dark, Mary's little Boy was born.

Hark, now hear the angels sing, a new King born today,
And man will live for evermore, because of Christmas Day.
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That man will live forever more, because of Christmas Day.

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FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Red Pew Bible OT 246

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2:41-52 Red Pew Bible NT 59

SERMON ***"The Hunt for Jesus"***
"...they returned to Jerusalem, looking for Him." -Luke 2:45
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.

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

Lord of all times, we give this offering out of the faith in our hearts. Everything in heaven and earth comes from you, so we can give you only what is yours. May you be praised forever and ever. 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** *"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"* GTG, No. 136

***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.