



# Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

## Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church  
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kevin Boyd  
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## Ministry Teams:

Administration Leader: Web Trevathan  
Congregation Leader: Kay Craig  
Faith Development: Denise Wilborn  
Mission Leader: Steve Blair  
Worship Leader: Megan Hogg  
Treasurer: Neal Dikeman

## The Session

Clerk: Elizabeth Powell

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Kevin Boyd

## Class of 2022

Steve Blair  
Ethan Mitchell  
Web Trevathan  
Denise Wilborn

## Class of 2023

Silvia Argyriou  
Megan Hogg  
Elizabeth Powell  
Lu Taylor

## Class of 2024

Charles Fairchild  
Glenn Lanan  
Donald McDaniel  
Jennifer Miller

## Academy Board

Anne Johnson  
Denise Wilborn

Neal Dikeman  
Sarah Dikeman

Laurie Mitchell  
Jani Shepard

## Serving today in Worship:

**Guest Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Jim Gill

**Liturgist:** Todd Miller

**Time For Young Disciples:** Todd Miller

**Usher Captain:** Donald McDaniel

**PowerPoint:** Megan Hogg

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# January 2, 2022

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 2, 2022

10:50 AM

*\*Those who are able please stand*

God's People Connect

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

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

Leader: People of the world, it is time to celebrate new beginnings.

**People: We step into the new year with faith!**

Leader: People of faith, it is time to look ahead in hope.

**People: We step into the unknown with hope!**

Leader: People of hope, it is time to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

**People: We step forward together as God's family!**

**ALL: People of God, let us praise the Lord!**

**\*HYMN**

*"We Three Kings of Orient Are"*

GTG, No. 151

Preparing for the Word

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Leader: If we claim that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**People: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.**

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

**Lord God, You are faithful, loving, worthy of trust and praise. We are disloyal, unforgiving, and deserve death. Lord, we forget that you are our true source of hope and strength. We are tempted to lean upon our own power, to accomplish good, and to break the power of sin. Lord, we will fail without your help. Forgive us for consulting human wisdom before bowing before you in prayer. Forgive us for relying on the perishable, rather than your enduring word. Help us to trust in your son Jesus, and find rest in the promises that were made in His blood. In his name we plead for mercy, Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Hear the good news! The ways of the Lord are mercy and truth. There is pardon for our iniquities. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

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

# Calendar of Events

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

**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)

**January 9 — Sunday**

**Baptism of the Lord**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

**January 10 — Monday**

5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting

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)

**January 11 — Tuesday**

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

11:00 am Pastors Bible Study (CR)

6:00 pm Special Olympics\* (GP)

**January 12 — Wednesday**

9:30 am PW Circle (CR)

5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 2)

6:00 pm WNS: Chicken Pot Pies!

6:45 pm Called Session Meeting (CR)

6:45 pm Santa Iglesia\* (GP 1)

**January 13 — 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)

**January 14 — Friday**

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

**January 15 — Saturday**

8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)

1:30 pm Special Olympics\* (GP)

6:00 pm CENTI Church\* (GP)

## Announcements & Events:

**This morning we welcome Rev. Dr. Jim Gill back to the Pulpit!** Jim is a native Houstonian. He graduated from Waltrip High School in Houston in 1969, the University of Houston in 1973, Austin Presbyterian Seminary with a Master of Divinity in 1977, and the Doctor of Ministry in 1996. Jim and Anne were married in the Austin Seminary Chapel on August 21, 1976. Anne is a Professor of Pediatrics and Medical Ethics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. She is also the Assistant Dean for Interprofessional Education. They are the parents of two children, Andrew (est.1983) and Abbey (est. 1989). In April of 2015, Abbey and Michael were married and in September of 2015 Andrew and Meghan were married. All are living in Houston. On December 31, 2018 Jim retired after over 40 years of ordained ministry. He has served churches in Galveston, Beaumont, Houston, San Antonio, Pearland, Tomball, Odessa, and Baytown. Since his retirement he has served as an Interim Pastor at Faith Lutheran in Dickinson, Joyful Life Lutheran in Magnolia, and Woodforest Presbyterian in Houston.

**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!

**The 2022 Offering Envelope Books** are now available in the Narthex. Please sign your name by the number that corresponds to your book number. If you already have a book of offering envelopes, you can continue to use it since it doesn't correspond to specific dates. 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.

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:mepriest@hotmail.com).

### \*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

#### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Todd Miller

#### God's People Are Empowered

#### ANTHEM

*"Arise, Shine"*

Choir

Arise, shine, for your light is come  
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

Arise, shine, for your light is come,  
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you!

For behold darkness shall cover the earth.  
And behold yet the darkness shall cover the people  
Shall cover his people, shall cover his people  
And his glory seen upon you!

Arise, shine, for your light is come,  
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

And nations travel to your light,  
And kings, to the brightness of your rising,  
Of your rising, your rising, your rising, of your rising!

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

**Lord, as we listen to your word, may we hear your voice in our hearts and feel your powerful healing presence in our lives. Give us strength and courage to truly be your disciples, bringing peace and hope in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### \*HYMN

*"Morning Has Broken"*

GTG, No. 664

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:1-9

Red Pew Bible NT 91

#### SERMON

*"Real Light"*

Rev. Dr. Jim Gill



## 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.

## 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.*

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: We live in a world of obligations, Lord. Everything has a price. Because of this, we find it hard to understand your Grace. You give to us freely, with no strings attached. And yet, we know that obedience to your will is what being a disciple is all about. Help us, O Lord, to understand that our self-giving completes your salvation, and is not the cost of it.

People: **Accept these offerings as a Grace-filled response to your free gift of Life in Christ. Amen.**

### Departing to Serve

#### \*HYMN

*"This Little Light of Mine"*

*(Please See Screens)*

#### \*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).*