



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Who's Who:

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*“Living Above Fear, Part 3:
With A Little Help From Our Friends”*

January 23, 2022

3rd Sunday After Epiphany

January 23, 2022

10:50 AM

**Those who are able please stand*

God's People Connect

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Psalm 133)*

Leader: Behold how good and how pleasant it is

People: When God's people live together in unity!

Leader: It is like precious oil upon the head.

People: It is like the dew of Hermon.

ALL: The Lord has given us life forever!

***HYMN**

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

GTG, No. 835

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Why have we come to this place?

People: We have come to give ourselves in praise and worship to God Almighty.

Leader: Then let us trust God by praying for the forgiveness of our sins:

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Holy and Loving God, we offer our praise this day for your wonderful gifts to us - for your love that sustains us and binds us together as your people; for your power that fills the earth and brings new life; for your peace that takes away fear and brings good hope in all things. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to trust in your presence and in your purpose for our own lives. Help us to know where we are being called to witness and to serve. Fill us with your Spirit of gladness and joy. Through Christ our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Since Christ saved by his blood, we are reconciled with God and with one another.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

***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.

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

January 23 — Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

January 24 — Monday

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

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

January 25 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study (CR)

7:00 pm Session (CR)

January 26 — Wednesday

9:30 am Happy Hands (GP 2)

5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 2)

6:00 pm Drive-Thru WNS: Pasta!

January 27 — 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 28 — Friday

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

January 29 — Saturday

6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

January 30 — Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

January 31 — Monday

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

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

February 1 — Tuesday

9:15 am Congregational Care Meeting

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study (CR)

6:00 pm Special Olympics* (GP)

February 2 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Moderator (CR)

10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)

6:00 pm Drive-Thru WNS: Quesadillas!

February 3 — 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)

February 4 — Friday

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

February 5 — Saturday

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:

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!

Join us for a Drive-Thru Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, January 26th at 6:00 PM. Jan Fitts is making Pasta & Meatballs! Please contact secretary@springbranchpres.org to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there! We will reevaluate in-person dinners for February.

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.

From the Congregation Team: If you haven't already ordered your free Covid-19 home rapid tests, each household is eligible to receive 4 tests for free (2 packages). The process is simple and quick, but is only good for residential addresses, and each address may only be used once. Visit covidtest.gov to register!

The APTS MidWinter Lectures are January 24nd through 26th. This link, <https://www.austinseminary.edu/lifelong-learning/lectures/midwinters>, provides additional information about the presenters and the series, as well as the ability to register to participate in-person or online.

(APCE) 2022 conference will be in Chicago from February 9th through 12th. There will also be limited online virtual participation opportunities. To register for the APCE conference, follow this link: <https://apce.regfox.com/apce-registration-2022>.

St. Philip will present the 25th Anniversary of the Duerr Lecture Series, February 20th through the 22nd. The lectures and the worship service over the weekend will be offered in person and virtually. For more information and to register for in-person or virtual participation, the link is: https://www.saintphilip.net/Duerr_LectureSeries.html.

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!** 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/30E084CABAC2BA1FA7-2022>. The cost per arrangement is \$65.00. Checks should be written to SBPC and mailed to the Church Office or placed in the Offering Plate on Sunday mornings.

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!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Marguerite Priest

God's People Are Empowered

ANTHEM

"Gather Us In"

Here in this place the new light is streaming;
Now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water;
Here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, lightyears away;
Here in this place the new light is shining;
Now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Holy and gracious God, you are above all. You are full of wonders that no mere human can comprehend. We seek to understand you and your ways, so that we can live according to your will. We pray for your divine illumination, that we might see with new eyes and understand with redeemed minds. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Red Pew Bible OT 436

***HYMN** "In Christ Alone" *(Please See Screens)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 Red Pew Bible NT 174

SERMON "Living Above Fear, Part 3: With A Little Help From Our Friends"

"...we were all baptized into one body." -1 Corinthians 12:13

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)*

Gracious God, by your hand we have received. Now we give this offering back into those hands, praying that you would be praised, and that your work in our world would grow ever stronger. 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** "Be Not Afraid" *(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.