



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kevin Boyd
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Faith Development: Denise Wilborn
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 2023

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Class of 2024

Charles Fairchild
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January 9, 2022

Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022

10:50 AM

**Those who are able please stand*

God's People Connect

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Psalm 29)*

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to His name.

Leader: Worship the Lord in holy array.

People: Let everything in the temple of the Lord say, "Glory!"

ALL: The Lord will give strength to His people. Let us worship God!

***HYMN**

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

GTG, No. 35

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: We gather in this new year, confident that God's mercies are new every morning.

People: So, make us a new people as we confess our sins:

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Eternal God, our Creator, whose mercy in Christ Jesus blots out our transgressions; we confess our sins. For deeds done and words said, for thoughts entertained and actions taken, for blessings ignored and powers misused, for abilities hidden and opportunities denied, for hatreds harbored and restitution unsought, for all that has limited Thy will in our lives. Spare not Thy mercy, O Lord. Cover our sins with Thy grace. For the sake of our Redeemer, our Savior, Christ Jesus. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Lord says, "See, I am making all things new." *(Revelations 21:5)*

People: "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation." *(2 Corinthians 5:17)*

Leader: Through Christ your sins are forgiven.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

***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 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 Drive-Thru 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)

6:30 pm Santa Iglesia* (GP 1)

January 15 — Saturday

8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)

1:30 pm Special Olympics* (GP)

6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

January 16 — Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

January 17 — Monday

10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)

5:30 pm Faith Development Meeting

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

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

January 18 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

11:00 am Pastors Bible Study (CR)

6:00 pm Special Olympics* (GP)

January 19 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Zip Trip: Brookwood

6:00 pm Drive-Thru WNS: Breakfast!

January 20 — Thursday

PresPress Articles Due

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 21 — Friday

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

January 22 — Saturday

11:00 am Hot Meals

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!

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.

Wednesday Night Supper resumes this Wednesday at 6:00 PM with a drive-thru! Jennifer Miller is serving up Chicken Pot Pies, Salad, and Dessert! Please contact secretary@springbranchpres.org to place your dinner order. We will reevaluate in-person dinners for February.

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.

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 sign up 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 Box 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!

Scholarship Applications are now available for interested students. Completed applications are due by May 1st for the year applying, and should be turned in to Sarah Dikeman for the Women's Scholarship and Ken Crawford for the Men's Scholarship.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Patti Nanney

God's People Are Empowered

ANTHEM

"How Firm A Foundation"

Choir

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.

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 truly listen and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Red Pew Bible NT 60

*HYMN

"Baptized in Water"

GTG, No. 482

SERMON *“Living Above Fear, Part 1: I Want to Hold Your Hand”*

*“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!” -Isaiah 43:1
Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd*

Responding to the Word***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(sung)* *“Be Not Afraid”*

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety, though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain:

Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow’r of hell and death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all.

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me,
Blessed, blessed are you!

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**

Leader: Today as we give, we know that God will continue to do new things, and that God will always be with us.

People: **Praise the Lord! We trust in our God! May God be glorified in this offering! 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**

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry” (v. 1)

GTG, No. 488

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.