



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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Serving today in Worship:

Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Nora Fitch

Liturgist: Jacquie Ballesteros

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“Committed”

March 13, 2022
Second Sunday in Lent

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10:50 AM

**Those who are able please stand*

God's People Connect

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 27)

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord, to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

People: "Come," my heart says, "seek the face of the Lord." Your face, Lord, do I seek.

ALL: Let us worship God!

*HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

GTG, No. 475

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Hear the Word of God through the prophet Isaiah: Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doing from before me; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors, confident in God's steadfast love.

CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

Beloved God, whose mercy is everlasting and whose grace endures forever, look with favor upon us as we confess our sin. Lift our minds from earthly things up to you. We revel in self-glory; we delight in vain pursuits; we worship the idols of our base desires. Forgive our shortsighted behavior and reconcile us through Jesus to your eternal will. All God's people say, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: "For the sake of the joy that was set before him, Jesus endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God." Our faith depends on him from start to finish, and he unceasingly intercedes on our behalf. Therein abides our hope and our assurance.

People: Lord, help us to believe and live in your truth. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

March 13 — Second Sunday in Lent *Daylight Savings Time Begins*

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

March 14 — Monday

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

7:00 pm Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom

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

March 15 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

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

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

7:00 pm Mission Team Meeting (CR)

March 16 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW ZIP Trip: Bayou Bend

6:45 pm Santa Iglesia* (GP 1)

March 17 — Thursday

St. Patrick's Day

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

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

March 18 — Friday

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

2:00 pm Memorial Service:

Ben Lois Bowers

6:45 pm Santa Iglesia* (GP 1)

March 19 — Saturday

8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)

6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

March 20 — Third Sunday in Lent *PresPress Articles Due*

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Called Session Meeting

10:50 am Worship

March 21 — Monday

10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

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

March 22 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

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

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

7:00 pm Session (CR)

March 23 — Wednesday

9:30 am Happy Hands (GP 2)

5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 2)

6:00 pm WNS: Sloppy Joes!

6:45 pm Santa Iglesia* (GP 1)

March 24 — 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)

March 25 — Friday

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

6:45 pm Santa Iglesia* (GP 1)

March 26 — Saturday

11:00 am Hot Meals

6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)



Announcements & Events:

Our Guest Pastor this morning is Rev. Dr. Nora Fitch! Rev. Dr. Nora Fitch served three congregations during her eighteen years of ministry, First Presbyterian Odessa, First Presbyterian Angleton, and St. Thomas Presbyterian. She retired last year. Prior to ministry, she was a registered nurse in the ICU, an elementary school nurse, and an educator for teachers and nurses. After nursing, she worked for Mars, Incorporated for eleven years in a number of positions. She and her husband Jim have two sons and one daughter, three granddaughters and one grandson, and of course, the not-so-perfect Labrador, Izzy.

The Flowers for this morning are given by Ken Crawford, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of Linda Crawford's birthday — and especially in appreciation for all she does for God, friends and family — whether near or far.

2022 Lenten Devotionals — *Making the Road: Walking Through Lent*. This year, we'll be studying the daily devotions written by Teri McDowell Ott, the editor and publisher of the Presbyterian Outlook. These devotions are based on the Spanish poet Antonio Machado's poem, "Walker." A link to the digital edition of the devotionals is available [here](#). There are printed copies available in the Narthex, Parlor, and Church Office throughout Lent.

The Evening PW Bible Study will meet tomorrow, March 14th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom to discuss Lesson 7 of *What My Grandmother's Taught Me*. Please contact Sarah Powell at mrspowelltobe@yahoo.com to receive a Zoom invitation for the evening study. The Lesson 7 video is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/what-my-grandmothers-taught-me.

Join the national Presbyterian Women's book discussion of "Caste" on March 14th 5:30 PM CST. To register, please go to the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b4ba5a82ba0fa7-justice>. We are called to share God's love with the world, by being God's hands in the world. We answer God's call to "do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8).

The next PW ZIP Trip is this Wednesday, March 16th, to Bayou Bend to see the newly opened gardens and azaleas! All women of the church are invited. We will gather at the church at 9:30 am and travel together, with lunch at the Black Walnut following the tour.

Wednesday Night Supper will not be held this week, in observance of Spring Break. Join us for Sloppy Joes when we resume next Wednesday, March 23rd!

Lenten Fish Fry Update — Those who are interested, please join us this Friday at St. John Vianney Catholic Church (625 Nottingham Oaks Trail) for their Friday Lenten Dinner. On the menu is Shrimp Etouffee. If you call by Wednesday, March 16th, the cost is \$12 (281-499-1555). The cost at the door without a reservation is \$15. Dinner will be served from 5:30-7:30 PM. Watch for a Full Lenten Fish Fry schedule through April 8th!

The Gathering Place will meet on Monday, March 21st at 10:00 AM! Our theme for this month is Basketball! If you are interested in helping out, please contact Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114 or jballesteros1103@gmail.com or Sarah Dikeman at 713-468-3973 or swdmmd@dikeman.net.

*GLORIA PATRI

GTG, No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we were called as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with each of you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Please share the peace of Christ.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Patti Nanney

God's People Are Empowered

ANTHEM

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Choir

Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy.
Wash me through and through from all my sin.
O Lord, blot out all my guilt and shame.
Hear my prayer. My transgressions bear upon me.
O Lord, hear my prayer.

Lord, make pure my heart,
Inspire my thoughts to know your truth.
O cast me not away, O Lord.
Your Holy Spirit guard my soul.
O Lord, inspire my thoughts to know,
To know your truth.

Guard my heart and soul. Make pure my heart.
O hear my prayer, Lord.
Lord, restore the joy, restore the joy of your salvation.
Renew my spirit, Lord.
Hear my prayer, O hear my prayer, O Lord.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Open our hearts and minds to hear and understand your Word to us today. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be committed to be obedient to your will and live always to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Red Pew Bible OT 12

*HYMN

"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

GTG, No. 816

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 13:31-35

Red Pew Bible NT 77

Responding to the Word

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(unison)* *(Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39)*
We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** GTG, No. 606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(unison)*
Our Lord, through this offering we proclaim that we are yours! May our praise never cease in this season. May our worship be unending. May our love for you find new depths. May this season bring new hope and new healing. May we journey toward the cross prayerfully and purposefully, even through the pain, our doubt, our questions, and our searching; through our Savior Jesus Christ. 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** GTG, No. 829
“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

***POSTLUDE**

***BENEDICTION**



Children’s Sunday School Class will begin on Sunday, March 20, at 9:30am in the Children’s classroom in The Gathering Place. We will meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month to learn more about the stories in the Bible by having crafts, stories, games, and other fun activities. The class is designed for elementary-age children, ages 5 to 10, but all are welcomed.



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.