



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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March 27, 2022
Fourth Sunday in Lent

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10:50 AM

**Those who are able please stand*

God's People Connect

PRELUDE

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS THE SANCTUARY

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign the Friendship Book located in the pew rack next to the center aisle.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Psalm 32)*

Leader: How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven.

People: Whose sin is covered!

Leader: How blessed is the one to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity.

People: And in whose spirit there is no deceit.

ALL: Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart!

***HYMN**

"Jesus Calls Us"

GTG, No. 720

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. After we pray together, take a moment to silently 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)*

God of grace, receive the prayer of your prodigal children! In the folly of our freedom, we have demanded much and conceded little; we have aimed high and stooped low. We have been content to be away from your presence. Now, after long and lonely wandering, we return home, seeking shelter for our sleep, bread for our hunger, and water for our thirst. Open your arms, Lord; do not send us away! Teach us to call on you, to trust in you, and to take our refuge only in you. For Christ's sake. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(John 20:19, 21, 26)*

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

People: We are forgiven. We are free. Hallelujah!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

March 27 — Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

March 28 — Monday

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

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

March 29 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

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

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

March 30 — Wednesday

9:30 am Wednesday Welcome

6:00 pm WNS: PW Taco Soup!

6:45 pm Santa Iglesia* (GP 1)

March 31 — Thursday

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

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

5:30 pm HSRDC Quarterly Meeting* (GP)

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

7:00 pm Property Meeting (P)

7:30 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

April 1 — Friday

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

6:45 pm Santa Iglesia* (GP 1)

April 2 — Saturday

7:45 am Soccer Shots* (Field)

9:30 am PW Spring Gathering

6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

April 3 — Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Called Session Meeting (FH)

10:50 am Called Congregational Meeting

10:50 am Worship

April 4 — Monday

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

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

April 5 — Tuesday

9:15 am Congregational Care Meeting

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

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

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

April 6 — Wednesday

9:30 am Wednesday Welcome

9:30 am PW Moderator (CR)

10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)

6:00 pm WNS: Hot Dogs!

6:45 pm Santa Iglesia* (GP 1)

April 7 — 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)

April 8 — Friday

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

6:45 pm Santa Iglesia* (GP 1)

April 9 — Saturday

6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)



Announcements & Events:

The Flowers for this morning are given by Patti and Steve Nanney, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of their 43rd Wedding Anniversary.

There will be a Called Congregational Meeting at the start of Worship on Sunday, April 3rd. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the Nominating Committee.

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!

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 for pickup in the Narthex, Parlor, and Church Office.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, March 30th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Presbyterian Women are making Taco Soup. All proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund! Please email ethan@springbranchpres.org to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering—You are invited to attend the PW Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 2nd, from 9:30 AM-2:15 PM. We will gather at First Presbyterian Church of Conroe (2727 North Loop 336W, Conroe). Guest Speakers will be Sally DeStefano and a representative from the Police Department. [Registration](#) is due today, Sunday, March 27th. Breakfast and lunch will be included. For more information, please see Patti Nanney or Carol Davis.

Lenten Fish Frys are coming to a close! April 1st and 8th will be last two Fridays before Easter that the local Catholic Churches will be hosting their meatless Friday Fish Frys. Their hours vary, but 6:00 PM is a safe time to arrive. We will return to St. Cecilia on April 1st, and St. John Vianney on April 8th for their Shrimp Scampi. The churches in our area, addresses, phone numbers and comments are: [Our Lady of Czestochowa](#) (1732 Blalock, 713-973-1081), huge Meals offered, *Kay Craig approved!* [St. Cecelia](#) (11729 Joan of Arc, 713-465-3414), a big treat if local Seminarian are in attendance. [St. Jerome](#) (8825 Kempwood, 713-468-9555), Best fish fried and baked weekly during Lent, and once a month, year-round—currently takeout only. [St. John Vianney](#) (625 Nottingham Oak Trail, 281-497-1555), they will serve Shrimp Scampi on April 8th, reservations are required the Wednesday before.

We will have Easter Lilies again this year! Place your order now through Friday, April 15th. You can order by using the form in the Narthex or Church Office, contacting Ethan Mitchell at ethan@springbranchpres.org, calling the Church Office (713-464-7659), or using this Google Form (<https://forms.gle/Kde1Cj5N38jxjg2g6>). The cost is \$10 each, and the payment can be mailed to the church office or placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. The names of those being honored or remembered will be shared with the congregation on Easter Sunday morning.

*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: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Marguerite Priest

God's People Are Empowered

ANTHEM

"And the Father Will Dance"

Choir

And the Father will dance over you in joy!
He will take delight in whom He loves.
Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God?
No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song!

And He will joy over you in song;
And He will joy over you in song!

My soul will make its boast in God,
For He has answered all my cries.
His faithfulness to me is as sure
As the dawn of a new day.

Awake, my soul! Awake, my soul!
Awake, my soul, and sing!
Let my spirit rejoice, Let my spirit rejoice,
Let my spirit rejoice in God!

Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart!
Cast away fear for you have been restored!
Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day.
Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song.

And He will joy over you in song,
And He will joy over you in song!
And the Father will dance over you in joy!
He will take delight in whom He loves!
Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God?
No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song!
God rejoices over you. God rejoices over you.
God rejoices over you in song!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

God our helper, show us your ways and teach us your paths. By your Holy Spirit, open our minds that we may be led in your truth, and taught your will. Then may we praise you by listening to your Word and by obeying it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Joshua 5:9-12

Red Pew Bible OT 197

***HYMN**

"When the Poor Ones"

GTG, No. 762

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Red Pew Bible NT 78

SERMON

"A Glimpse of Home"
"...he was lost and has been found." -Luke 15:32

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.

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)*

Lord Jesus Christ, you were rich. Yet for our sake, you became poor, so that through your poverty we might become rich. Accept this collection as a token of gratitude for all you have done. Amen.

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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**

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

GTG, No. 418

***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.

Children's Sunday School Class: This class meets in the Children's classroom in The Gathering Place on 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.

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 1 Samuel and 2 Samuel, women in the Old Testament, prayer, and immigration. Class is at 9:40 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.