



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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Serving today in Worship:

Guest Pastor: Rev. Lynn Hargrove
Liturgist: Elizabeth Powell
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March 6, 2022

First 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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Jesus began his ministry to the world, led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

People: As we begin our Lenten journey, let us be led by the Spirit, even into the uncomfortable places.

Leader: In those forty days, and in that place, Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt, and temptation.

People: As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led, even into the uncomfortable choices.

Leader: Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God, rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

People: As we continue on our path to faithfulness, we will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God.

ALL: Let us worship the Lord!

***HYMN**

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

GTG, No. 367

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: God makes no distinction between us. We are all sinners, we are all children of God, we are all precious to God, and we are all saved by God. Because God is so impartial, let us confess our common humanity to the One who is generous to all.

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

We meet you here, God of faithfulness, our hands and lives full of all our foolish ways. Your people, we treat the strangers who walk among us with fear and doubt. We afflict our anger on those who care about us the most. We impose hard words on those who need to hear hope and grace in their lives. So now we bring our hearts to you, Generous God, setting them down before you in hopes that you will mend them. As you hear our faltering words, we pray you would answer us with your forgiving love. And as you forgive us, may we go forth to be generous with our lives towards others, even as the one who is Lord of all, Jesus Christ, has been so generous to us. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

March 6 — First Sunday in Lent

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:50 am Worship
- 3:00 pm Memorial Service: Carey Boyd

March 7 — Monday

- 5:00 pm Academy Board Meeting
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut & GP)

March 8 — Tuesday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study (CR)

March 9 — Wednesday

- 9:30 am PW Circle (CR)
- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 2)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Chili!
- 6:45 pm Santa Iglesia* (GP 1)

March 10 — 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 11 — Friday

- 9:00 am Jessie's Bites* (Kitchen)
- 6:45 pm Santa Iglesia* (GP 1)

March 12 — Saturday

- 6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

*Outside SBPC Reservations & Events
 (CR) Conference Room
 (FH) Fellowship Hall
 (GP) Gathering Place
 (L) Library
 (P) Parlor
 (S) Sanctuary

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 Basketball (GP)
- 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)
- 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)



Announcements & Events:

Our Guest Preacher this morning is Rev. Lynn Hargrove! Rev. Lynn Hargrove has served as the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of New Covenant for the past six years. Previously she was the pastor at St. Giles, and has served in several congregations in the Houston area. She met her husband, Bill, while she was a student at Trinity University. They have two children, and two grand girls. She enjoys playing Words with Friends, Skip-Bo, and other card games, and is learning the art form known as Zentangle.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, March 9th at 6:00 PM. Doris Wright is making Chili! Please contact secretary@springbranchpres.org to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, March 9th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room to discuss Lesson 7 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, March 14th, 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 7 video is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/what-my-grandmothers-taught-me.

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.

Don't forget to spring forward! Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 13th. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night.

The next PW ZIP Trip is on 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.

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.

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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: As you have confessed, do you so believe? The good news is that there is nothing we do that can conquer us, for we are sheltered in God's gracious mercy and hope.

People: **This is the truth we believe. The Word is in our hearts, and on our lips, as we give thanks to God who is our shelter and our life. 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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Miguel Carlin

God's People Are Empowered

ANTHEM

"O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days"

Choir

O Lord, throughout these forty days You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sins, And free us from our past.
Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison.

You strove with Satan and you won. Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us your nerve, your skill And trust in God's eternal Word.
Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison.

Be with us through this season, Lord, And all our earthly days.
That when the final Easter dawns, We join in heaven's praise.

Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison.
Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

God of grace, God of glory, on your people pour your power this day through the reading and hearing of these scriptures. May your light rest in each heart. For the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Red Pew Bible OT 180

*HYMN

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

GTG, No. 187

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4:1-13

Red Pew Bible NT 61

SERMON

"It's So Easy To..."

Rev. Lynn Hargrove

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 *(unison)*

From a laptop and a daycare center, from retirement and teaching, from construction work and nursing, from all the places where we derive a living, we offer you our gifts, God of grace, so they might become part of all the fruits of hope and of healing, of peace and patience, which you give to others throughout the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Departing to Serve

*HYMN

"All Who Love and Serve Your City"

GTG, No. 351

*BENEDICTION

Leader: Now let us go from this place of haven God has given to us.

People: **Led by the Spirit, we will go to be with those who are filled with fears, with hopes.**

Leader: Now let us go from the refuge of the Table where we have tasted the first fruits of grace.

People: **Led by the Spirit, we will go to feed those who hunger for companionship and life.**

Leader: Now let us go into the world, living out God's reality that there is no distinction between people.

People: **Led by the Spirit, let us go to serve our sisters and brothers who are our true family.**

*POSTLUDE

Portions of today's Worship Service are the Liturgies of Thom M. Shuman ©

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.