



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church
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Congregation Leader: Kay Craig
Faith Development: Denise Wilborn
Mission Leader: Steve Blair
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The Session

Clerk: Elizabeth Powell

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Kevin Boyd

Class of 2022

Steve Blair
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Class of 2023

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Donald McDaniel
Jennifer Miller

Academy Board

Anne Johnson
Denise Wilborn

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Laurie Mitchell
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Serving today in Worship:

Guest Preacher: Pastor Sebastian Lopez
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April 24, 2022
“God’s Covenant with Abraham”

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

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** *(based on 1 Peter 1; Revelation 7)*

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Through the resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, we have been born anew into a living hope; we have been given an inheritance that will never pass away!

People: Blessing, and glory, and honor, and power, and might, be to our God forever and ever!

ALL: We belong to God! We will praise the Lord together now and always! Amen.

***HYMN**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (v. 1, 3)

GTG, No. 39

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: The prophet Malachi promised us that the Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy as we confess our sins together:

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Gracious God, we are a people who acknowledge Jesus Christ as our Lord. We are aware that when we gather, there should be a sense of joy and excitement, and a true witness to the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Yet, we admit that there are times when we feel afraid, abandoned, and lonely; when faith leads to doubt and questions rather than a sense of joy or peace of mind. Lord Jesus Christ, unlike those first disciples, we cannot touch you or see you, and so it is all too easy to become downcast and give in to despair. Forgive us when, like the disciples, we find the truth of Easter hard to believe. Come to us, risen Christ, come through the closed doors of our hearts and minds and take away our fears and doubts; Come to us, risen Christ, breathe on us and fill us with the joy and peace of your presence. Bless us all as people who have not seen you, but who believe that you are truly the risen Christ, Son of God. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

April 24 — Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School
9:50 am Choir Practice
10:50 am Worship
6:00 pm BSA Court of Honor (FH)

April 25 — Monday

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
7:30 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut & GP)

April 26 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study (CR)
7:00 pm Session (CR)

April 27 — Wednesday

9:30 am Happy Hands (GP 2)
9:30 am Wednesday Welcome
5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 2)
6:00 pm WNS: Tacos!
6:45 pm Santa Iglesia* (GP 1)

April 28 — 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 29 — Friday

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

April 30 — 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

May 1 — Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School
9:50 am Choir Practice
10:50 am Worship

May 2 — Monday

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
7:30 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut & GP)

May 3 — 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)
7:00 pm Mission Team Meeting (P)

May 4 — Wednesday

9:30 am Wednesday Welcome
9:30 am PW Moderator (CR)
10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)
6:00 pm WNS: Sausage!
6:45 pm Santa Iglesia* (GP 1)

May 5 — 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)

May 6 — Friday

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

May 7 — Saturday

2:00 pm SBM Arc Annual Meeting* (GP)
6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

Announcements & Events:

This morning we welcome Pastor Sebastian Lopez to the Pulpit! Sebastian is the Pastor of CENTI, which meets in the Gathering Place on Saturday evenings. My name is Sebastian Lopez, I have been married for 9 years this May to my amazing wife Carol, and we have three kids, Eloisa 5, Daniel 3, and Arianna 1. I am originally from New Jersey and my wife is from Colombia. My mother is Colombian, and my father is Argentinian. I love to barbeque, and Kevin and I love to have conversations on barbequing. I am a chef by trade, but now I serve as a fulltime pastor at our church. I have been pastoring churches for the last 14 years. I spent a year in the Philippines, 10 years in Australia in several cities, and for the last three years we have been church planting in Houston, specifically in the neighborhood of Spring Branch. I am currently studying to get my M.Div at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Hopefully I will graduate in December 2023. I Love to serve, love to serve the youth, and our vision as a church in CENTI is to preach the gospel to the next generation.

The Flowers for this morning are given by Marguerite Priest, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of Kylie Alderson's birthday.

The next Stated Session Meeting is this Tuesday, April 26th, at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room. The packets are available for pickup from the Narthex.

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 Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, April 27th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Trembles are making Tacos! Please email ethan@springbranchpres.org to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

Happy Hands will meet on Wednesday, April 27th, at 9:30 AM in the Gathering Place. Hope you can join us then. If you have any question, please contact Doris Wright.

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.

Save-the-Date for Vacation Bible School! VBS will be held July 19th-22nd from 9:00 AM-11:30 AM in the Gathering Place. A time of music, worship, crafts, recreation, and fellowship is being planned. We welcome any individuals that would like to participate or volunteer to please let Miguel know in the church office.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(based on 1 John 1:9, 2:1-2)*

Leader: Hear the good news: "If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness"....and ... if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*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

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Miguel Carlin

God's People Are Empowered

ANTHEM

"Be Thou My Vision"

Choir

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Holy God, by your power, you rolled the stone away from Christ's tomb. Remove the stones that block the portals of our minds. Shine your light so that it may take over the darkness within. Fill our thoughts with your perfect vision for our lives and for creation, so we may go, and tell, and be, and do, according to your perfect will. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 1:46-56, 67-80 New Living Translation (NLT)

***HYMN** "The God of Abraham Praise" (v. 1, 2, 4) GTG, No. 49

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 15 New Living Translation (NLT)

SERMON "God's Covenant with Abraham" Pastor Sebastian Lopez

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*)
God of great gifts, this morning we give you praise, we give you glory, we give you thanks! With resurrection joy in our hearts, our minds are tuned to your song of peace! We joyfully present these gifts to you, a chorus of thanksgiving, a harmony of hope for your kingdom come! 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** "To Abraham and Sarah" (v. 1, 3) GTG, No. 51

***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.

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.