

relationships matter

GOD • ONE ANOTHER • WORLD

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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May 15, 2022

5th Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

10:50 AM

**Those who are able please stand*

God's People Connect

PRELUDE

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS THE SANCTUARY

WELCOME

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on John 13)*

Leader: Jesus has given us a new commandment:

People: We are commanded to love one another. Just as Christ has loved us,

Leader: So we ought to have love for one another.

People: By this, everyone will know we are Christ's disciples: By our love for one another.

ALL: Come, may we join our hearts in worship by loving one another.

***HYMN** *"In Christ There Is No East or West* (v. 1, 3, 4) GTG, No. 318

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Jesus says in today's gospel lesson, that "Now the Son of Man is glorified." If we did not know what had gone before, we could assume that the 'now' referred to some glorious achievement or victory. The 'now', however, refers to the movement of Jesus towards the cross following Judas' departure into the night. Now - God's love would be shown to be stronger than evil - sins would be forgiven - for the time of salvation is near. Through his obedience - even to death - Jesus glorifies God. Glory is therefore inextricably linked to sacrificial love.

CONFESSION OF SIN *(responsive)*

Leader: Gracious and loving God, as we reflect on the wonder and glory of your being, and the depth of your love for us, we are conscious of our failure to learn from you and from the sacrificial love of Jesus. So often our understanding of glory is linked with prestige and power and position. Jesus' understanding of glory was linked to a love that was prepared to go to the uttermost limits of love. Forgive us when selfish pursuit of glory takes precedence over Jesus' command to love one another as he has loved us.

People: Forgive us when we put economic, racial, social or other boundaries on our love.

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

May 15 — Sunday

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

May 16 — Monday

10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)
5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
7:30 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut & GP)

May 17 — 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 (P)

May 18 — Wednesday

9:30 am Wednesday Welcome
9:30 am ZIP Trip: McHugh's Tea Room
6:00 pm WNS: Gourmet Hamburgers!
6:45 pm Santa Iglesia* (GP 1)

May 19 — 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 20 — Friday
PresPress Articles Due

9:00 am Jessie's Bites* (Kitchen)
11:30 am Academy Pre-K Graduation (S)
6:45 pm Santa Iglesia* (GP 1)

May 21 — Saturday

11:00 am The Bible Seminary Trip
5:30 pm Fairbees Anniversary Dance* (FH)
6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

May 22 — Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School
9:50 am Choir Practice
10:50 am Worship
2:00 pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor (S)

May 23 — Monday

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

May 24 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study (CR)
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
7:00 pm Session (CR)

May 25 — Wednesday

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

May 26 — 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 27 — Friday

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

May 28 — Saturday

11:00 am Hot Meals
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

Announcements & Events:

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church wants to take a moment to thank the teachers within our church and Academy family for all you do for our children and youth. The flowers given for today's worship are in honor of you. Thank you! You are welcome to take some flowers home with you after worship to enjoy.

The Gathering Place will meet tomorrow at 10:00 AM! We're having a Kentucky Derby Party this month. 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.

You are invited to attend Pastor's Bible Study with Kevin. The group gathers at 11:00 AM 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 our final Wednesday Night Supper of the school year, this Wednesday, May 18th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Kay & Betty are making Gourmet Hamburgers! Please email ethan@springbranchpres.org to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

Our final ZIP Trip for this year, on May 18th, is to McHugh's Tea Room (5305 Bissonnet St in Bellaire). Please join us for a wonderful lunch in a delightful tea room! Please RSVP to Marguerite Priest at mepriest@hotmail.com.

After a successful Men's retreat last fall, the Presbyterian Men would like to invite all men and their families to join us for a special trip to The Bible Seminary in Katy. We will be going to The Bible Seminary on Saturday, May 21st at 11:00 AM, to explore the *Joshua, Judges and Jesus- A Walk Through Biblical History* exhibit. The exhibit features 170 artifacts from the land of the Bible. Many of these artifacts have been found by Dr. Scott Stripling and his students attending the seminary. After touring the free exhibit, we will have a time of fellowship and a meal together. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Donald McDaniel.

Articles for the June 2022 Edition of the PresPress are due this Friday, May 20th. Please submit articles to ethan@springbranchpres.org.

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.

Leader: When we express Christ's limitless love in all our relationships and dealings with people, both inside and outside the church - then - Jesus said "everyone will know that you are my disciples."

People: **Remind us, O God, that even when our love falters, your love remains constant.**

ALL: **You have the power to make all things new. Renew and rekindle our love for you and for one another. Fill our hearts and minds with Jesus' selfless love so that, like him, we glorify you in all we do and say. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God makes all things new. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old has passed away; everything has become new! Friends, believe the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are loved, we are blessed, we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*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 THE PEACE

Leader: Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. Today we share his peace.

ALL: **The peace of the Lord be always with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Marguerite Priest

MOMENT FOR MISSION

God's People Are Empowered

ANTHEM

"This Is My Commandment"

Choir

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
This is my commandment, that you love;
This is my commandment, This is my commandment,
That you love one another that you love one another as I have loved you.

Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life,
That a man lay down his life for his friends. Greater love has no man.
This is my commandment. Greater love has no man than this,
That a man lay down his life for his friends, for his friends.

Greater love has no man, Greater love has no man than this,
That a man lay down his life for his friends, for his friends,
That a man lay down his life for his friends.
If you do what I command you, You are my friends.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Holy God, Word made flesh, let us come to this Word open to being surprised. Silence our agendas; banish our assumptions; cast out our casual detachment. Confound our expectations; clear the cobwebs from our ears; penetrate the corners of our hearts with this word. We know that you can, we pray that you will, and we wait with great anticipation. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 11:1-18 Red Pew Bible NT 130

***HYMN** "Jesus Loves Me!" GTG, No. 188

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON John 13:31-35 Red Pew Bible NT 108

SERMON "Crazy Little Thing Called Love" Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd
"A new commandment I give to you..." -John 13:34

Responding to the Word

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(unison)* *(from A Brief Statement of Faith)*
In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we wait for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, 'Come Lord Jesus!' With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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)*

Loving God, you have given us the task to love one another. May the gifts we offer bring love and life to others. May the love we share bring hope to a world that has forgotten how to love. 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** "Though I May Speak" GTG, No. 693

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: Jesus gave a new commandment: to love one another.
People: **Because Jesus loves us, we should love one another.**
Leader: Go forth to serve. Go forth to love.
People: **We go with God's love and blessing.**

***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.

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.