



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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May 8, 2022
 Mother's Day

4th Sunday of Easter

May 8, 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 Psalm 23)*

Leader: We rejoice in the One who leads us beside still waters,

People: and gives us refreshment of soul.

Leader: Christ our Shepherd shows us the way we should go,

People: so that the name of God will be glorified.

Leader: Though all manner of evil befalls us, we will not be afraid,

People: for the Great Shepherd of our souls is with us.

ALL: We are never away from the love and mercy of the Lord, and we shall be with him forever and ever. Amen!

***HYMN** *"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"* (v. 1, 3, 5) GTG, No. 804

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Jesus told us, "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" So, let us offer ourselves in confession and repentance this day:

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Good Shepherd, we take your care for granted. In the midst of your many blessings, we complain of not having enough. In the presence of danger, we fail to trust your abiding love. When you set a table before us, we turn aside from you. Call us back into your care and help us trust your caring presence, that our actions may proclaim your truth. Through Christ our Good Shepherd. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: These words are sure and true: the Lord is our Shepherd and provides for us everything we need. Know that God is with you now, forgiving you, rejoicing to be in your presence, and willing to transform you by the power of the Holy Spirit into true and full disciples of the Son, Jesus, the Crucified and Resurrected One. Amen.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

May 8 — Sunday

Mother's Day

9:30 am Sunday School

9:50 am Choir Practice

10:50 am Worship

May 9 — Monday

5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

7:00 pm Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom

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

May 10 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

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

5:00 pm Special Olympics* (Field)

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting (FH)

7:00 pm Mission Team Meeting (P)

May 11 — Wednesday

9:30 am Wednesday Welcome

9:30 am PW Circle (CR & FH)

5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 2)

6:00 pm WNS: Caribbean Food!

6:30 pm Cub Scout Info Meeting (CR)

6:45 pm Santa Iglesia* (GP 1)

May 12 — 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 13 — Friday

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

6:45 pm Santa Iglesia* (GP 1)

May 14 — Saturday

7:00 am TXPWA Conference* (GP)

6:45 am CENTI Church* (S)

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)

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)

May 18 — Wednesday

9:30 am Wednesday Welcome

9:30 am ZIP Trip: McHugh's Tea Room

6:00 pm WNS: Gourmet Hamburgers!

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)

10:00 am Academy Pre-K Graduation (S)

May 21 — Saturday

8:00 am Presbyterian Men

5:30 pm Fairbees Anniversary Dance* (FH)

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:

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 Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, May 11th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Sebastian of CENTI Church will be cooking Caribbean Food this week! On the menu is chicken, pork, rice, beans, plantains, salad, and dessert. Please email ethan@springbranchpres.org to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, May 11th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room to discuss Lesson 9 of *What My Grandmother's Taught Me*. Please contact Carol Davis if you'd like to attend the Day Circle via Zoom. A Salad Luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall. **The Evening Bible Study** will meet on Monday, May 9th, 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 9 video is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/what-my-grandmothers-taught-me.

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, 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.

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.

Would you like to beautify the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings while honoring a loved one or commemorating a special occasion? **The 2022 Flowers Sign-Up Calendar is located in the Narthex!** If you are currently worshiping from home, but would still like to sponsor flowers for a Worship Service, you may signup digitally by using this form: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084CABAC2BA1FA7-2022>. The cost per arrangement is \$65.00. Checks should be written to SBPC and mailed to the Church Office or placed in the Offering Plate on Sunday mornings.

*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: God calls us to love one another as God loves us. In this we know the truth of Christ's peace. Let us share signs of Christ's peace with one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Kevin

MOTHER'S DAY RECOGNITION

God's People Are Empowered

ANTHEM

"The Lord Is My Shepherd"

Choir

Originally purchased and sung in loving memory of Linda Fairchild.

The Lord is my Shepherd. Nothing shall I want.
My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green, leads me beside still waters.

The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life.
Leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name.

And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.
I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and staff will comfort me.

The Lord is my shepherd, nothing shall I want.
My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green, leads me beside still waters.

The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life.
Leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name.

You prepare a table before me, in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil, anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy, shall follow me all the days of my life,
And in the house of my God I will live forever.
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Loving Shepherd, we are the sheep of your pasture, you know us by name. We offer grateful thanks for your loving care. Open our hearts and minds to the guiding of your Spirit in our lives. Lead us in right paths, that we may serve you in truth and action. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 9:1-6 Red Pew Bible NT 127
***HYMN** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" GTG, No. 834
SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 23 Red Pew Bible OT 501
SERMON "In the Arms of the Shepherd" Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd
"The LORD is my shepherd..." -Psalm 23:1

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.

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*)
God of love, you abide with us; you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. 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** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" GTG, No. 835
***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.