



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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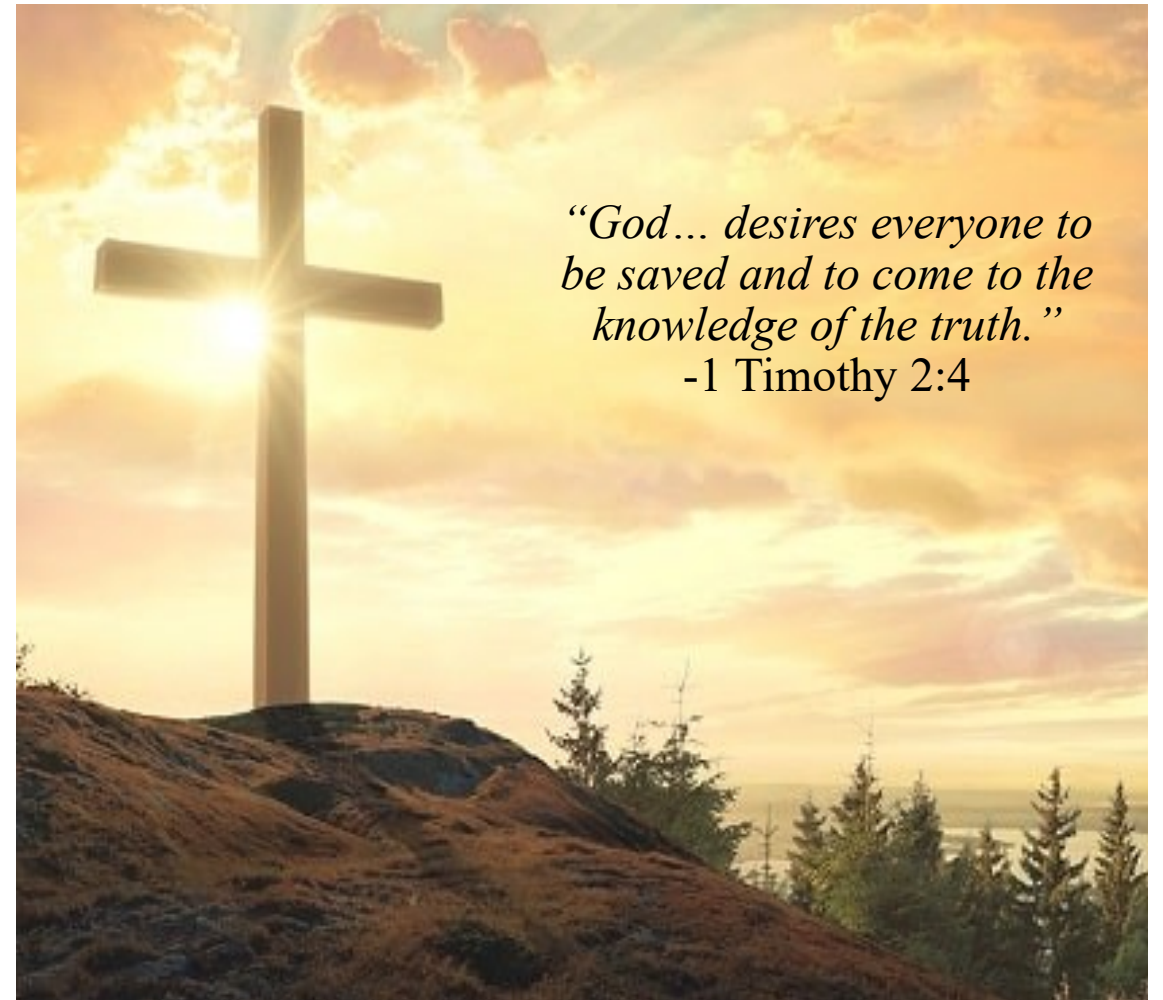
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be saved and to come to the
knowledge of the truth.”
-1 Timothy 2:4*

September 18, 2022

15th Sunday After Pentecost

September 18, 2022

10:50 AM

**Those who are able please stand*

God's People Connect

WELCOME

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

PRELUDE

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS THE SANCTUARY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

People: Blessed be the name of God.

Leader: Holy is the name of the Lord.

People: Let all the earth give worship to our God!

ALL: The Lord's name be praised!

*HYMN

"We Shall Overcome" (v. 1-3)

GTG, No. 379

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: We come before our Lord recognizing our need for divine grace. In humility, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Gracious God, you have given us life in the midst of your abundant, awesome creation. We want you to be first in our lives, but we are weak, easily tempted, and easily distracted. O God, forgive us when we forget you. We want to share the good news of Jesus Christ, but we are fascinated with bad news. We would rather gossip, and complain, and threaten. O God, forgive us when we proclaim the bad news instead of the good. We want to be your servants in the world, but we get wrapped up in our own interests; we dismiss other people; we are remiss in doing your work. O God, we are not perfect, but we are repentant. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sins, for your name's sake. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

September 18 — Sunday

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
10:50 am Worship
6:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting (GP 2)

September 19 — Monday

10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)
5:30 pm Faith Development Meeting (Z)
5:30 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP)
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
7:00 pm 70th Anniversary Meeting (Z)
7:30 pm Boy Scouts (GP)

September 20 — Tuesday

PresPress Articles Due

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
10:00 am Staff Meeting
11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study (CR)
5:00 pm Special Olympics: Bocce* (Field)
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

September 21 — Wednesday

9:45 am ZIP Trip: Historic Tomball
4:00 pm WOW (S)
6:00 pm WNS: Tacos!

September 22 — Thursday

9:00 am Jessie's Bites* (Kitchen)
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
5:00 pm Special Olympics: Bocce* (Field)
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

September 23 — Friday

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

September 24 — Saturday

11:00 am Hot Meals
6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

September 25 — Sunday

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
9:45 am Choir Practice
10:50 am Worship

September 26 — Monday

5:30 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP)
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
7:30 pm Boy Scouts (GP)

September 27 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
10:00 am Staff Meeting
11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study (CR)
5:00 pm Special Olympics: Bocce* (Field)
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
7:00 pm Session (CR)

September 28 — Wednesday

9:30 am Happy Hands (CR)
4:00 pm WOW (S)
5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3)
6:00 pm WNS: Oktoberfest!

September 29 — Thursday

9:00 am Jessie's Bites* (Kitchen)
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
5:00 pm Special Olympics: Bocce* (Field)
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

September 30 — Friday

9:00 am Jessie's Bites* (Kitchen)
6:30 pm Youth Retreat (GP)

October 1 — Saturday

1:00 pm Memorial Service: Susan Heitshusen
6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

Announcements & Events:

The Flowers for this morning are given by Lee Dudinsky, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of Harrison Dudinsky's birthday on September 14th.

The Gathering Place will meet tomorrow, September 19th, at 10:00 AM! The theme for this month is "Pizza." The guests will be making their own individual pizzas for lunch. If you are interested in helping out, please see Jacquie Ballesteros or Sarah Dikeman.

PW ZIP Trip: Come with us as we travel a little more than 20 miles northwest to Tomball, Texas, and explore the historic district and have lunch at the Whistle Stop Tea Room and Café. We will meet at the church at 9:45 AM on Wednesday, September 21st, and carpool to the Historic District in Tomball. If you would rather join us there, let me know and we will agree on a meeting place. If you are interested in joining us, please email Marguerite Priest (ZIPS Coordinator) at mepriest@hotmail.com.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, September 21st, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Kay and Betty are making tacos. We hope to see you there!

MAM Back to School Uniform Voucher Drive – SBPC is once again collecting funds for the Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) Back to School Uniform Voucher Drive. MAM coordinates with school guidance counselors and local vendors to provide school uniforms for local needy families. MAM's 2022 goal is to provide \$50 uniform vouchers to 5,000 children. Donations can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings until Sunday, September 25, 2022, or mailed to the church office. We also welcome online donations, which can be given by clicking this link: <https://givebutter.com/2022MAMBackToSchool/springbranchpresbyterian>.

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!

Articles for the October 2022 Edition of the PresPress are due this Tuesday, September 20th. Please submit articles to ethan@springbranchpres.org.

Happy Hands will meet next Wednesday, September 28th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Hope you can join us then. If you have any questions, please contact Doris Wright.

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Today's service features the hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be" by Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879). In her own words, the hymn is a "consecration hymn" in which the singer commits all of her possessions and being to the Lord for his purposes. It expresses what each of us ought to feel and long for, even if at times we see so much disparity between the words and our actual state that we have to sing most of it in hope and faith."

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 103:11-12)

Leader: Brothers and sisters, hear this Word of the Lord and rest in this truth: "As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us"
People: **In Christ we are forgiven. Hallelujah!**

***GLORIA** "Great Is The Lord" (v. 1) LUYH, No. 30

*Great is the Lord, he is holy and just. By his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true; By his mercy he proves he is love.
Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, Now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Jan Fitts

God's People Are Empowered

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION "Take My Life" (v. 1) GTG, No. 697

*Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

ANTHEM "There Is A Balm In Gilead" Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Red Pew Bible OT 709

***HYMN** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" GTG, No. 729

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Red Pew Bible NT 208

SERMON "Life in Community, Part 3: Who Gets to Choose?"
"God... desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."
-1 Timothy 2:4
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.

INVITATION DISCIPLESHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

"Take My Life" (v. 4) GTG. No. 697

*Take my silver and my gold; Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use, Every power as Thou shalt choose,
Every power as Thou shalt choose.*

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** *"Take My Life"* (v. 6) GTG, No. 697

*Take my love; my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.*

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER 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** *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"* GTG. No. 700

***CHARGE AND 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.

Nursery: Infants six weeks through Pre-K are welcomed in the nursery during worship. Kindergarten and older children will attend worship with their parents. The Church Nursery is available from 9:15 AM through shortly after Worship in the Ducks classroom, Room 121, past the Church Offices.

Sunday Morning Offerings at 9:30 am

Saints Under Construction: This class is currently doing a "deep dive" of the seven churches of Revelation, and 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 and hosted by Jim Kunkel 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 for a zoom invite.

Other Faith Development Opportunities: Watch the monthly PresPress, weekly church-wide emails, and the worship bulletin for other opportunities throughout the year. It may be a short-term Special Topic or book discussions on Sunday mornings, a week night book study, or retreat.

SBPC 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.