



# Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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Mission Leader: Liz Earnest  
Worship Leader: Donald McDaniel  
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## The Session

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Moderator: Rev. Dr. Kevin Boyd

## Class of 2023

Silvia Argyriou  
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## Serving today in Worship:

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...When the Son of Man  
comes, will He find faith  
on the earth?  
Luke 18:8

## October 16, 2022

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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: Our faith looks up to Thee, O God.

**People: We give praise, O Lamb of Calvary!**

Leader: Hear our prayers, Lord.

**People: Inspire our zeal!**

**ALL: Make us wholly yours as we worship this day.**

**\*HYMN** "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" (v. 1, 2) GTG, No. 837

Preparing for the Word

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Our God, through the grace of Christ, freely pardons all who repent and turn to him. May we now trust God as we earnestly repent of our sins.

**CONFESSION OF SIN** *(unison)*

**Almighty Father; we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you, and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry, broken relationships, and sorrow we have caused, that make it difficult for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong, and the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Lord have mercy and forgive us through Christ. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Hear the good news! There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA** "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" (v. 3) GTG, No. 837

# Calendar of Events

[www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar](http://www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar)

**October 16 — Sunday**

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:15 pm Choir Practice

**October 17 — Monday**

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

**October 18 — 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)

**October 19 — Wednesday**

- 9:30 am ZIP Trip: Bryan Museum
- 4:00 pm WOW (S)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Hamburgers!

**October 20 — Thursday**

- PresPress Articles Due**
- 9:00 am Jessie's Bites\* (Kitchen)
- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance\* (GP)

**October 21 — Friday**

- 9:00 am Jessie's Bites\* (Kitchen)
- 6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting\* (GP)

**October 22 — Saturday**

- 8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)
- 11:00 am Hot Meals
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church\* (GP)

**October 23 — Sunday**

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Choir Practice
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:15 pm Presbyterian Men Fellowship

**October 24 — Monday**

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

**October 25 — Tuesday**

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

**October 26 — 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: Chicken Pot Pie!

**October 27 — Thursday**

- 9:00 am Jessie's Bites\* (Kitchen)
- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance\* (GP)

**October 28 — Friday**

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

**October 29 — Saturday**

- 6:00 pm CENTI Church\* (GP)

## Announcements & Events:

**The Flowers** for this morning are given by Bill Bryant, to the Glory of God, and are in memory of Emma Bryant.

**We would like everyone to wear their nametags on Sunday, November 6th, for the Platinum Jubilee.** If yours has run away or is looking a little ragged, please sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex for a new one.

**The Gathering Place will meet tomorrow, Monday, October 17th, at 10:00 AM!** The theme for this month is The Addams Family! If you are interested in helping out, please see Jacque Ballesteros or Sarah Dikeman.

**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!

**PW ZIP Trip:** On October 19th, we will travel to Galveston to tour the Bryan Museum, located in the historic Galveston Orphanage. The lunch location is yet to be determined. If you plan to join us, please let Marguerite Priest know at [mepriest@hotmail.com](mailto:mepriest@hotmail.com).

**Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday,** October 19th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Laurie Mitchell is making Hamburgers. Please email Kay Craig at [kay@craigheidt.com](mailto:kay@craigheidt.com) to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

**Articles for the November 2022 Edition of the PresPress are due this Thursday, October 20th.** Articles can be sent to [ethan@springbranchpres.org](mailto:ethan@springbranchpres.org).

**Join us for the last Happy Hands meeting of the year on Wednesday, October 26th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room.** We'll be stuffing and finishing heart pillows to give to hospital patients. This will be our last meeting of the year, because the 4th Wednesdays of November and December are right in the middle of the holidays. We'll resume meeting in January. If you have washable fabrics or yarn to donate, or completed scarves, baby hats, etc., please contact Doris Wright.

**The Presbyterian Men's Ministry is planning our next fellowship event on Sunday, October 23, 2022.** We will be gathering after worship for a sack lunch in the Fellowship Hall. After lunch and fellowship, we will then go for an afternoon of bowling. All are welcome to attend. RSVPs can be sent to Donald McDaniel.

**On November 27th, we will be packing and wrapping Seafarers' Boxes at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.** Our goal is to collect over 100 boxes to pack. In lieu of bringing donations, consider filling a box (or several) on your own. Please bring any fully wrapped boxes to the church by Sunday, November 20th. If you would like to help deliver, please let Laurie know. A list of requested items from the Seafarer's Center is available at the following link: [www.springbranchpres.org/seafarers-boxes](http://www.springbranchpres.org/seafarers-boxes).

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Patti Nanney

#### God's People Are Empowered

**ANTHEM**

*"Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace"*

Choir

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (*unison*)

**Living God, help us so to hear your Word, that we may truly understand; that in understanding, we may believe; and believing, we may follow your way in all faithfulness, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. Amen.**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Red Pew Bible OT 735

**\*HYMN**

*"I Love to Tell the Story"*

GTG, No. 462

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Luke 18:1-8

Red Pew Bible NT 81

**SERMON**

***"Life in Community, Part 7: Surprising Faith"***

*"When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"* -Luke 18:8

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**

**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**

**Leader:** Creator, Nourisher, Savior, Friend, receive these gifts not just for what they are, but also for what they represent:

**People:** **Our daily re-dedication of our lives to you, and to your church family. May your dying love in Christ empower us to rise to new life in you today. Amen.**

**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**

*“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

GTG, No. 829

**\*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 Parlor. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.springbranchpres.org/give).*