



# Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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Worship Leader: Donald McDaniel  
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## The Session

Clerk: Elizabeth Powell

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Kevin Boyd

## Class of 2023

Silvia Argyriou  
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## Class of 2024

Charles Fairchild  
Glenn Lanan  
Donald McDaniel  
Jennifer Miller

## Class of 2025

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## Academy Board

Neal Dikeman  
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## Serving today in Worship:

**Liturgist:** Jan Fitts

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## October 23, 2022

**20th Sunday After Pentecost**

**October 23, 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: We have gathered to give praise to our God.

**People: We will sing for joy to God our maker.**

Leader: Our God is a shield for us.

**People: He is our glory, the One who lifts our heads.**

**ALL: Salvation belongs to the Lord. May God's blessing be upon us as we worship.**

**\*HYMN**

*"Spirit"*

GTG, No. 291

**Preparing for the Word**

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Leader: The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace. Confident of God's love for us, let us offer our prayers, first together, then in silence.

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

**Gracious Lord, you freely gave all, so that we might have fellowship with you. Yet, we have persisted in things which have broken that fellowship. We have been unkind when we should have been kind. We have passed those in need. We have cared little about showing your love to our world. We have made your love too complicated, while your gospel is so simple. For all we have done to offend you, forgive us, we pray. Renew us in righteousness, that we might walk in your ways. Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

# Calendar of Events

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

**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)

**October 30 — Reformation Sunday**

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:15 pm Stewardship Luncheon (FH)
- 12:15 pm 70th Anniversary Meeting (CR)

**October 31 — Monday**

- 6:00 pm Yoga (CR)



**November 1 — Tuesday**

- 9:15 am Congregational Care Meeting
- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study (CR)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Webelos (GP 1 & 2)

**November 2 — Wednesday**

- 9:30 am PW Moderator (CR)
- 10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)
- 4:00 pm WOW (S)
- 6:00 pm WNS!

**November 3 — Thursday**

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

**November 4 — Friday**

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

**November 5 — Saturday**

- 10:00 am Jubilee Festival**
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church\* (S)



## Announcements & Events:

**The Flowers** for this morning are given by Richard Machain, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of Margie's birthday.

**Our stewardship theme this year is *Boots on the Ground*, because we are looking for active, in-person participants.** It's time to get back to our Missional Church! In this campaign, we are, of course, asking for your financial pledge for the new year, but more than that, we are requesting that you look into the past and remember the volunteering and mission projects that you worked with. Our active financial campaign will run through the end of October, with a final Dedication lunch on October 30th after Worship. On that day, we ask that everyone come to worship wearing boots – any type of boot – rain boots, cowboy boots, work boots, hiking boots, high heeled boots – whatever you like! Let's get back in the Spirit with Boots on the Ground!

**The Presbyterian Men's Ministry is sponsoring a fun day of fellowship today, immediately following worship.** 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 at Bowlero (925 Bunker Hill Rd, 77024). All are welcome to attend.

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

**Join us for the last Happy Hands meeting of the year, this 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.

**Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday,** October 26th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Jennifer Miller is serving up Chicken Pot Pies! Please email Kay Craig at [kay@craig-heidt.com](mailto:kay@craig-heidt.com) to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

**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).

**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!

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*Psalms 103:8-12*)

Leader: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Glory 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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Jan Fitts

### God's People Are Empowered

### ANTHEM

*"He Is Exalted"*

Choir

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

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

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Joel 2:23-32

Red Pew Bible OT 848

### \*HYMN

*"Just As I Am"* (v. 1, 3, 4)

GTG, No. 442

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 18:9-17

Red Pew Bible NT 81

### SERMON

***"Boots on the Ground, Part 1: Kid's Boots"***

Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd

*"...whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it at all." -Luke 18:17*

### 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: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this money to offer, the fruit of our labor and of the skills you have given us. Take us and our possessions to do your work in the world.

People: **Gracious God, accept these gifts, and with them our lives, to be used in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

*"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*

GTG, No. 435

### \*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).*