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Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023

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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.)

*PROCESSIONAL

"Fanfare for Palm Sunday"

Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: O give thanks to God; for God is marvelous in our eyes.

People: This is the day our God has made. We give God thanks, for God is good!

*HYMN

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

GTG, No. 196

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: The Apostle Paul writes that "to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace." You are invited to unburden your soul today by confession of sin.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Lord Jesus - your arrival in Jerusalem was welcomed with a show of palms and a shout of praise. Yet, soon you were abandoned. Even your closest friends left your side.

People: Jesus, we confess that we too make a joyful noise at your coming, but that we often turn our backs on you when the going gets rough.

Leader: O Lord, we often serve you with our lips instead of with our whole lives.

People: We intend to follow you wherever you go, but we often do not. Instead, like Peter, we deny you. We try to fit in with the crowd. We avoid risking ourselves for your sake and for the sake of the gospel.

Leader: Forgive us God for our timid and faltering faith.

People: Forgive us, Lord, for our part in nailing you to the cross to suffer and die.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Christ is our peace; Those who are divided, he has made one. He has broken down the barriers of separation by his death and he has built us up into one body, with God. To whomsoever repents and believes, he has promised reconciliation. Live as people reconciled.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

April 2 — Palm Sunday

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Kid's Clothing Swap (Breezeway)
9:45 am Choir Practice
10:50 am Worship
4:00 pm Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (GP 1 & 2)

April 3 — Monday

Holy Week Meditations (S), 9:30 AM-2:00 PM

6:00 pm PW Unwind: Red Balloon Café!
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

April 4 — Tuesday

Holy Week Meditations (S), 9:30 AM-2:00 PM

9:15 am Congregational Care Meeting
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Wolf (GP 1 & 2)
7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

April 5 — Wednesday

Holy Week Meditations (S), 9:30 AM-2:00 PM

9:30 am PW Moderator (CR)
10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)
3:30 pm WOW (S)

April 6 — Maundy Thursday

Holy Week Meditations (S), 9:30 AM-2:00 PM

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Dinner (FH)
6:30 pm *Last Supper* Worship Service (FH)

April 7 — Good Friday

Academy Closed

Holy Week Meditations (S), 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

9:00 am Jessie's Bites* (Kitchen)
10:00 am Egg Dyeing Party
7:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

April 8 — Holy Saturday

Great Easter Vigil (S), 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

April 9 — Easter Sunday

9:30 am Easter Breakfast (FH)
10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt (Playgrounds)
10:30 am Flowering the Cross (Breezeway)
10:50 am Worship
12:15 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration

April 10 — Monday

6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)
7:00 pm Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom

April 11 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Webelos (GP 1 & 2)
6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting (CR)
7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

April 12 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Circle (CR)
3:30 pm WOW (S)
5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3)
6:00 pm WNS: Hot Dogs with Chili!

April 13 — Thursday

9:00 am Jessie's Bites* (Kitchen)
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting (P)
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Bear (GP 1)
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

April 14 — Friday

9:00 am Jessie's Bites* (Kitchen)
6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting* (CR)
7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

April 15 — Saturday

8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)
6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)



Today is known as Palm/Passion Sunday. This begins the holiest week for the Christian Faith, which is why we call it "Holy Week." Today begins with the celebration of Jesus by the crowd when he enters Jerusalem. But we quickly go into the ever darkening events of this Holy week, ending in silence with the death of Jesus. May your heart be deeply touched anew by the passionate love of God for us, shown in the life and death of God's only begotten Son. It is through such love that death does not have the final answer. God does in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Our Guest Pastor this morning is Rev. Gregory Han! The Rev. Gregory Han is a doctoral student in the Department of Religion at Rice University, and also teaches part-time at the Post Oak High School. Greg earned a B.A. in American Studies from Georgetown University and a Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School. Ordained in 2000, he first worked as a hospital chaplain before serving two congregations in the Houston area. He is well-versed in interreligious dialogue, directing the interfaith initiatives for Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston for over seven years. His teaching experience includes six years at St. John's School, a year in the Honors College at the University of Houston, and he has taught as an Adjunct Professor in Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary's Christian-Jewish Relations Certificate program.

Clothing Swap! – Come "shop" in the breezeway today from 9:30-2:00. It's first come first serve.

PW Unwind Group! Join us at the Red Balloon Café for dinner tomorrow, April 3rd, at 6:00 PM. The address is 1800 W. Sam Houston, Houston, TX 77043. Please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros if you would like to go (jballesteros1103@gmail.com or 713-305-1114).

There will be no Wednesday Night Supper this week in observance of Holy Week. **Join us for our Maundy Thursday Last Supper Worship & Dinner this Thursday, April 6th in the Fellowship Hall.** Dinner will begin at 6:00 PM, followed by the Worship Service at 6:30 PM. On the menu is Mediterranean Roasted Chicken, Au Gratin Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Salad, Bread, and Dessert. Please RSVP to kay@craig-heidt.com, or signup in the Narthex or Church Office. Reservations are requested, though not required.

Great Easter Vigil Saturday, April 8th — The purpose of this vigil is to surround our church with prayer as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. You may sign-up for an hour using this [form](#), in the office during the week, or in the Sanctuary on Sundays. In addition to participating in the Prayer Vigil from the Sanctuary, you may also participate from your home. For those at home, copies of the materials will be emailed to you prior to Saturday.

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church is hosting an Egg Dyeing Party on Good Friday, April 7th, at 10:00 AM. Bring one dozen (or more) hard boiled eggs and a picnic lunch. We'll dye our eggs together in the picnic area next to the playgrounds. We'll move to the Gathering Place if it rains. For more information, please contact Miguel in the Church Office.

We will have Easter Lilies again this year! Place your order now through this Friday, April 7th. You may order by using the form in the Narthex or Church Office. The cost is \$10 each, and the payment can be mailed to the church office or placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. The names of those being honored or remembered will be shared with the congregation on Easter Sunday morning.

Save-the-Date for our Annual Congregational Meeting, immediately following Worship on Sunday, April 16th. More information regarding the agenda will be forthcoming.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***GLORIA**

"Give Thanks"

GTG, No. 647

*Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.
And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"
And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks. Give thanks.*

God's People Are Empowered

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Illuminating God, today, you marched into Jerusalem to save us. Guide us, through the wisdom of your Spirit, that we might see what you are calling us to see, to know what you are calling us to know, and to feel what you are calling us to feel, that we may respond to your Gospel call of grace with gladsome hearts and minds. Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Jan Fitts

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

Red Pew Bible NT 23

ANTHEM

"Kyrie Eleison"

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 26:17-56

Red Pew Bible NT 30

SERMON

"At the Threshold"

Rev. Gregory Han

Responding to the Word

***HYMN**

"Lamb of God"

GTG, No. 518

***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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Near the Cross"
Joan Belk, Piano
Chip Colvin, Organ

*OUR RESPONSE

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" GTG, No. 645

*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory!*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

O abundant and generous God, we know that the needs of the world are great, and our gifts often seem so small. Help us to have a mustard-seed faith, trusting that you bring the harvest. You multiply our gifts and abilities; through you, amazing things are possible. We dedicate our lives to your service, O God. 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

"An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare" GTG, No. 202

*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 the Pastor, 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 meets in the Sanctuary in the Garden Room. This discussion-oriented class focuses on what each of us can learn from the weekly Bible scriptures to build upon in strengthening our faith. 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 thought-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.

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.



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