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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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“Filled With New Wine”

May 19th, 2024

Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

10:50 AM

**Those who are able please stand*

Gathering in God's Name

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

(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: Come, Holy Spirit,

People: The Wind of God, the Breath of Life.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

People: Our Advocate, our Counselor.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

People: Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

People: Granter of forgiveness, Giver of peace.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit.

People: May we feel God breathing through our worship.

ALL: May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place. Amen!

***HYMN**

"I Will Call Upon the Lord"

GTG, No. 621

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION *(from Joel 2:28-29)*

Leader: We turn to God in prayer - not because we are compelled - but because God invites us. We come to God - not because of our righteousness - but because of God's grace. In that spirit, we offer this prayer of confession and unburdening:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Loving God, we know that in every generation, You call forth prophets to proclaim Your Word. We give You thanks that You are still speaking even today. Your Spirit inspires the young to see visions of a new creation, and elders to dream of a time not yet known. Yet we confess that we fail to hear Your voice when it comes from an unexpected place. Convinced that we are right, we miss the Good News of Your reconciling love. Forgive us, God. Restore us with humility, and awaken us anew to Your presence and Your promise. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

May 19 — Pentecost Sunday

Recognition of Graduates & Scholarships

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School (GP 3)
- 9:45 am Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:00 pm Called Congregational Meeting
- 12:15 pm Mission Team Meeting (CR)
- 6:00 pm BSA Court of Honor (FH)

May 20 — Monday

PresPress Articles Due

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (P)
- 10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

May 21 — Tuesday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 5:00 pm Special Olympics* (Field)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

May 22 — Wednesday

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

May 23 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 5:00 pm Special Olympics* (Field)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

May 24 — Friday

- 6:30 pm SBM Arc Meeting* (FH)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

May 25 — Saturday

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

May 26 — Trinity Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children's Chime Choir
- 9:45 am Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- 10:50 am Worship

May 27 — Monday

Church & Academy Closed



May 28 — Tuesday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 5:00 pm Special Olympics* (Field)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)
- 7:00 pm Session (CR)

May 29 — Wednesday

- 9:30 am ZIP Trip: Evelyn's Park Conservancy!
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)

May 30 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 5:00 pm Special Olympics* (Field)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

May 31 — Friday

Academy Closed

- 7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

Teacher Workday



June 1 — Saturday

- 8:00 am Cheerful Clown Alley* (FH)
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)



Announcements & Events:

The Flowers in the church for this morning are in celebration of the marriage (FINALLY!) of Lu Taylor and Jim Kunkel.

Congratulations to our Graduates! **Mr. William Stockton** received his Master of Science in Cybersecurity on May 11th, 2024, from the University of Houston Cullen College of Engineering. **Ms. Amena Chehade** will be graduating on May 24th from Westchester Academy for International Studies with her high school diploma, and will be attending Texas State University in the fall.

There will be a Called Congregational Meeting immediately following worship today. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee regarding the Call of a Co-Pastor for Spring Branch Presbyterian Church.

Happy Hands will meet this Wednesday, May 22nd, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Join us in making the heart shaped pillows that are given to area hospitals to give patients a feeling of comfort and love. The pillows are both psychologically and physically helpful for healing. Join us! No experience necessary!

Join us for the final Wednesday Night Supper of the school year, this Wednesday, May 22nd, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having a Smorgasbord Buffet. Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

The Presbyterian Women will ZIP to Evelyn's Park Conservancy, and lunch at Betsy's Café on Wednesday, May 29th. We will leave from the church at 9:30 AM. If you're interested in going, please let Marguerite Priest know.

Come celebrate Charlie Craig's 95th Birthday! Sunday, June 2 at Kay's house, 1748 Pine Village Dr. Drop in for snacks & fellowship, 2 to 4 PM. No gifts please. Cards are welcome. Contact Kay with any questions, or to let her know you're coming (713-248-4138).

Save-the-Date for Camp Firelight Vacation Bible School! VBS will be held June 11th-14th 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. Registration forms can be accessed here: www.springbranchpres.org/vbs.

Task Force Needed! - The Academy Board has set aside \$250,000 to remodel the hallways, classrooms, and bathrooms in the Education Building. We would like to form a task force as we begin to plan for what work we might have done to our facilities. If you are interested in joining this task force, please contact Ethan Mitchell (ethan@springbranchpres.org). We are especially interested in having any members join that have served on the Academy Board, are currently or have been an Academy parent, or have worked in early childhood education before. But of course, anyone is welcome to join!

Would you like to beautify the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings while honoring a loved one or commemorating a special occasion? **The 2024 Flower Sign-Up Calendar is located in the Narthex!** 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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The God of creation is a God of mercy. God is quick to forgive, and God's promise of restoration is for all people. Friends believe the Good News of the Gospel! In Jesus Christ, the Spirit of forgiveness and grace flows through each of us. Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GLORIA

"My Life Is in You, Lord"

*My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
My hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.
My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
My hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.*

*I will praise you with all of my life,
I will praise you with all of my strength;
With all of my life, with all of my strength.
All of my hope is in you.*

*My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
My hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.
My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
My hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you, in you.*

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jan Fitts

ANTHEM

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

As the Holy Spirit enabled various people of the world to hear God being praised in their own languages, may each of us also hear those same praises in our own way as we encounter God's Word today. Amen!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

Red Pew Bible NT 119

SERMON

"Filled With New Wine"

Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES & SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

*HYMN

"Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord"

GTG, No. 452

***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

***RESPONSE** *"Our God Is an Awesome God"* GTG, No. 616

*Our God is an awesome God
who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love;
our God is an awesome God!*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*unison*)
Good and gracious God, just as You poured out the power of Your Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, pour out Your power upon these gifts and the very lives that we offer to Your purposes. Teach and inspire our young people to dream dreams and follow those dreams in serving You. May all that we offer in Your name bring about a vision of Your gracious and sovereign realm of love. In Jesus' name we pray. 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** *"Loving Spirit"* (v. 1, 2, 3, 5) GTG, No. 293
(to the tune of GTG, No. 716)

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*BENEDICTION

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

*POSTLUDE

Portions of today's worship service are taken from re-worship.blogspot.com and pcusa.org.

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 Mark, 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 Bears classroom, Room 126, which is in the north hallway of the Education Building.

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.



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