



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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Charles Fairchild
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Serving today in Worship:

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Voices from the Old Testament: Samuel
 June 16, 2024

4th Sunday After Pentecost

June 16, 2024

10:50 AM

**Those who are able please stand*

Gathering in God's Name

PRELUDE

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS THE SANCTUARY

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Psalm 68:4-5, 19)*

Leader: Come, sing praises to God and rejoice in His presence!

People: For He is our God - a Father to the fatherless;

Leader: He is the defender of all who need protection;

People: He is the One in whom the lonely find a home, and the prisoner finds release.

Leader: Bless the Lord, the Father of our salvation,

People: The One who sustains and strengthens us, day after day!

ALL: Let us worship God together!

***HYMN**

"Spirit of the Living God"

GTG, No. 288

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: When we do not follow our Heavenly Father's calling, we sin and need to be forgiven. Therefore, let us turn to God for forgiveness, using today's prayer of confession:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

O God, Father that You are, You know what is right for us, but too often we only want our way or no way, instead of Your way. Have mercy upon us when we turn from You. Forgive us when we do not realize Your fatherly love and direction for us. Have mercy upon us indeed, and teach us anew how to follow You, Father that You are. We pray this through Your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen!

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Lord is like a father to us, compassionate and merciful, filled with endless love. He is not easily angered, nor does He remain angry forever. He doesn't treat us as our sins deserve, or punish us as harshly as He could. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so strong is His love toward us. And as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our sins from us. So, sisters and brothers: be at peace. You are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

June 16 — Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School (GP 3)
- 10:50 am Worship



June 17 — Monday

- 9:30 am WOW (S)
- 10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

June 18 — Tuesday

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

June 19 — Wednesday

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (P)

June 20 — Thursday

- PresPress Articles Due**
- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

June 21 — Friday

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

June 22 — Saturday

- 10:00 am CENTI Youth Carwash* (Parking Lot)
- 11:00 am Hot Meals
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

June 23 — Sunday

- Ordination & Installation**
- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children's Chime Choir (S)
- 10:50 am Worship

June 24 — Monday

- 9:30 am WOW (S)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

June 25 — Tuesday

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

June 26 — Wednesday

- 9:30 am Happy Hands (CR)

June 27 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

June 28 — Friday

- 5:45 pm Family Movie Night (GP)
- 6:30 pm SBM Arc Meeting* (FH)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

June 29 — Saturday

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

*Outside SBPC Reservations & Events

- (CR) Conference Room
- (FH) Fellowship Hall
- (GP) Gathering Place
- (L) Library
- (P) Parlor
- (S) Sanctuary



Announcements & Events:

The Flowers for this morning are given by Curtis and Jeannie Stockton, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of their 62nd Wedding Anniversary!

The Gathering Place will meet tomorrow, Monday, June 17th, at 10:00 AM! The theme for this month is *Cruise Time!* Please see Jacquie Ballesteros or Sarah Dikeman if you are interested in helping out.

On Saturday, June 22nd, the youth of CENTI Church will be holding a car wash fundraiser in our parking lot from 10AM until noon. Bring your dirty cars and a \$5 donation per vehicle, and let's help them raise funds to be used by their youth group!

Join us on Sunday, June 23rd, for the Ordination and Installation of the Ruling Elders for the Class of 2027 (Joel Alegria, Beth Mizwa, and Nina Rach).

Happy Hands will meet on Wednesday, June 26th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room to stuff and stitch the heart shaped pillows. In the summer, many events stop, but we'll still be there. It's a great time to come and taste the fellowship. We hope to see you then!

PCHAS School Supply Drive – This year we will have an Amazon Back-to-School wish list for PCHAS. In mid-June, we will receive a list and items will be purchased from Amazon and shipped directly to the PCHAS office. All gifts must be submitted by the 2nd week of July. For any questions, please contact Patti Nanney.

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GLORIA

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

GTG, No. 591

*Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Mark

ANTHEM

"This Is My Father's World"

Kyle Eveler

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Father, we now pray that You would illumine our minds more and more as we look to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. Open our eyes to see wondrous things in Your Word of truth. Open our ears to hear Your still small voice speaking to us the Words of life. And open our minds and cleanse our thoughts so that Your Holy Spirit may guide us into all truth. May we be increasingly willing to submit to His gentle promptings, so that He may guide us into Your way of peace. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Red Pew Bible OT 259

SERMON

"The Dads of God"

Rev. Mark Plunkett

A RECOGNITION OF ALL FATHERS

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

GTG, No. 263

*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

"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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

O God, holy Father, creator and keeper of us all, bless all fathers and bless us. Use these gifts to show Your fatherhood to all creation. We pray this in the name of the one You sent for us to show Your fatherly love, namely Jesus Christ, 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

"Here I Am, Lord"

GTG, No. 69

*BENEDICTION

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

*POSTLUDE

*Portions of today's worship service are taken from re-worship.blogspot.com,
prayer.knowing-jesus.com, and sqspcdn.com.*

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.

Children's Chime Choir: The Chime Choir meets in the Sanctuary on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. This is a chance for elementary aged children to get to ring chimes as part of Worship. We are excited to continue this new adventure! Megan Hogg leads the Chime Choir.

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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