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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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"You Asked For It"

June 9, 2024

3rd Sunday After Pentecost

June 9, 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**

Leader: In the times of trouble, when all seemed hopeless, I cried out to God.

People: And the Lord heard my pleas and answered me.

Leader: When I felt lost and alone, I looked for God.

People: And God found me and brought me home.

Leader: When my life was filled with joy and blessing, I danced and praised God.

ALL: And God danced and rejoiced with me. Thanks be to God. Amen!

***HYMN**

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

GTG, No. 451

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: In the midst of busy lives and our sometimes narrow focus, corporate confession gives us the opportunity to reflect on how we truly spend our time. Have we dedicated ourselves to loving others? Have we spent our energy on things that bring life to us and those around us? Christ invites us to bring our best and worst to Him in prayer, that He might offer us His healing and His peace. Let us pray together...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Lord, forgive us when we see Your miracles all around us and still doubt Your power, presence, and love. Forgive us when we treat this world and each other with careless indifference or with malice. You, who have created the most wondrous things from the smallest of particles, can create in our hearts confidence and hope. From our lives, You can fashion the most delightful miracles that can serve You through acts of mercy and kindness. Free us, Lord, to receive Your blessings and, having received them, to find the numerous ways in which we can serve You. Heal our wounded hearts. Hear our cries. Come to us and bring us home. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen!

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

June 9 — Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children's Chime Choir (S)
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:00 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration
- 5:30 pm Eagle Scout Ceremony (S)

June 10 — Monday

- 5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting (CR)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

June 11 — Tuesday

- Vacation Bible School (GP), 9:00-11:30 AM**
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting (CR)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

June 12 — Wednesday

Vacation Bible School (GP), 9:00-11:30 AM

June 13 — Thursday

- Vacation Bible School (GP), 9:00-11:30 AM**
- 5:30 pm VBS Closing Celebration (FH)

June 14 — Friday

- Vacation Bible School (GP), 9:00-11:30 AM**
- 6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting* (CR)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

June 15 — Saturday

- 8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)
- 1:30 pm SBM Arc General Meeting* (FH)
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

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)

*Outside SBPC Reservations & Events

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



Portions of today's worship service are taken from ministrymatters.com and umcdisciplineship.org.

Announcements & Events:

The Flowers for this morning are given by Marguerite Priest, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of June birthdays: Steve Rex Gonzalez, Owen Turner, Jeremy Alderson, Matthew Alderson, and Wyatt Alderson. To God be the glory and praise!

June Birthday Celebration! Join us for our church-wide monthly birthday celebration of family and friends born in June. Light refreshments will be served in the Breezeway immediately following worship today!

Camp Firelight VBS will be held THIS WEEK, 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. **The Closing Celebration & Dinner will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, June 13th, at 5:30 PM!** We will be having Spaghetti & Meatballs for dinner! RSVP's are encouraged, and can be sent to miguel@springbranchpres.org by June 10th.

VBS Mission Project – In the month of June, we are encouraging everyone to look for the art supplies flyer on the narthex table, and to bring your donations and place them in the NewSpring bin outside of the church office. We will share how much we have collected in worship on Sunday, June 16th.

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.

The Gathering Place will meet on 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!

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: What did Jesus tell us to do? Love one another. What did Jesus expect us to do? Go and spread the Good News. And what did Jesus promise us? That He would be with us until the end of the age. Jesus will not ever leave us, and He will always forgive us – if we only dare to ask. So, ask for His forgiveness and live in His love today and every day. Amen!

*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

Jan Fitts

ANTHEM

"In The Secret"

Sophia Saenz

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Holy God, as a deep breath fills our lungs with air, so fill us with Your Spirit as we hear Your Word this day. Ground us in Your love, convict us with Your truth, and move us to respond, that we may embody Your Good News in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 8:4-20

Red Pew Bible OT 251

SERMON

"You Asked For It"

Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"When We Are Living"

GTG, No. 822

*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)*

God of grace and goodness, your kingdom is not limited to the earth, but extends through the cosmos. At times when we feel like we carry the world on our shoulders, remind us that you have offered to carry that weight. As we give our gifts this day, help us realize that our hope and security is not found in accumulating money and power, but in recognizing your kingly reign in our lives. We pray it in the holy name of Jesus. 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

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

GTG, No. 192

*BENEDICTION

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

*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 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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