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Congregation Leader:
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Mission Leader:
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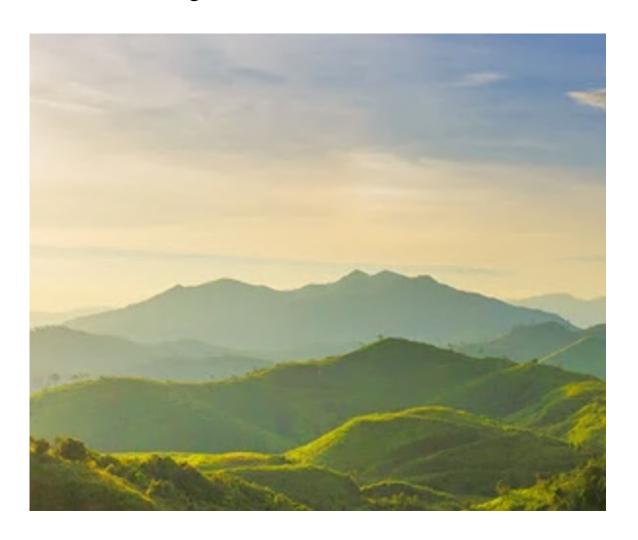
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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church



*"Lost"*September 8, 2024

16th Sunday After Pentecost

10:50 AM September 8, 2024

*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 (from Psalm 146)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. Leader:

People: We trust in the Lord our God.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, Leader:

People: Whose hope is in the Lord their God.

ALL: Praise the Lord, who loves us and who cherishes every one of His children!

*HYMN "Morning Has Broken" GTG, No. 664

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

God knows us completely. God knows our hearts and discerns our thoughts. Let

us then confess what we carry within us that does not honor God or God's path

of righteousness:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, although we honor You with our words and worship, our hearts are often far from You. We are too quick to judge, too quick to exclude, too quick to put others down instead of building them up. Forgive us, God. Help us amend our ways. Help us embrace the inclusive love You graciously offer us and expect us to offer others. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all Leader:

goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

September 8 — Sunday

9:15 am	Church Nursery
9:30 am	Sunday School
9:30 am	Children's Chime Choir (S)
9:45 am	Choir Practice (S)
10:50 am	Worship
12:00 pm	Monthly Birthday Celebration

12:30 pm Young Adult Touchpoint (La Fiesta) BSA Court of Honor (FH) 6:00 pm

September 9 — Monday

Academy Book Fair

5:30 pm	Academy Board Meeting (CR)
6:00 pm	Special Olympics: Bocce* (GP)
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

September 10 — Tuesday

Academy Book Fair

10:00 am	Flexercise (GP)
6:00 pm	Basketball (GP)
6:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting (CR)
7:00 pm	Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom
7:00 pm	CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

September 11 — Wednesday

Academy Book Fair

9:30 am	PW Circle (CR & FH)
3:30 pm	WOW (S)
5:00 pm	Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3)
6:00 pm	WNS: Pork Tenderloin!
6:00 pm	Special Olympics: Bocce* (GP)

September 12 — Thursday

Academy Book Fair

10:00 am	Flexercise (GP)
5:00 pm	Messy Church (FH)
6:00 pm	Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

September 13 — Friday

7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

September 14 — Saturday

6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

September 15 — Sunday 9.15 am Church Nursery

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9:45 am	Choir Practice (S

10:50 am Worship 12:15 pm Congregational Care Meeting (CR)

September 16 — Monday

10:00 am	The Gathering Place (FH)
6:00 pm	Special Olympics: Bocce* (GP)
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

Mission Team Meeting (CR/Zoom) 7:00 pm

September 17 — Tuesday

10:00 am	Flexercise (GP)
10:30 am	Staff Meeting (P)
6:00 pm	Basketball (GP)
7:00 nm	Faith Development Meeting

7:00 pm	Faith Development Meeting (Zoom)
7:00 pm	CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

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September 18 — Wednesday

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3:30 pm	WOW (S)
6:00 pm	WNS: Chicken Pot Pies!
6:00 pm	Special Olympics: Bocce* (GP
6:45 pm	Finance Meeting (CR/Zoom)

September 19 — Thursday

10:00 am	Flexercise (GP)
5:00 pm	Idea Spring: Love & Logic
6:00 pm	Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)
7:00 pm	Cub Scouts 552 Kickoff (FH)

September 20 — Friday **PresPress Articles Due**

7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

September 21 — Saturday

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

Announcements & Events:

The Flowers for this morning are given by Marguerite Priest, to the Glory of God, and are in commemoration of her wedding anniversary with Bob Priest.

September Birthday Celebration - Please join family, friends, and congregation members immediately after worship today as we celebrate those in our church community born in the month of September. Linger for conversation, fellowship, and light snacks.

Calling all young adults! All college-aged to mid-thirties, up and coming professionals are welcome! Bring your children, too! You are invited to a touchpoint lunch with Ethan Mitchell and Pastor Savannah Goodman at La Fiesta (9427 Katy Fwy, 77024) **TODAY**. Bring your ideas to the touchpoint lunch and we will discuss them! We look forward to connecting with you!

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, September 11th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Please contact Patti Nanney if you'd like to attend via Zoom. A salad Luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a salad to share. The **Evening Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday, September 10th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah Powell if you are interested in attending. The Introduction & Lesson 1 videos are available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/let-justice-roll-down.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, September 11th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Jim Kunkel and Lu Taylor are making Pork Tenderloin. Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

Messy Church is beginning again! Join us this Thursday, September 12th, for *Built on Solid Ground*. Messy Church is an intergenerational interactive worship encounter starting at 5:00 PM, with a free dinner being served around 6:00 PM. Join us for story, music, activities, games, and more! Text @h47378d to 81010 to signup for updates, and follow along with us at: www.facebook.com/MessyChurchSBPC.

The Congregational Care Group will meet on Sunday, September 15th, immediately after worship in the Conference Room. We welcome anyone who would like to join this committee, which now meets after worship on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

On Wednesday, September 18th, the Presbyterian Women will ZIP to Brookwood for some fall and pre-Christmas shopping with lunch at the café. We have reservations for 10 people, but we can make more! Please RSVP and direct questions to Marquerite Priest (mepriest@hotmail.com or 281-435-3941).

Our next Idea Spring event is Parenting the Love & Logic Way® on Thursday, September 19th, at 5:00 PM. Location TBD based on RSVPs. Rana Barker, M.Ed., CCC-SLP, will lead an adult/parent class, with topics to include: Rules of Love and Logic®, Two ways of Neutralizing Childhood Arguing, and the concept of Delayed/"Anticipatory" Consequences. Dinner will not be served this month, but there will be refreshments. Childcare will be provided through the Academy. Please RSVP in the Narthex, Church or Academy Offices. Questions? Please email Ethan Mitchell at ideaspring@springbranchpres.org. We hope to see you there!

Our next fun Sunday Craft Workshop is on Sunday, September 22nd, from 2:00-4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be making "burrito-style" pillowcases. We hope to make some of these to give away to Mission of Yahweh and other places. You can make some for yourself, for Christmas gifts, or to give away. If you have any questions, or would like to attend, please contact Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com or 713-248-4138.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: ... May the peace of Christ be with you all!

People: And also with you!

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Savannah

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Open us, Eternal God, to Your Word read and proclaimed. Help us not to turn from Your truth, or avoid and distract ourselves from Your message. Help us be receptive to the wisdom You offer in this worship moment. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 4:1-11 Red Pew Bible NT 3 **ANTHEM** "For the Beauty of the Earth" Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17, 3:1-8 Red Pew Bible OT 2

SERMON "Lost" Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

***HYMN** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" GTG, No. 286

*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 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

GTG, No. 620

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Holy God, how often we take for granted all that we have. How often we fail to recognize how blessed we are. Take these gifts we give in response to Your generosity and use them to further Christ's mission and ministry in a hurting world. 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** "God of the Sparrow"

GTG, No. 22

- *BENEDICTION
- *THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD
- *POSTLUDE



Portions of today's worship service are taken from pres-outlook.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, Pastor Savannah, 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.



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.