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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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Serving today in Worship:

Youth Confirmands: Cali Alegria, Piper Dikeman, Jayden Earnest, Dylan Mancilla, and Emma Pace

Children's Moment: Cali Alegria & Dylan Mancilla

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Youth Sunday
 October 20, 2024

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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: Come from east and west, north and south.

People: From everywhere God has placed us, with everything God has given us, as the people God made us – we come.

Leader: Come with joys and concerns, expectations and excuses.

People: We come as we are – human prophets who seek God's love and grace.

Leader: Come to worship and wonder. Come to learn and grow. Come to rest and to be.

People: Remembering who we are, seeking who we are yet to be — we come.

ALL: Let us worship God together!

*HYMN

"Come! Live in the Light!"

GTG, No. 749

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: God knows us. God knows us even when we mess up – even when we sin. Even when we do the wrong thing or make the wrong choice. God knows us and God believes in us. Trusting in the one who knows us, let us offer our whole selves to God. Let us confess our sins together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Holy God, you claimed us before the foundation of the world, and set us apart for your work – to pluck up the weeds of injustice and tear down walls that divide; to plant seeds of compassion and build your kingdom of peace. Too often we are frozen by fear, instead of stepping out in faith. Like Jeremiah, we make excuses – we are too young, or too old; we do not have the right gifts or the experience to lead. Forgive us, God, when we resist our callings and choose what is comfortable over what is faithful. Help us remember that we are fully known and fully loved. May this assurance give us courage in our calling to pluck up and to tear down, to build and to plant. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

October 20 — Youth Sunday

PresPress Articles Due

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Children's Sunday School (GP 3)
9:30 am Confirmation Class (S)
9:45 am Choir Practice (S)
10:50 am Worship
12:15 pm Congregational Care Meeting (CR)

October 21 — Monday

10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)
6:00 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)
7:00 pm Mission Team Meeting (Zoom)

October 22 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
7:00 pm Faith Development Meeting (Zoom)
7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

October 23 — Wednesday

9:30 am Happy Hands (CR)
3:30 pm WOW (S)
6:00 pm WNS: Tacos!
7:00 pm Handbell Choir (S)

October 24 — Thursday

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

October 25 — Friday

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

October 26 — Saturday

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

October 27 — Reformation Sunday

9:00 am Young Adult Breakfast Club
9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Children's Chime Choir (S)
9:45 am Choir Practice (S)
10:30 am Called Session Meeting (P)
10:50 am Worship
12:15 pm Worship Team Meeting (CR)
2:00 pm Sunday Craft Workshop (FH)
4:00 pm Meet & Greet: Savannah & Jordan Jan & Gerald Fitts' Home

October 28 — Monday

6:00 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

October 29 — Tuesday

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

October 30 — Wednesday

3:30 pm WOW (S)
5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)
6:00 pm WNS!
7:00 pm Handbell Choir (S)

October 31 — Thursday

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



November 1 — Friday

All Saints' Day

7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

November 2 — Saturday

11:00 am Memorial Service: Charles Fairchild
4:00 pm Meet & Greet: Savannah & Jordan Liz & Stephen Earnest's Home
6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

Announcements & Events:

The Flowers for this morning are given by Bill Bryant, to the Glory of God, and are in remembrance of his two nieces, Barbara and Peggy, who recently passed away.

The Gathering Place will meet tomorrow, Monday, October 21st, at 10:00 AM! The theme for this month is *Oktoberfest!* Please see Jacquie Ballesteros or Sarah Dikeman if you are interested in helping out.

Happy Hands will meet this Wednesday, October 23rd, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. We will have our regular time together, stuffing more pillows and then sewing them closed. We'll also be working on closing the pillows that were made at the Academy Mission project. Some of us also bring knitting or crocheting projects to do. If you'd like to come and just share in our fellowship, please do. It's always a great morning of good time together. We hope you can join us!

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, October 23rd, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Barbara and Don Tremble are making Tacos. Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

The Mission of the Month for October is the Fair Haven Food Pantry. In addition to the benevolence funds the food pantry receives from our church, we also collect non-perishable food items throughout the year. The following items would be particularly welcomed: peanut butter, cereal, rice, noodles, pasta, mac & cheese, spaghetti, pasta sauce, grocery bags, vegetable oil, canned tuna or chicken, canned beans, baby cereal or food, baking flour, canned fruits or vegetables, and soups. Donations can be placed in the collection bins outside of the church office.

Attention all young adults! You are invited to the Young Adult Breakfast Club with Pastor Savannah Goodman at **Avalon Diner** (8823 Katy Fwy., Houston, TX 77024) on **Sunday, 10/27, at 9:00 AM.** The Young Adult Breakfast Club will meet monthly for a time of fellowship and connection. Childcare is available at the church. We will meet at the church at **9:00 AM** to carpool. Bring \$5 and the church will cover the rest! We look forward to connecting with you then! Please email **Pastor Savannah Goodman** (savannah@springbranchpres.org) with any questions.

Burrito-Style Pillowcase Workshops - We had our first workshop on Sept. 22nd, and we had 11 people to help make 9 pillowcases and 6 more partially finished ones! We will have 1 more workshop on October 27th, from 2:00-4:00 PM. For more information or to RSVP: Kay Craig at 713-248-4138 or kay@craig-heidt.com.

Meet & Greet with Savannah and Jordan Goodman! Join us at one of the following gatherings so you can get to know more about our new Co-Pastor, Rev. Savannah, and her husband, Jordan; and so they can get to know you! **Sunday, October 27th, 4:00-6:00 PM** at Jan & Gerald Fitts' home. **Saturday, November 2nd, 4:00-6:00 PM** at Liz & Stephen Earnest's home. Light refreshments will be served. Please call the hosts to make a reservation at least two days prior; space is limited. We have planned these so that you can attend one near your home if you wish, but you are welcome at any of them.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! The Choir is looking for some new members to join us! If you are interested in participating, please email musicdirector@springbranchpres.org.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear and believe the good news: The grace of God is always doing a new thing — no matter if we are prepared or worthy. Nevertheless, because of the covenant God made with us, God forgives us, and we receive God's mercy, grace, and love. We get to continue being God's faithful and determined prophets and disciples. So, know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: ...The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you.

***GLORIA** "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" GTG, No. 582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Cali Alegria and Dylan Mancilla

ANTHEM "Know My Heart" Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scripture is read and your Word is proclaimed, we have an open mind and hear what you have to say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE SKIT Jeremiah 1:4-10 Red Pew Bible OT 698

REFLECTIONS INTRO Rev. Savannah Goodman
REFLECTIONS Cali Alegria and Dylan Mancilla

Responding to the Word

***HYMN** "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry" GTG, No. 488

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(unison) *(from the Confirmands' Statements of Faith)*

I believe God is the only god, the Almighty, the maker of Heaven and earth. I believe God loves everybody, and God keeps loving us no matter what we do. I believe forgiving others and showing love is one way of showing God's love. I believe God is patient, kind, forgiving, and the only one who can judge us. I believe God always protects us even when we don't believe He is doing it. I trust God as God guides me on the path to lead me in the right direction. I also believe God creates a path that I want to take, so I can have a purpose to my life.

I believe God is our Savior. I believe God sent his only son, Jesus, to save us from our sins. I believe Jesus died on the cross, and I believe Jesus rose from the dead three days later. I believe Jesus died for our sins, so we became forgiven people. I believe God created nature for us to enjoy and create as well. I believe God can bring peace and happiness to anyone. I believe the Lord listens to our prayers, and I believe prayers take time to be answered. I believe the Bible tells stories that are similar to real life scenarios. Finally, I believe God is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

GTG, No. 607

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

Merciful and Gracious God, you call us to follow you in proclaiming the good news of new life to the world. We do not offer you these gifts in order to earn your love, but to celebrate the love you give us. We give you thanks and praise, in Jesus' name. 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**

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.



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