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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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“Barty the Pest”
October 27, 2024

Reformation Sunday

October 27, 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.)

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Hot Meals on the Weekend

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Psalm 124:8 and Psalm 46)*

People: **Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**

Leader: Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

People: **God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved.**

Leader: God will help it when the morning dawns.

People: **Our Lord tells us, "Be still, and know that I am God!"**

Leader: "I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."

People: **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

ALL: **Let us worship the living God!**

*HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

GTG, No. 275

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: As we worship the living God, we remember all those who have walked this life of faith before us. They remind us not only of our triumphs, but also of our failures to be the people God has called and created us to be. With confidence that God is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, let us confess our sins:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

(A Prayer by Martin Luther)

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs filling. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you completely. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and you are merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar



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
- 2:00 pm Sunday Craft Workshop (FH)
- 4:00 pm Meet & Greet: Savannah & Jordan (Jan & Gerald Fitts' Home)
- 7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (Zoom)

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: Rotisserie Chicken!
- 7:00 pm Handbell Choir (S)

October 31 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)
- 6:00 pm SBM Arc Halloween Party* (FH)



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)

November 3 — Sunday **Daylight Saving Time Ends**

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School (GP 3)
- 9:30 am Confirmation Class (GP)
- 9:45 am Choir Practice (S)
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:15 pm Stewardship Luncheon (FH)
- 5:00 pm BSA Committee Meeting (GP)

November 4 — Monday

- 6:00 pm PW Unwind: Latin Bites Kitchen
- 6:00 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

November 5 — Tuesday

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

November 6 — Wednesday

- 9:30 am PW Moderators (CR)
- 10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Chicken Spaghetti Casserole!
- 7:00 pm Handbell Choir (S)

November 7 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 5:00 pm Messy Church (FH)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

November 8 — Friday

- 7:00 am Coffee with Pastor Savannah (Foyer)
- 6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting* (CR)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

November 9 — Saturday

- 4:00 pm Eagle Scout Ceremony (FH)
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

Announcements & Events:

The Flowers for this morning are given by Lee Dudinsky, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of Austin Holland's birthday on October 29th.

Burrito-Style Pillowcase Workshops - We have our final workshop today, October 27th, from 2:00-4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, please see Kay Craig. We hope to see you there!

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! **TODAY, Sunday, October 27th, 4:00-6:00 PM** at Jan & Gerald Fitts' home. **THIS 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.

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.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, October 30th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Nina Rach is making Rotisserie Chicken. Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday, November 3rd. Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday night!

The Unwind Group will meet for dinner at Latin Bites Kitchen (5709 Woodway) on Monday, November 4th, at 6:00 PM. The restaurant has their Happy Hour menu available all day on Mondays. Please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114, only if you plan to attend. We hope you can join us!

Messy Church is on Thursday, November 7th, at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to join us! Our theme this month is the *Parable of the Sower*. Come for games, crafts, music, and activities. A free pizza dinner will be served about 6:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, November 13th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Please contact Patti Nanney if you'd like to attend via Zoom. The **Evening Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday, November 12th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 3 video is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/let-justice-roll-down.

Handbells have returned! Do you have hands for a joyful noise rather than a voice? - then handbells wants YOU! The Handbell Choir meets at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary on Wednesday nights. Please see Megan Hogg if you'd like to join.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(A Prayer by John Calvin)*

Leader: Let us never forget you, O Lord, nor your goodness. Let the remembrance of your mercy be always engraved on our minds. Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us pass the peace to our sisters and brothers in Christ!

*GLORIA

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

GTG, No. 611

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Mark

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

(A Prayer by Ulrich Zwingli)

Almighty, eternal, and merciful God, whose Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path, open and illuminate our minds that we may truly understand your Word and that our life may be conformed to what we have rightly understood, that in all our ways we may be pleasing to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Red Pew Bible OT 488

ANTHEM

"Sanctus" from Gospel Mass

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 10:46-52

Red Pew Bible NT 47

SERMON

"Barty the Pest"

Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

GTG, No. 450

THE SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Cali Juliann Alegria, Sunny Savannah Calderon, Dylan Jacob Mancilla

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

*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)* *(A Prayer by Martin Luther)*
O Lord, come to me and use my bread, silver, and gold. How very well they are spent if I spend them in your service. 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

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

GTG, No. 610

*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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