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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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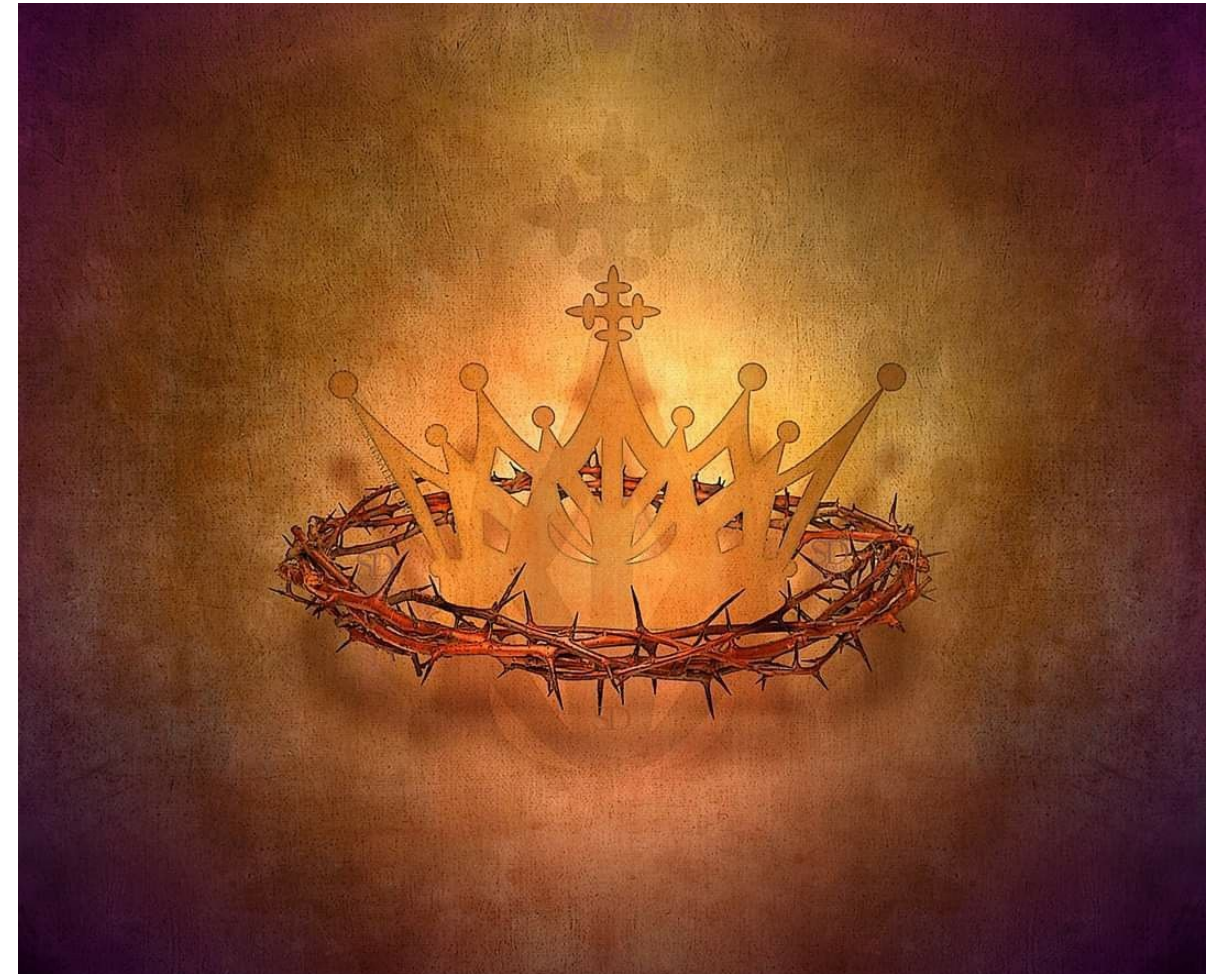
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“Behold the King!”
 November 24, 2024

Christ the King Sunday

November 24, 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 STEWARDSHIP

Rev. Savannah Goodman

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 100)*

Leader: Around the world this day, the church universal celebrates the *"The Reign of Christ."*

People: Christ Jesus, friend of the poor, the meek, and the merciful, has been enthroned above all authority and power in this world and in the world to come.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

People: God has placed everything under Christ's wounded feet, appointed the one who wore a crown of thorns as the supreme head of the church, his body.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving.

People: Come into his courts with praise.

ALL: Give thanks and praise his loving name!

*HYMN

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

GTG, No. 263

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: We know that we have not lived as God hopes. But no matter how fragmented we become, God longs to hold us together in grace and peace. Let us come with our prayers of confession and needs to the One who prepares the way for our words.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

In these moments, merciful God, we bring to you all the ways we have not lived as your people. We stand by watching while those in need struggle to survive. We cast our lots with those who worship power and success. We offer insults rather than words of grace to those who care for us. We scoff at your words which call us to a different lifestyle. Forgive us, God of Mercy, for not knowing what we do to you, to others, to ourselves. Speak to us through Jesus Christ, our King and our Savior, who bears words filled with your tender mercy and gracious hope. Amen.

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

November 24 — Christ the King Sunday **Dedication 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)
10:50 am Worship
12:00 pm Hanging of the Greens (S)

November 25 — Monday

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

November 26 — Tuesday

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

November 27 — Wednesday

Academy Closes at 2:30 PM

November 28 — Thursday

Church & Academy Closed

7:00 am CENTI Thanksgiving Breakfast (GP)



November 29 — Friday

Church & Academy Closed

7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

November 30 — Saturday

6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)



Portions of today's Worship Service are taken from worshipblogspot.org and prayer.knowing.jesus.com.

December 1 — 1st Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Blood Drive (GP)
9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Packing Seafarers' Boxes (FH)
9:30 am Sunday School
9:45 am Choir Practice (S)
10:50 am Worship



December 2 — Monday

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

December 3 — 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)
7:00 pm Session (CR)

December 4 — Wednesday

10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)
3:30 pm WOW (S)
6:00 pm WNS: Cranberry Chicken!
7:00 pm Handbell Choir (S)

December 5 — 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)

December 6 — Friday

7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

December 7 — Saturday

9:00 am Cub Scout Service Project (FH)
3:00pm Fairbees Christmas Party* (FH)
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:

Today is Dedication Sunday— *Ignite the Passion, Spark the Connection, Kindle the Flame!* We invite you to reflect on our shared mission and the unique calling we have as a community of faith. This year, our theme reminds us of the vital role each of us plays in nurturing our church and extending God's love into the world. Today you are invited to turn in both your Pledge Card and Time and Talent Pledge. Thank you for your continued commitment!

Please join us for the Hanging of the Greens immediately after Worship today. Everyone is invited to help prepare the Sanctuary for the Advent Season. The Fellowship Hall will be decorated at Wednesday Night Supper on December 4th. We are hoping to have many hands help this year, so please come join us! A pizza lunch will be provided when we finish. Please see Donald McDaniel if you have any questions, or if you can attend.

There will be no Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, November 27th, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Join us when we resume on December 4th for Cranberry Chicken!

The Church & Academy will be closed this Thursday & Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Seafarers' Boxes packing and wrapping is going to take place next Sunday, December 1st, at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a light breakfast, fun and fellowship, as we work together. Our goal is to fill 150 boxes. We are still collecting shoeboxes, gift wrap, and filler for our seafarers' boxes. Please drop items off at the church office this week. Breakfast will be served at 9:00 AM, with the packing/wrapping of boxes at 9:30 AM. We hope to see you there!

Save-the-Date for the December Blood Drive — SBPC will have a Blood Drive on Sunday, December 1st, from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM in the Gathering Place. Please contact Ashley Powell at ashleycrawford161@gmail.com if you would like to donate. Share the gift of life!

Please join us for the final PW Unwind Dinner of 2024 on December 2nd, at 6:00 PM at Benihana's (9707 Westheimer). Please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114, only if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there!

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

Sunday Craft Workshop, December 8th — Shirts & Cards. We will have a dual workshop on Sunday, December 8th, from 2:00-4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. One craft will be "reverse Tie-dye" which uses bleach water to make a design on fabric. You will need to bring a shirt of some sort. Check the Friday email for more information on this craft! Kay will be leading the other craft, which is simple greeting cards and gift tags. You don't need to bring anything for this craft. For information and to RSVP, please contact Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com or 713-248-4138.

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, December 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, December 12th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 4 video is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/let-justice-roll-down.

Please turn in all outstanding receipts for reimbursement to Jorida in the church office no later than Sunday, December 15th.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: This is the good news: God remembers! Not our sins, not our foolish lives, not our rebellion. God remembers us - and redeems us! God prepares the way for us - the way to grace, to hope, to new life. Joyfully, we offer our thanks to God. Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you!

*GLORIA

"All Hail King Jesus"

*All hail King Jesus! All hail Emmanuel,
King of kings, Lord of lords, bright Morning Star.
And throughout eternity, I'll sing your praises;
and I'll reign with you throughout eternity.*

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Savannah

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

(adapted from Psalm 19:14)

Dear Lord, I pray that You would open my mind to the truth of Your Word by means of the Holy Spirit. Open my eyes to see Jesus. Open my heart to love Him more and more. Open my will to do only that which is righteous in Your sight so that Your name may be glorified. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Red Pew Bible OT 828

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 1:4b-8

Red Pew Bible NT 245

ANTHEM

"He Is Exalted"

Choir

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 18:33-37

Red Pew Bible NT 113

SERMON

"Behold the King!"

Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"Jesus Shall Reign Where're the Sun"

GTG, No. 265

*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

"If With All Your Hearts"

Joan Belk, Piano

Jonathan Craft, Organ

***OUR RESPONSE**

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

GTG, No. 645

*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory!*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

Dear Lord, Creator of all things, everything on earth is yours. We have nothing that can make you richer, for it all comes from you in the first place. But what we have we bring – the acknowledgment that we give thanks to you, and that without you we have nothing and can do nothing. Receive and bless these gifts for your holy work, and bless those who offer them to you. 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**

"Soon and Very Soon"

GTG, No. 384

***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.



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.