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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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“The 15% Solution”
November 3, 2024

24th Sunday After Pentecost

November 3, 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** *(based on Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Leviticus 19:18)*

Leader: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

People: And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might."

Leader: Hear, O Church of God: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

People: And we shall love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our might.

Leader: Hear, O children of God: there is another commandment like the first.

People: Yes, we shall love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Leader: These two commandments are the foundation of our Christian lives.

People: Thanks and praise be to God!

ALL: Let us worship God!

***HYMN**

"What Does the Lord Require of You?"

GTG, No. 70

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION *(from Hebrews 4:15-16)*

Leader: The Scriptures tell us, "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Gracious God, you have loved us by sending your only Son, but we have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. In his life and death, Jesus showed us how truly to love our neighbors, but we love ourselves more than we love others. Loving God, forgive us for withholding our complete love for and devotion to you. Help us give our hearts and lives fully to you so our hearts and lives may be open to our neighbors, especially those in need. Lord, forgive us, love us, and guide us, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

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)

November 10 — 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
- 12:15 pm Called Session Meeting (CR)

November 11 — Monday

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

November 12 — 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)
- 6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting (CR)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)
- 7:00 pm Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom

November 13 — Wednesday

- 9:30 am PW Circle (CR)
- 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)

November 14 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 6:00 pm Young Adult Mini Golf Night
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts: Arrow of Light (GP 1)

November 15 — Friday

- 7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

November 16 — 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 remembrance and honor of family with birthdays in November.

Our Stewardship Campaign, Ignite the Passion, Spark the Connection, Kindle the Flame, kicks off today! As we enter this season of stewardship, 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. Immediately following worship **today, we will have a Stewardship Luncheon** in the Fellowship Hall. **Dedication Sunday is November 24th**, when you will be invited to turn in both your Pledge Card and Time and Talent Pledge. Thank you for your continued commitment!

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!

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

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.

Young Adult Mini Golf Night with Pastor Savannah - The Young Adults are going to Puttery (1818 Washington Ave, 77077) on Thursday, November 14th, at 6:00 PM. The church will cover the price of admission and for unlimited courses for each person. Bring money for food and drinks. If you need childcare, please email savannah@springbranchpres.org by Thursday, 11/7, so that arrangements can be made. RSVPs are requested to savannah@springbranchpres.org so that we can get an accurate head count for this event. We hope you will join us!

Our next Idea Spring event is just around the corner - "Avian Antics" presented by the Houston Arboretum & Nature Center. Join us at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall on November 21st for this free, family friendly program. A dinner will follow. We hope to see you there!

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church is hosting a Thanksgiving Community Concert on Thursday, November 21st, at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. The Choir will be joined by former members, and the Northbrook High School Choir, in presenting *The Gospel Mass*. A reception will follow in the Breezeway. Please make plans to attend!

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.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The psalmist assures us, "As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us." In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare to you, our sins 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

*"Gloria" from Gospel Mass
(please be seated)*

Choir

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Patti Nanney

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

We wait for you, Lord, our souls wait for you, and in your Word we hope. Open our hearts and minds to hear your Word read and proclaimed, that we may have hope and believe in the good news. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ruth 1:1-18

Red Pew Bible OT 241

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 12:28-44

Red Pew Bible NT 49

SERMON

"The 15% Solution"

Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"Change My Heart, O God"

GTG, No. 695

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Why do you support Spring Branch Presbyterian Church?

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation

The Words of Institution

Serving of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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)*

Generous and loving God, we do thank you for the many blessings in our lives. As you have so freely given your love in Jesus Christ, may we freely share your love with others through these gifts we offer today. May they be signs of our devotion to you and our willingness to love in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

REMEMBERING ALL THE SAINTS IN OUR LIVES

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 Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

GTG, No. 738

***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.