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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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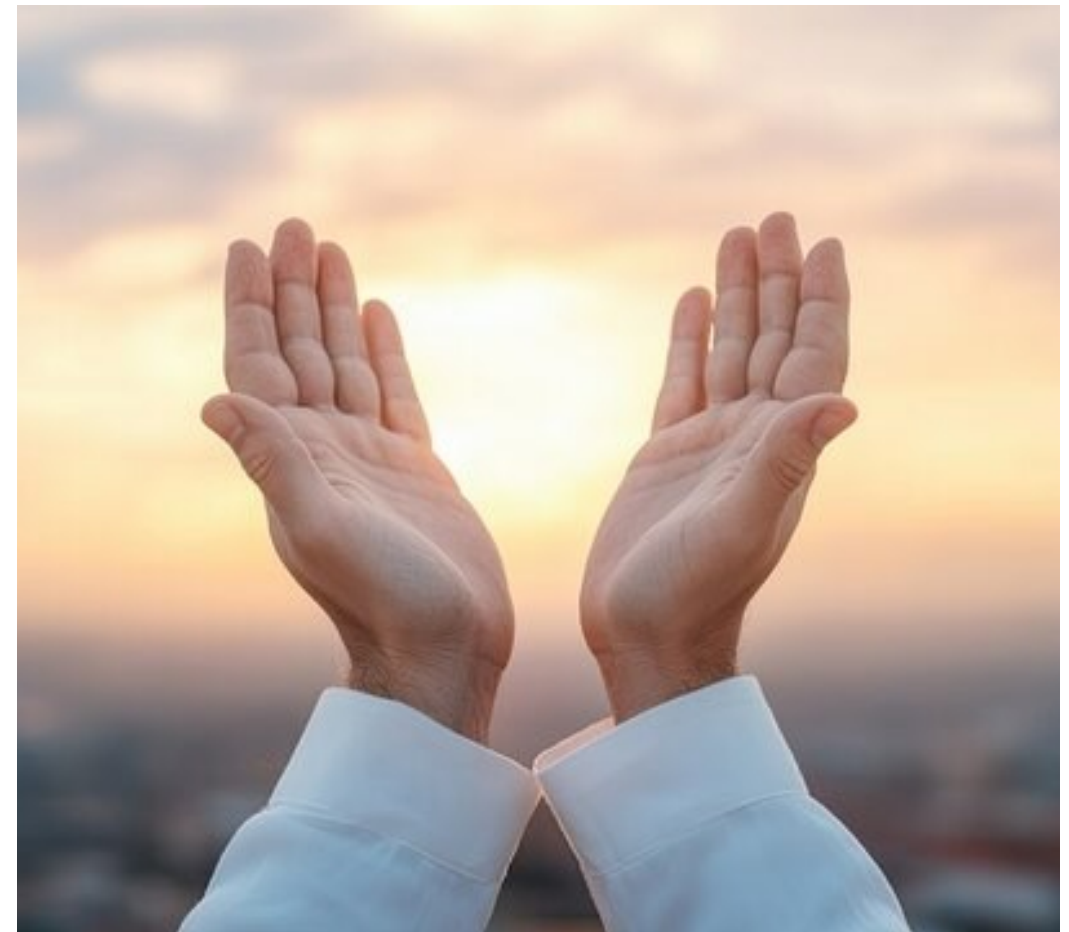
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“Being There”
February 16, 2025

6th Sunday After Epiphany

February 16, 2025

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** *(By Rev. Stephen M. Fearing, Beaumont Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY)*

Leader: Praise be to God the Creator,

People: who breathes life into being.

Leader: Praise be to God the Redeemer,

People: who saves us from ourselves.

Leader: Praise be to God the Sustainer,

People: who binds us together as one body.

Leader: Come, children of the Triune God,

ALL: come worship our wild and wonderful Maker!

***HYMN**

"The Name of the Lord"

LUYH, No. 51

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: God's word assures us: if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith, let us confess our sins to God. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Guiding God, you call us to come and see, and then to go and tell. So often we are looking the other way—away from your image shining in the face of another, away from your people in need, away from the things we would rather not see. So often our words are not of grace, justice, love, and peace, but rather words of hurt, exclusion, and fear. Forgive us for praying for vision while holding our eyes closed. Forgive us for holding firmly to the biases and assumptions in our own eyes, even as you offer us lenses to see what you see. Forgive us for keeping silent, and for speaking our own desires rather than yours. Give us grace to admit our shortcomings. And, give us strength to follow where you lead. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

February 16 — Sunday

- 8:30 am Blood Drive (FH)
- 9:00 am Young Adult Breakfast Club (Le Peep)
- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School (GP 3)
- 9:45 am Choir Practice (S)
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:15 pm Congregational Care Meeting (CR)
- 6:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (Zoom)

February 17 — Monday

- 10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)
- 7:00 pm Mission Team Meeting (Zoom)

February 18 — Tuesday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (P)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

February 19 — Wednesday

- 9:00 am PW ZIP Trip: Freeport Museum
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Chili Cook-Off!
- 7:00 pm Handbell Choir (S)

February 20 — Thursday

- PresPress Articles Due***
- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 5:00 pm Idea Spring: Parent Course
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

February 21 — Friday

- Feed My Starving Children (Pines PC)***
- 7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

February 22 — Saturday

- Feed My Starving Children (Pines PC)***
- 11:00 am Hot Meals
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

February 23 — 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
- 2:00 pm Young Adults: US Golf & Games

February 24 — Monday

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

February 25 — Tuesday

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

February 26 — Wednesday

- 9:30 am Happy Hands (CR)
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)
- 6:00 pm WNS: BBQ!
- 7:00 pm Handbell Choir (S)

February 27 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)
- 6:30 pm SBISD Pre-UIL Concert* (S)

February 28 — Friday

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

March 1 — Saturday

- 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:

The Flowers for this morning are given by Lee Dudinsky, to the Glory of God, are in celebration of Lynn Dudinsky's birthday.

Thank you to everyone who is participating in our Blood Drive this morning. If you'd like to donate blood, come down to the Fellowship Hall before 12:30 PM! *Share the gift of life!*

The Gathering Place will meet tomorrow, Monday, February 17th, at 10:00 AM! The theme for this month is *Rodeo!* Please see Jacquie Ballesteros or Sarah Dikeman if you are interested in helping out.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, February 19th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Once again we are having our "occasionally-annual" Chili Dinner. Hunt down that great recipe, find that ole' chili pot, pick those peppers, and get cookin'! Cook up your best chili and bring a pot to share for dinner. The Fellowship Group Wranglers will provide crackers, Fritos, grated cheese, chopped onions, salad, dessert, and drinks. Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. Even if you don't make a chili, put on your best western duds and come join in the fun & fellowship! We hope to see you there!

The Presbyterian Women will ZIP to the Freeport Historical Museum on Wednesday, February 19th. We will leave the church by 9:00 AM, carpooling to the museum with lunch after the tour. The cost for the museum is \$3.00 for seniors/children/active military, \$5.00 for all others. Lunch location to be determined. Presbyterian Men are also invited on this trip! Please contact Marguerite Priest to RSVP.

Our next Idea Spring event is Self-Care for Parents and Caregivers this Thursday, February 20th at 5:00 PM. The location is TBD based on RSVPs. Alanis Olivarez, Family Services Outreach Coordinator from the DePelchin Children's Center, will lead this adult/parent class. Dinner will not be served this month, but there will be refreshments. Childcare will be provided by 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!

Feed My Starving Children – We would like to help support Pines Presbyterian again this year in this wonderful act of mission. Kids and adults of all ages hand-pack nutritious MannaPack® meals specifically designed to assist in reversing and preventing undernutrition. You can sign up for a 2-hour time slot on the following days: February 21st & February 22nd. See Laurie Mitchell to sign up for a time slot on the 22nd to go over with a group from SBPC. You can also go to www.fmsc.org to register for time to volunteer on your own.

Attention all young adults! You are invited to Young Adult Fellowship with Pastor Savannah Goodman at **US Golf and Games** (10106 Thermon, 77075) on **Sunday, 2/23, at 2:00 PM.** The church will cover the price of your first game of mini golf and/or your first go kart ride. Bring money for food and drinks. We look forward to connecting with you then! Please email **Pastor Savannah Goodman** (savannah@springbranchpres.org) with any questions or to RSVP.

Happy Hands will meet on Wednesday, February 26th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Join the group for great fellowship, stuffing and stitching pillows, knitting, crocheting, and just hanging out. All are welcome!

Scholarship Applications are now available for interested students. Completed applications are due by May 1st for the year applying, and should be turned in to Sarah Dikeman for the Women's Scholarship and Ken Crawford for the Men's Scholarship.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 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

Pastor Savannah

ANTHEM

"Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 6:17-26

Red Pew Bible NT 64

SERMON

"Being There"

Rev. Savannah Goodman

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"Blest Are They"

GTG, No. 172

*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

*DOXOLOGY

GTG, No. 609

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

Lord, you have filled the earth with good things and given us many gifts. By sharing our gifts with others, we proclaim your grace. May the offerings we present be a sign of the abundant life you intend for all your people. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

"Kum Ba Yah"

GTG, No. 472

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

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" (v. 1, 5, 6)

GTG, No. 343

*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.

Stories & Songs: *Stories & Songs* occurs during Worship, with stories from *Growing in God's Love*, songs, coloring pages, and crafts. Pastor Savannah has chosen the stories to coincide with the Sermons. Children will leave the Sanctuary right after Children's Moment and be returned to their parents during the last hymn. This program is during the Worship Service for ages 3-6 years old.

Sunday Morning Offerings at 9:30 am

Saints Under Construction: This class meets in Gathering Place Classroom No. 2. 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.

Calling All Youth: The Youth meet in the Youth Room for Bible Study, Fellowship, and Mission work with the Pastors. Meetings are at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Other volunteers for the program are Jordan Goodman, Carla Pace, and Riley Fairchild.



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