



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church
 Co-Pastor: Rev. Mark Plunkett
 Co-Pastor: Rev. Savannah Goodman
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Administration Leader: Ethan Mitchell
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 Faith Development Leader: Jim Kunkel
 Sarah Powell
 Mission Leader: Joel Alegria
 Worship Leader: Donald McDaniel
 Treasurer: Neal Dikeman

The Session

Clerk: Jan Fitts
 Moderator: Co-Pastor, Rev. Mark Plunkett
 Moderator: Co-Pastor, Rev. Savannah Goodman

Class of 2026

Kay Craig
 Sarah Dikeman
 Ethan Mitchell

Class of 2027

Joel Alegria
 Beth Mizwa
 Nina Rach

Class of 2028

Jim Kunkel
 Betty Magnuson
 Sarah Powell

Academy Board

Neal Dikeman
 Ashley Powell
 Carla Pace
 Jorida Vakiari
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Serving today in Worship:

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Children's Moment: Pastor Mark and Pastor Savannah

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“Don't Waste My Time”
 August 10, 2025

9th Sunday After Pentecost

August 10, 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** *(based on Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16)*

Leader: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the convictions of things not seen.

People: Like Abraham, let us follow God, even when we don't know where we are going.

Leader: By faith, let us look forward to the city that has foundations,

People: Whose architect and builder is God.

ALL: Let us worship the God whose promises call and claim us!

***HYMN**

"From the Sun's Rising"

LUYH, No. 25

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Sin hinders us and prevents us from receiving God's Word. Let us open our hearts to God's truth and liberate ourselves to walk Christ's path.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of hope and promise, we admit that our faith sometimes falters. We acknowledge that our doubts and grievances often overwhelm. We struggle to comprehend our own suffering and that of others. Pardon us when we lose faith in you and in ourselves. Guide us back to harmonious relationships. Encourage us to stay engaged and committed to meaningful dialogues filled with grace. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's grace is given freely. God's love is steadfast. Receive the Good News that you are forgiven, and live liberated from sin to the glory of God. Amen!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

People: And also with you.

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

August 10 — Sunday

Blessing of the Backpacks

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children's Chime Choir (S)
- 9:30 am Youth Discernment Time (Youth Rm)
- 9:45 am Choir Practice
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:15 pm PW Luncheon (FH)
- 6:30 pm Worship Team Meeting (Zoom)

August 11 — Monday

- 5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting (CR)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

August 12 — Tuesday

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

August 13 — Wednesday

- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)

August 14 — Thursday

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

August 15 — Friday

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

August 16 — Saturday

- 8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)
- 10:00 am PW Bible Study Overview (Zoom)
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

August 17 — Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School (GP 3)
- 9:45 am Choir Practice
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:15 pm Congregational Care Meeting (CR)
- 1:00 pm Eagle Scout Ceremony (S & FH)
- 3:00 pm Youth Pool Party
- 5:00 pm BSA Committee Meeting (GP)

August 18 — Monday

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

August 19 — Tuesday

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

August 20 — Wednesday

PresPress Articles Due

August 21 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 5:00 pm Idea Spring: Downtown Aquarium!
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

August 22 — Friday

- 5:00 pm Academy Open House (FH)
- 6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting* (CR)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

August 23 — 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



Announcements & Events:

The Flowers for this morning are given by Patti and Steve Nanney, to the Glory of God, and are in remembrance of Bob and Laverne Collier's wedding anniversary on August 5th, and Bob Collier's birthday on August 10th. If still alive, Bob and Laverne would've been married 75 years, and Bob would've been 102.

Join us for the Annual PW Welcoming Luncheon today from 12:15-2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall! You are invited to bring your mothers, grandmothers, daughters, and granddaughters to join us for a lovely luncheon. Kay and Betty will again delight us with tasty treats. You'll be dazzled by our talent and entertained by our follies. You'll get a tiny taste of our new PW Bible Study. We have numerous raffle baskets and prizes offered. We hope you will join us!

MAM Back-to-School Uniform Voucher Drive — SBPC is once again collecting funds throughout the month of August for the Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) Back-to-School Uniform Voucher Drive. MAM coordinates with school guidance counselors and local vendors to provide school uniforms for local needy families. Donations can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, or mailed to the church office. Online donations can be made here: <https://tinyurl.com/MAM-Back-to-School>.



The Gathering Place will meet on Monday, August 18th, at 10:00 AM! The theme for this month is *Hawaii!* Please see Jacquie Ballesteros or Sarah Dikeman if you are interested in helping out.

Idea Spring is kicking back off on Thursday, August 21st, at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for the "Built for Survival Bird Show" presented by the Downtown Aquarium! A pizza dinner will follow. All are welcome to attend! The Idea Spring Speaker Series was originally created as a free program for our community — it's family friendly and fun for all ages! Events have been planned for the entire school year. Questions or want to help coordinate? Email Ethan Mitchell at ideaspring@springbranchpres.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

Save-the-Date for Wednesday Night Suppers to resume on September 3rd at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having Hamburgers with all of the trimmings. We hope to see you there!

SBPC Hot Meals on Weekends – The 4th Saturday of each month we look for individuals to deliver meals to shut-ins. We have 2 routes, so we usually need a total of 4 volunteers each month. Please contact Lu Taylor if you are interested in volunteering to deliver meals one month. You can now sign-up online too at this Sign-Up Genius [LINK!](#)

Shredding Service Now available — We've added a secure shredding service for church-related documents. Shredding boxes are located in the Conference Room and are available for use by office staff and church members who need to dispose of sensitive materials properly. A dear church member has graciously agreed to pay for this service.

***GLORIA PATRI**

GTG, No. 581

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Mark & Pastor Savannah

Blessing of the Backpacks

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

God, your Word directs every step we take. Help us listen closely to your Word as it is read and preached today, so we may understand your message and follow your will. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 50:1-23

Red Pew Bible OT 519

ANTHEM

"In Christ Alone"

SERMON

"Don't Waste My Time"

Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

***HYMN**

"God of the Sparrow"

GTG, No. 22

***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. 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)*

God of abundance, everything we have is on loan from you. Help us be good stewards of all your precious resources. Bless these gifts we give in return that they might be a blessing to others. 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**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

GTG, No. 12

***BENEDICTION**

***THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD**

***POSTLUDE**

<p>MAM distributes over 5,000 shopping vouchers to local schools for children in need of school clothes!</p>	<p>PARENTS shop with their kids for new clothing at local retailers using vouchers like gift certificates.</p>	<p>CHILDREN see their parents as the providers and <i>real</i> superstars!</p>
<p>\$50 PROVIDES NEW SCHOOL CLOTHES FOR A LOCAL KID!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">mamhouston.org/backtoschool</p>		



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.



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.