



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church
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Co-Pastor: Rev. Savannah Goodman
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Faith Development Leader: Jim Kunkel
Sarah Powell
Mission Leader: Joel Alegria
Worship Leader: Donald McDaniel
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The Session

Clerk: Jan Fitts

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Class of 2026

Kay Craig
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Class of 2027

Joel Alegria
Beth Mizwa
Nina Rach

Class of 2028

Jim Kunkel
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Sarah Powell

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Neal Dikeman
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Carla Pace
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“Something New”
January 11, 2026

Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026

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** *(from Psalm 148)*

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.

People: May the Lord bless us with God's Peace!

Leader: The voice of the Lord proclaimed Jesus as God's beloved.

People: In our own baptisms, we are claimed as God's beloved.

ALL: As God's beloved children, let us join our voices together to worship Him!

***HYMN**

"Take Me to the Water"

GTG, No. 480

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: On this Baptism of the Lord Sunday, we remember our own baptisms, where we were claimed as children of the covenant and beloved of God. Yet, we live as if we are alienated from God. We have turned away from God, one another, and the earth. Let us each turn back and confess together our sins, trusting in God's mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we are estranged from you and from one another. We treat others as strangers rather than as people created in your image and fellow children of God. We exploit the earth as though it were our possession, rather than a gift entrusted to our care and a reflection of your image and glory. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might live as people who have been baptized as your own children. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear the good news of the Gospel — and of Jesus' solidarity in his own baptism by John with all who have been immersed in baptismal waters, repenting of their sin. In his name, God has forgiven us of our own sins and set us on new paths. Let us remember our baptisms and trust in God's mercy to restore our right standing as God's own. Thanks be to God! Amen!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

January 11 — Sunday

Baptism of the Lord

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
9:45 am Choir Practice
10:30 am Called Session Meeting (P)
10:50 am Worship
12:00 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration
12:15 pm Undecorating the Sanctuary
12:15 pm Handbells (S)
7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (Zoom)

January 12 — Monday

5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting (CR)
5:30 pm Special Olympics* (GP)
6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Bear (GP 1 & 2)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

January 13 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
6:15 pm Cub Scouts: Wolf (GP 1 & 2)
6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting (CR)
7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)
7:00 pm Faith Development Meeting (Zoom)

January 14 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Circle (CR)
3:30 pm WOW (S)
5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)
5:45 pm WNS: Pulled Pork BBQ!
6:30 pm Contemporary Worship Service (GP)

January 15 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)
5:00 pm Idea Spring: Mr. Magic! (FH)
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

January 16 — Friday

7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

January 17 — Saturday

8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)
8:00 am Cub Scouts: Pinewood Derby Build Workshop (Scout Hut)
6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

January 18 — Sunday

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Children's Sunday School (GP 3)
9:30 am Youth Sunday School (YR)
9:45 am Choir Practice
10:50 am Worship
12:15 pm Congregational Care Meeting (CR)
12:15 pm Handbells (S)

January 19 — Monday

10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)
10:30 am Staff Meeting (P)
5:30 pm Special Olympics* (GP)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

January 20 — Tuesday

PresPress Articles Due

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

January 21 — Wednesday

3:30 pm WOW (S)
6:00 pm WNS: Chicken Pot Pies!
6:30 pm Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (GP 1 & 2)

January 22 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)
7:00 pm Cub Scouts: Pinewood Derby Compliance Check (Scout Hut)

January 23 — Friday

6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Pinewood Derby Car Check-in (FH)
6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting* (GP)
7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

January 24 — Saturday

9:00 am Cub Scouts: Pinewood Derby (FH)
11:00 am Hot Meals
6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

Announcements & Events:

January Birthday Celebration — Join us in the Breezeway, weather permitting, for our first birthday celebration of 2026! Immediately after Worship today, we will gather for light snacks as we honor our January birthdays!

Un-Decorating the Sanctuary: The Worship Team is seeking volunteers to help remove the Greens from the Sanctuary TODAY, immediately after the Worship Service. As usual, many hands make for light work. Pizza will be provided for volunteers.

The PW Day Circle will meet this Wednesday, January 14th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Please contact Patti Nanney if you'd like to attend via Zoom. The Lesson 5 video is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/resilience-joy-identity.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, January 14th, at 5:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Jeannie Stockton is making Pulled Pork BBQ. We will serve dinner at 5:45 PM this week for anyone who would like to attend the Contemporary Worship Service at 6:30 PM. Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

Idea Spring returns this Thursday! Join us for our first Speaker Series Event of 2026! We will welcome Mr. Magic on January 15th, at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. A free dinner will follow. We hope to see you there!

The Gathering Place will meet on Monday, January 19th, at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall! The theme for this month is *Snow Day!* Please see Jacquie Ballesteros or Sarah Dikeman if you are interested in helping out.

Please don't forget to turn in your Pledge Card and Time & Talent Pledge. You can find blank copies in the Narthex, Church Office, or Parlor. There is a box in the Narthex for submitting cards. Cards can also be mailed to the Church Office, to the attention of Jorida. Thank you for your continued commitment!

The 2026 Offering Envelope Books are now available in the Narthex. Please sign your name by the number that corresponds to your book number. If you already have a book of offering envelopes, you can continue to use it since it doesn't correspond to specific dates. Thank you for your continued commitment!

Would you like to beautify the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings while honoring a loved one or commemorating a special occasion? **The 2026 Flower Sign-Up Calendar is located in the Narthex!** The cost per arrangement is \$65.00. Checks should be written to SBPC and mailed to the Church Office or placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

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.

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!](#)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you!**

*GLORIA

"Glory, Praises!"

LUYH, No. 73

*Glory! Praises! Sing we to the Lamb.
Forgiveness, freedom flow from our Redeemer's hand!
Trusting in the love of God, by the grace of Christ we stand.
Glory, hallelujah! Sing we to the Lamb.
Glory, hallelujah! Sing we to the Lamb.*

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Mark

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

O God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that the words we are about to hear will become the Word of God for us this day. Help us to listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 1:1-5

Red Pew Bible OT 1

ANTHEM

"As I Went Down to the River to Pray"

Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:4-11

Red Pew Bible NT 34

SERMON

"Something New"

Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

*RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS *(insert)*

*HYMN

"Baptized in Water"

GTG, No. 482

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Victoria & Joseph Kissinger, Catherine Shepard

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

*OUR RESPONSE

"I Sing Praises to Your Name"

LUYH, No. 35

*I sing praises to your name, O Lord, praises to your name, O Lord,
for your name is great and greatly to be praised.*

*I sing praises to your name, O Lord, praises to your name, O Lord,
for your name is great and greatly to be praised.*

*I give glory to your name, O Lord, glory to your name, O Lord.
for your name is great and greatly to be praised.*

*I give glory to your name, O Lord, glory to your name, O Lord.
for your name is great and greatly to be praised.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

O God, in our own baptisms, we have been named and claimed as your covenant people, connected deeply with you, with one another, and with the earth. May these gifts be used as a witness to your love, peace and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth. 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

"I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry"

GTG, No. 488

*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.

Traditional Worship Service 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.

Contemporary Worship Service

Join us for an exciting new contemporary worship service! Experience uplifting music and heartfelt messages in a welcoming environment. This is a great opportunity to connect with others and deepen your faith. Don't miss the chance to be part of this transformative journey. Bring your friends and family! Our next Contemporary Worship Service will be on **January 14th at 6:30 PM in the Gathering Place**. For more information, please visit: www.springbranchpres.org/contemporary-worship-service.

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.

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.