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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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Mission Leader: Joel Alegria
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The Session

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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

Academy Board

Neal Dikeman
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Carla Pace
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“Arise, Shine!”
January 4, 2026

2nd Sunday of Christmas

January 4, 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**

Leader: Arise, shine!

People: For our light has come.

Leader: Darkness may cover the earth,

People: But the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around: God gathers God's people from near and far.

People: With joy we come, drawn to God's radiant light.

ALL: Let us worship God together!

***HYMN**

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

GTG, No. 744

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: The light of God's glory exposes our shadows and heals our brokenness. Trusting in God's mercy, let us bring our confessions before the Lord who calls us to arise and shine. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Radiant God, you call us to shine with the light of your grace, yet we are often content to stay in the shadows. We turn inward rather than lifting our eyes to see your glory. We hoard blessings instead of sharing your abundance. We shrink from your call to welcome the stranger, to seek justice, and to bear witness to your light among the nations. Lord, have mercy on us. By your Spirit, lift us from the gloom of our sin. Set us again on the path of faithfulness, that we may reflect your love and walk in your light. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Arise and take heart! The God who calls light out of darkness shines grace upon us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and made new. Thanks be to God! Amen!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

January 4 — 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 Handbells (S)



January 5 — Monday

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (P)
- 5:30 pm Special Olympics* (GP)
- 6:00 pm PW Unwind: Seasons 52!
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

January 6 — Tuesday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)
- 7:00 pm Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom



January 7 — Wednesday

- 9:30 am PW Moderators (CR)
- 10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (GP 1 & 2)

January 8 — Thursday

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

January 9 — Friday

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

January 10 — Saturday

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

January 11 — Sunday

Baptism of the Lord

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Choir Practice
- 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)
- 6:30 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)

Announcements & Events:

Please join us for an **Unwind Outing to Seasons 52 at City Centre** tomorrow, Monday, January 5th, at 6:00 PM (842 W Sam Houston Pkwy North, Houston, TX 77024). The prices are reasonable and they claim their entire menu is low calorie! Just what we need after the holidays! As usual, please let Jacquie Ballesteros know, only if you plan to attend (713-305-1114).

The **PW Day Circle** will meet on Wednesday, January 14th, 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, January 6th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 5 video is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/resilience-joy-identity.

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.

Un-Decorating the Sanctuary: The Worship Team is seeking volunteers to help remove the Greens from the Sanctuary on January 11, 2026, immediately after the Worship Service. As usual, many hands make for light work. Pizza will be provided for volunteers. So that lunch can be planned, please contact Donald McDaniel at dmcdan77007@sbcglobal.net or 713-294-4005 to sign up.

Wednesday Night Supper will resume on Wednesday, January 14th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you can join us then!

Idea Spring returns on Thursday, January 15th, at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for Mr. Magic. A free dinner will follow. 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!](#)

Handbells have returned! Do you have hands for a joyful noise rather than a voice? – then handbells wants YOU! The Handbell Choir meets after Worship in the Sanctuary on Sunday afternoons. Please see Megan Hogg if you'd like to join.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

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 Savannah

ANTHEM

"Arise, Shine"

Choir

SERMON INTRO

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

Red Pew Bible OT 690

SERMON

"Arise, Shine!"

Rev. Savannah Goodman

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"O Word of God Incarnate"

GTG, No. 459

*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

***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)**

God of light and glory, we give you these gifts as signs of gratitude and as acts of trust. Use them and use us to proclaim your good news, to draw your children from near and far, and to reveal the brightness of Christ's love in this community and throughout the world. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- The Invitation
- The Words of Institution
- Serving of the Elements
- Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 Am the Light of the World"

LUYH, No. 144

***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.