



# Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

## Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church  
 Administrator: Jorida Vakiari  
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 Academy Director: Renee Henry

## Ministry Teams:

Administration Leader: Jacquie Ballesteros  
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 Faith Development Leader: Kathryn Dethloff  
 Mission Leader: Liz Earnest  
 Worship Leader: Donald McDaniel  
 Treasurer: Neal Dikeman

## The Session

Clerk: Elizabeth Powell

Moderator: Rev. Andy Gans (Pines PC)

## Class of 2024

Charles Fairchild  
 Glenn Lanan  
 Donald McDaniel  
 Jennifer Miller

## Class of 2025

Jacquie Ballesteros  
 Kathryn Dethloff  
 Stephen Earnest

## Class of 2026

Kay Craig  
 Sarah Dikeman  
 Ethan Mitchell

## Academy Board

Laurie Mitchell  
 Jani Shepard

Jim Kunkel  
 Web Trevathan

Neal Dikeman  
 Ashley Powell

## Serving today in Worship:

**Guest Pastor:** Rev. Callie Candee  
**Liturgist:** Todd Miller  
**Time For Young Disciples:** Todd Miller  
**Usher Captain:** Donald McDaniel  
**PowerPoint:** Ethan Mitchell

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**“Come and See”**  
 August 6, 2023

*\*Those who are able please stand*

**God's People Connect**

**WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

*(Please sign the Friendship Book located in the pew rack next to the center aisle.)*

**PRELUDE**

**THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS THE SANCTUARY**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, gather together and let us give God praise.

**People: Let us sing of God's love and God's amazing grace.**

Leader: May we give God praise for God's forgiveness and mercy.

**People: Let us sing of God's justice and compassion.**

Leader: May we give God praise for all the wondrous acts from God to all the earth's people.

**ALL: Let us sing of our praises to God and worship God with our hearts and minds fully.**

**\*HYMN**

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

GTG, No. 366

**Preparing for the Word**

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

Leader: ... Hear us, O God, as we confess our lack of trust in you and pour out mercy that we may be renewed in your Spirit.

**People: Forgive us when we do not wait patiently for your direction.**

**Forgive us when we are too patient with our misdirection.**

**Hold our gaze on your baptismal promise,  
sealed in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son.**

**Through the power of your Spirit,  
give us the courage to speak what we have seen,  
and point to the One who takes away the sins of the world...**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Always remember that Christ comes to us with life and love, filling us with hope. Christ comes to us with joy, entering our lives, filling us with grace and renewal. Know that Christ Jesus goes with us, leading us in the ways of forgiveness and life.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen!**

# Calendar of Events

[www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar](http://www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar)

**August 6 — Sunday**

- 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
- 6:00 pm Boy Scouts: Committee Meeting (GP)

**August 7 — Monday**

**Mission Monday**

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (P)
- 6:00 pm PW Unwind: Olive Garden!
- 6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
- 6:00 pm Flag Retirement Ceremony (Scout Hut)
- 7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (Zoom)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

**August 8 — Tuesday**

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 11:00 am Finance Meeting (CR)
- 5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce Ball\* (Field)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 7:00 pm Mission Team Meeting (Zoom)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship\* (FH)

**August 9 — Wednesday**

- 11:30 am MAM Ice Cream Social
- 5:00 pm Cribbage (CR)
- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3)

**August 10 — Thursday**

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting (P)
- 5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce Ball\* (Field)
- 6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance\* (GP)

**August 11 — Friday**

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

**August 12 — Saturday**

- 10:00 am PW Overview (John Knox)
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service\* (GP)

**August 13 — Sunday**

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children's Chime Choir
- 9:45 am Choir Practice
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:15 pm PW Welcoming Luncheon (FH)

**August 14 — Monday**

**Academy Closed (Teacher Workday)**

- 5:00 pm Faith Development Meeting (P)
- 6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

**August 15 — Tuesday**

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 5:00 pm Cribbage (CR)
- 5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce Ball\* (Field)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship\* (FH)

**August 16 — Wednesday**

- 12:00 pm CUPS Board Meeting (CR)

**August 17 — Thursday**

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce Ball\* (Field)
- 6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance\* (GP)

**August 18 — Friday**

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

**August 19 — Saturday**

- 8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)
- 10:00 am PW Overview (virtual)
- 10:00 am Cub Scouts 552 Recruitment Event
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service\* (GP)



## Announcements & Events:

**Returning as our Guest Pastor this morning is Rev. Callie Candee!** I'm an ordained minister of Word & Sacrament in PC (USA). Attended APTS, received my MDIV in 2006. Completed 1 year of CPE (clinical pastoral education), and am a board certified chaplain. I've served as a chaplain for 16 years @ St. Joseph Hospital in College Station, St. Luke's in Houston, and now at St. Luke's in The Woodlands. I enjoy being semi-retired, walking, reading, and spending time with our family. I'm married 35 years to Brian; we have 3 grown sons, and 2 wonderful grandchildren.

**The Flowers** for this morning are given by Lee Dudinsky, to the Glory of God, are in celebration of Christina Holland's birthday on August 3rd.

**August Birthday Celebration** — Please join family, friends, and congregation members after Worship today in the Breezeway as we celebrate those in our church community born in August. Linger for conversation, fellowship, and snacks.

**MAM Back to School Uniform Voucher Drive** – During the month of August, SBPC will be collecting funds 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. MAM's 2023 goal is to provide \$50 uniform vouchers to 3,000 children. Donations can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, or mailed to the church office. We also welcome online donations, which can be given here: [givebutter.com/mambacktoschool/springbranchpresbyterianchurch1](http://givebutter.com/mambacktoschool/springbranchpresbyterianchurch1).

**Spring Branch Presbyterian Academy and the Mission Team are inviting members to volunteer to participate in the August Mission Monday project.** This new program is an initiative to help our Academy children give back to their community. We will be decorating and planting flowers in flowerpots for our neighbors at The Reserve at Royal Oaks. We will be gathering to do this project tomorrow, from 8:45 AM-NOON in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers will help with set-up, assist with planting flowers and decorating, and clean-up. If you would like to help, please see Miguel to sign up. Thank you for your support!

**The Unwind Group will meet for dinner at the Olive Garden Italian Kitchen** (9750 Katy Freeway) tomorrow, August 7th at 6:00 PM. Please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114 if you plan to join us.

**Join us for the Annual PW Welcoming Luncheon on Sunday, August 13th 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. We will be serving Quiche, Gazpacho, Assorted Tea Sandwiches, Salad, and Dessert Goodies. We will be entertained by the *Spa Girls*, a comedy group that performed at the recent Presbytery PW Lunch. We will also have the introduction to our new Bible Study for the coming year. Please RSVP to Kay Craig at 713-248-4138 or [kay@craig-heidt.com](mailto:kay@craig-heidt.com). We will also be raffling off fun themed baskets! Get your creative juices flowing and fill a basket! If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Miller at 713-562-5897.

**We will be starting children's chimes this summer!** This is a chance for elementary aged children to get to ring chimes as part of Worship. We will have some exploratory sessions this summer on the second Sunday of every month at 9:30 (August 13th). Starting in September, we will meet the second and fourth Sunday each month during the Sunday School hour (these are the Sundays that do not have children's Sunday School). We are so excited to start up this new adventure! Please contact Megan Hogg ([megan1661@yahoo.com](mailto:megan1661@yahoo.com)) for additional details.

There will be an **in-person** 2023-2024 PW Bible Study Overview held on **Saturday, August 12**, at John Knox Presbyterian, 2525 N. Gessner Rd. Registration and refreshments will begin at 9:30am, followed by the overview from 10am to noon. Register with Debbi Englade at 713-398-2299 (call or text) or email [dmenglade@yahoo.com](mailto:dmenglade@yahoo.com). There will be a **virtual** overview via Zoom held on **Saturday, August 19**, from 10am to noon. You may email Patti Nanney at [pananney@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pananney@sbcglobal.net) to receive Zoom link via email. All overviews will be presented by Patti Nanney, R.E., Spring Branch Presbyterian Church. It will be helpful if you bring your copy of the Bible study to the overview.

### \*SHARING OF PEACE

Leader: Believing that God's forgiveness is sufficient because it is God's grace, and believing that God's grace is poured out for us and for all, how will we live for God and one another?

**People: We will love God with all that we are: heart, soul, mind, and strength; and we will love our neighbors as ourselves.**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

### \*GLORIA

*"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* (v. 1, 5)

GTG, No. 610

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!*

*To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.*

### God's People Are Empowered

### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Todd Miller

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

**Holy God, Word made flesh, let us come to this word open to being surprised. Silence our agendas; banish our assumptions; cast out our casual detachment. Confound our expectations; clear the cobwebs from our ears; penetrate the corners of our hearts with this Word. We know that you can, we pray that you will, and we wait with great anticipation. Amen.**

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 34:1-14

New International Version

### ANTHEM

*"The One"*

Choir

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:29-42

Red Pew Bible NT 92

### SERMON

*"Come and See"*

Rev. Callie Candee

### Responding to the Word

### \*HYMN

*"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*

GTG, No. 688

### \*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.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving  
The Lord's Prayer  
Invitation to the Lord's Table  
Sharing the Bread and the Cup  
Giving Thanks for God's Gifts

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

**\*OUR RESPONSE**                      *"Now Thank We All Our God"* (v. 3)                      GTG, No. 643

*All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,  
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,  
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.*

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: Eternal and always loving God, we are here to praise you. You bring us light and life, and you bring us new life in Jesus Christ. In all your giving, may we find strength and guidance for our daily living. Take now our lives and our gifts and dedicate us anew with vision, hope, and courage. Amen.

#### Departing to Serve

**\*HYMN**                                      *"Cry of My Heart"*                                      (insert)

#### \*BENEDICTION *(unison)*

**Go into the world and be God's love.  
Go into the world, bearing burdens and enduring challenges.  
Go as Christ's disciples, working for peace and feeding the hungry.  
Go confidently and courageously,  
living in the promises of God's eternal love. Amen!**

#### \*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 the Pastor, 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 Ducks classroom, Room 121, past the Church Offices.

#### *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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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.



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