



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church
Co-Pastor: Rev. Mark Plunkett
Co-Pastor: Rev. Savannah Goodman
Administrator: Jorida Vakiari
Administrative Assistant: Ethan Mitchell
Music Director: Gabriel Perez
Accompanist: Jonathan Craft
AV Director: Ethan Mitchell
AV Technician: Ben Dethloff
Academy Director: Renee Henry

Ministry Teams:

Administration Leader: Ethan Mitchell
Congregation Leader: Kay Craig
Faith Development Leader: Jacquie Ballesteros
Mission Leader: Laurie Mitchell
Worship Leader: Donald McDaniel
Treasurer: Neal Dikeman

The Session

Clerk: Elizabeth Powell

Moderator: Rev. Mark Plunkett
Moderator: Rev. Savannah Goodman

Class of 2025

Jacquie Ballesteros
Stephen Earnest
Laurie Mitchell

Class of 2026

Kay Craig
Sarah Dikeman
Ethan Mitchell

Class of 2027

Joel Alegria
Beth Mizwa
Nina Rach

Academy Board

Jan Fitts
Jim Kunkel

Neal Dikeman
Ashley Powell

Carla Pace
Jorida Vakiari

Serving today in Worship:

Liturgist: Jan Fitts

Children's Moment: Jan Fitts

Usher Captain: Donald McDaniel

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“If Only...”
September 29, 2024

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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 (adapted from Psalm 124:8)

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People: In speaking, in silence...

Leader: In movement, in stillness...

People: God is with us.

Leader: God alone saves us.

People: God alone helps us.

Leader: God sets us on the path of peace.

ALL: Let us worship our Heavenly Lord who helps us in all things.

*HYMN Our Help is in the Name of God” GTG, No. 330

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: We long to gloss over the messy parts of our stories: the deceit, the anger, and the on-going grudges. But nothing is hidden from God. We come before God and one another with complete honesty, naming our sins that we might reclaim our name as God’s beloved children.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God, it is often difficult to discern your voice when we perpetuate cycles of retaliation and violence. But does your silence mock our own silence in the face of unchecked sins? Forgive us for our failure to speak out and speak up for the victims of violence in our midst and around the world. Open our ears and hearts to hold space for your voice to return to us: the voice of a better way of healing and hope for all people. Show us this faithful path and give us the courage to walk in it, even if for the very first time. We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

September 29 — Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Choir Practice (S)
- 10:50 am Worship
- 7:00 pm Cub Scouts Planning Meeting (GP)

September 30 — Monday

- 9:30 am TGP Planning Meeting (CR)
- 6:00 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

October 1 — Tuesday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (P)
- 5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce* (Field)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (GP 1 & 2)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

October 2 — Wednesday

- 9:30 am PW Moderator (CR)
- 10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Beef with Noodles!
- 7:00 pm Handbell Choir (S)

October 3 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 5:00 pm Messy Church (FH)
- 5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce* (Field)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

October 4 — Friday

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

October 5 — Saturday

- 4:00 pm Meet & Greet: Savannah & Jordan (Sarah & Matt Dikeman’s home)
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

October 6— World Communion Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children’s Sunday School (GP 3)
- 9:30 am Confirmation Class (GP)
- 9:45 am Choir Practice (S)
- 10:50 am Worship

October 7 — Monday

- 7:00 am Coffee with the Pastors
- 6:00 pm PW Unwind: Juarez!
- 6:00 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

October 8 — Tuesday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce* (Field)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting (CR)
- 7:00 pm Horizon’s Bible Study on Zoom
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

October 9 — Wednesday

- Academy Firetruck Visit
- 9:30 am PW Circle (CR)
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Brats with Potatoes & Sauerkraut!
- 7:00 pm Handbell Choir (S)

October 10 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce* (Field)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts: Arrow of Light (GP 1)

October 11 — Friday

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

October 12 — Saturday

- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)



Announcements & Events:

The Gathering Place Program is holding a planning meeting tomorrow, Monday, September 30th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. If you are a current volunteer, or if you'd like to volunteer, this meeting might be of interest to you.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, October 2nd, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Silvia Argyriou is making Beef with Noodles. Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

Messy Church is this Thursday, October 3rd, at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to join us! Our theme this month is Creation. Come for games, crafts, music, and activities. A free pizza dinner will be served about 6:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

Meet & Greet with Savannah and Jordan Goodman! Join us at one of the following gatherings so you can get to know more about our new Co-Pastor, Rev. Savannah, and her husband, Jordan; and so they can get to know you! **Saturday, Oct. 5th, 4:00-6:00 PM,** at Sarah & Matt Dikeman's home. **Sunday, Oct. 27th, 4:00-6:00 PM** at Jan & Gerald Fitts' home. **Saturday, November 2nd, 4:00-6:00 PM** at Liz & Stephen Earnest's home. Light refreshments will be served. Please call the hosts to make a reservation at least two days prior; space is limited. We have planned these so that you can attend one near your home if you wish, but you are welcome at any of them.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! The Choir is looking for some new members to join us! If you are interested in participating, please email musicdirector@springbranchpres.org.

Handbells have returned! Do you have hands for a joyful noise rather than a voice? - then handbells wants YOU! The Handbell Choir meets at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary on Wednesday nights. Please see Megan Hogg if you'd like to join.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is received during the Season of Peace, which ends on World Communion Sunday, October 6th. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the Church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. This year, SBPC will be sending 25% to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Offering envelopes will be in the Bulletins next Sunday. Please give generously!

The Unwind Group will meet for dinner on Monday, October 7th, at 6:00 PM at Juarez Mexican Restaurant, located at 2545 Gessner Rd. We have been there before. We have a private room and the food is good and fairly cheap! Please join us! As usual, RSVP only if you plan to attend to Jacque Ballesteros at 713-305-1114 or jballesteros1103@gmail.com.

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, October 9th, 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, October 8th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 2 video is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/let-justice-roll-down.

The Academy is hosting a Spooktacular Trunk or Treat in the parking lot on Friday, October 18th, from 5:30-6:30 PM. Church members are encouraged to attend and sponsor a Trunk or Treat vehicle. Copies of the registration form are available in the Narthex and in the Friday email. Please submit forms to the Academy office by October 16th.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. We are a people set free from the harmful patterns of the past for a future God builds in our midst even now. We are whole people who are called to make this world whole, with God's help.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: ...May the peace of Christ be with you all!
People: And also with you!
Leader: Let us pass the peace to our sisters and brothers in Christ!

*GLORIA PATRI

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

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jan Fitts

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

If we are uncertain and weary, speak to us, O God. If we are grounded and hopeful, speak to us. If our faith feels solid and steady, speak to us. If our faith feels shaky and tentative, speak to us. Keep speaking through your holy Word, O God, that we may find our voice in yours. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON	Exodus 12:1-13	Red Pew Bible OT 58
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ANTHEM	<i>"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"</i>	Choir
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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON	Exodus 13:1-8	Red Pew Bible OT 59
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SERMON	<i>"If Only..."</i>	Rev. Mark Plunkett
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Responding to the Word

*HYMN	<i>"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"</i> (v. 2, 4, 5)	GTG, No. 523
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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(unison)* *(from the Barmen Declaration)*
As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to God's Creatures.

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.