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# Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

### Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church  
 Co-Pastor: Rev. Mark Plunkett  
 Co-Pastor: Rev. Savannah Goodman  
 Business 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: 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  
 Lee Dudinsky  
 Lauren Tacchi

### Serving today in Worship:

**Liturgist:** Donald McDaniel  
**Children's Moment:** Pastor Mark  
**Usher Captain:** Marguerite Priest  
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## ***“Written on Your Heart”***

July 13, 2025

**5th Sunday After Pentecost**

July 13, 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**

Leader: The Word is very near to us:

**People: on our lips and in our hearts.**

Leader: God sets before us life and blessing,

**People: calling us to love and listen.**

Leader: Let us turn to the Lord with joy,

**People: and worship the One who is faithful and near!**

**ALL: Let us worship God together!**

**\*HYMN**

*"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

GTG, No. 65

**Preparing for the Word**

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Leader: God's Word is not distant or hidden — it is near — written on our hearts and spoken on our lips. And yet, we turn away, choosing our own paths. Let us return to the One who offers life and blessing, confessing our sin with honesty and hope, trusting in God's mercy that is always close at hand. Let us pray:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(unison)*

**Loving God, you have placed your Word within us, yet we often live as though it is far away. You call us to choose life, but we turn toward what is easy, comfortable, or self-serving. We confess that we do not always listen, love, or obey. Forgive us, O God. Turn our hearts back to you, that we may walk in your ways and live as your people. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends in Christ, God's Word is near to us — in our hearts and on our lips. God's mercy is not distant or delayed. When we turn back to God, we find grace, forgiveness, and life. In Jesus Christ, we are set free to begin again. Thanks be to God! Amen!

**Calendar of Events**

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

**July 13 — Sunday**

- 8:30 am Blood Drive (FH)
- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Called Session Meeting (P)
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:00 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration

**July 14 — Monday**

- 5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting (CR)
- 6:00 pm BSA Crew Meeting (GP)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

**July 15 — Tuesday**

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

**July 16 — Wednesday**

- 3:00 pm WOW (S)

**July 17 — Thursday**

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

**July 18 — Friday**

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

**July 19 — Saturday**

- 8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service\* (GP)

**July 20 — Sunday**

**PresPress Articles Due**

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:15 pm Congregational Care Meeting (CR)

**July 21 — Monday**

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

**July 22 — Tuesday**

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

**July 23 — Wednesday**

- 9:30 am Happy Hands (CR)
- 3:00 pm WOW (S)
- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)

**July 24 — Thursday**

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

**July 25 — Friday**

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

**July 26 — Saturday**

- 10:00 am Academy Baby Shower\* (FH)
- 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 Daniel and Sarah Powell, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of their 12th wedding anniversary.

**Thank you to everyone who is participating in our Blood Drive this morning.** If you'd like to donate blood, come down to the Fellowship Hall before 12:30 PM! *Share the gift of life!*

**Celebrate July Birthdays** — Join us in the Breezeway after worship today, weather permitting, as we gather for light snacks to honor our July Birthdays!

**Thank you, Spring Branch Presbyterian Church members for helping kids at PCHAS!**

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS) provides Christ-centered care and support to children and families in need. Each year, we hold an annual Back-to-School drive for our kids heading to school in the fall. All supplies from SBPC will go to support children in our Foster Care program. Please bring the supplies to the church before July 14th. **There will be a Backpack Stuffing Party on July 23rd at the PCHAS Cypress Office.** Please let Laurie Mitchell know if you are interested in helping out.

**During the Month of July, we're collecting Twin XL Sheets to benefit The Mission of Yahweh!** 130 new beds were donated, so a big need is twin XL sheets. See all of their Amazon wish list at the QR code on the right.



**The Children's Sunday School Class will be taking the month of July off for summer vacation.** Join us when we resume on Sunday, August 3rd!

**The Gathering Place will meet on Monday, July 21st, at 10:00 AM!** The theme for this month is *Music and Movement!* Please see Jacquie Ballesteros or Sarah Dikeman if you are interested in helping out.

**Join us for Happy Hands on Wednesday, July 23rd, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room.** Yes, we meet during the summer! If you're usually busy other months of the year with your job or other commitments, this might be a great time to join us. All are welcome! We stuff heart shaped pillows (all materials provided), hand sew the pillows shut (maybe bring a needle and thread), crochet/knit (bring your project), or just come to hang out for great fellowship — inside out of the heat. We hope you will join us!

**Mark your calendar for August 10th and plan to join us for the Presbyterian Women's Welcoming Luncheon after the worship service!** Invite your friends young and old, this tradition is for all ages and stages. Please remember to RSVP to Jan at [jdafitts@gmail.com](mailto:jdafitts@gmail.com). Babysitting will gladly be provided, but you must tell Jan when you RSVP to the 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 – if you would like to contribute, please contact Rebecca Alegria. If your talent is picking up chairs and resetting the room, check in with Sarah Powell and Rebecca Alegria. If you would like to be involved, check in with these ladies, or with Luna Lassiter at [lunaanne726@gmail.com](mailto:lunaanne726@gmail.com).

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

### \*GLORIA

*"Great Is the Lord"*

LUYH, No. 30

*Great is the Lord, he is holy and just. By his power we trust in his love.  
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true; By his mercy he proves he is love.  
Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise!  
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:  
Great—is the Lord! Great—is the Lord!*

### God's People Are Empowered

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Mark

#### ANTHEM

*"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"*

Keith Trimble

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Red Pew Bible OT 185

#### SERMON

*"Written on Your Heart"*

Rev. Savannah Goodman

### Responding to the Word

#### \*HYMN

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

GTG, No. 39

#### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Kathleen Barrera

**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

**\*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)*

**Gracious God, you have placed your Word in our hearts and set before us the way of life. With gratitude, we offer these gifts — a sign of our desire to follow you in love and obedience. Bless what we give and how we live, that all we do may reflect your nearness and grace. In Christ’s name we pray. 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**

*"Jesus Calls Us"*

GTG, No. 720

**\*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.

***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 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.

**Children’s Chime Choir:** The Chime Choir meets in the Sanctuary on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.springbranchpres.org/give).*