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# Spring Branch Presbyterian Church



***“Embracing Faith”***

July 20, 2025

**6th Sunday After Pentecost**

July 20, 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: Come and hear the Word of the Lord.

**People: A Word that challenges and awakens.**

Leader: God sees the injustice in the land

**People: and calls us to seek truth and righteousness.**

Leader: Let us turn our hearts to God with honesty and hope.

**People: Let us worship the Lord who speaks even in silence.**

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

**\*HYMN**

*"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

GTG, No. 2

**Preparing for the Word**

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Leader: The prophet Amos speaks a hard truth: God sees when we turn from justice, when we ignore the needs of the poor, and when our worship is hollow. Yet even in judgment, God invites us back. Let us come with honest hearts, confessing our sin and seeking God's mercy. Let us pray:

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

**Righteous God, you call us to lives of justice, mercy, and truth, but we confess that we often fall short. We turn away from those in need, pursue comfort instead of compassion, and silence your voice when it challenges us. Forgive us, O Lord.**

**Renew in us a hunger for your Word and a passion to live according to your ways.**

**Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Even when the Word of the Lord is hard to hear, God's mercy does not run dry. When we turn back with repentant hearts, God meets us with grace, restores our souls, and calls us once again to live in righteousness. Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen!

# Calendar of Events

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

**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)

**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)

**July 27 — Sunday**

9:15 am Church Nursery

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

**July 28 — Monday**

7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

**July 29 — Tuesday**

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship\* (FH)

**July 30 — Wednesday**

3:00 pm WOW (S)

**July 31 — Thursday**

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)

6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance\* (GP)

**August 1 — Friday**

5:45 pm Family Movie Night (FH)

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

**August 2 — Saturday**

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 Lee Dudinsky, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of Avery Holland's birthday.

**The Gathering Place will meet tomorrow, 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 this 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!

**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!

**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).

**Shredding Service Now available** — We've added a secure shredding service for church-related documents. Shredding boxes are located in the Conference Room and are available for use by office staff and church members who need to dispose of sensitive materials properly. A dear church member has graciously agreed to pay for this service.

**If you make purchases for the church, please keep a copy of our tax-exempt form** in your car or wallet. Even small tax savings add up and help us be better stewards of the church's finances. Please stop by the office and the staff can provide you with one.

**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: ...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 Savannah

### ANTHEM

*"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"*

Rachael Castillo

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Amos 8:1-12

Red Pew Bible OT 856

### SERMON

*"Embracing Faith"*

Rev. Savannah Goodman

### Responding to the Word

### \*HYMN

*"All Who Love and Serve Your City"*  
*(sung to the tune of "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling")*

GTG, No. 351

### \*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

**\*RESPONSE**

*"Let All Things Now Living"*

GTG, No. 37

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
to God in the highest, hosana and praise!*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(unison)*

**Gracious and just God, you call us to seek righteousness and live with integrity. We dedicate these gifts — our offerings, our time, and our hearts — to your service. Help us to be faithful stewards, living out the values you proclaim, and may our lives reflect your love and mercy in a world that longs for your truth. Through Christ our Lord, 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**

*"For the Fruit of All Creation"*

GTG, No. 36

**\*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).*