



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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AV Technician: Ben Dethloff
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Faith Development Leader: Jim Kunkel
Sarah Powell
Mission Leader: Joel Alegria
Worship Leader: Donald McDaniel
Treasurer: Neal Dikeman

The Session

Clerk: Jan Fitts

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Class of 2026

Kay Craig
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Class of 2027

Joel Alegria
Beth Mizwa
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Class of 2028

Jim Kunkel
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Academy Board

Neal Dikeman
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Carla Pace
Jorida Vakiari

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Serving today in Worship:

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Usher Captain: Donald McDaniel
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***“Looking For Love In
All the Wrong Places”***
July 27, 2025

7th Sunday After Pentecost

July 27, 2025

10:50 AM

**Those who are able please stand*

Gathering in God's Name

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Psalm 9 and Psalm 33)*

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

People: I will tell of your wonderful deeds.

Leader: I will be glad and exult in you;

People: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

People: Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

ALL: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

***HYMN**

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

GTG, No. 260

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: The psalmist King David wrote, "Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the guilt of my sin." Let us confess our sin before God and one another, assured of God's mercy in Jesus Christ. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Merciful God, we pray the Lord's Prayer each week, even daily, but we do not always walk the walk. We pray that your kingdom will come and your will be done, but we are reluctant to do the work of justice and mercy that characterize your kingdom. We ask for our daily bread and then hoard as much as we can. We ask you to forgive us as we have forgiven others, but we are quick to anger and slow to forgive. Loving God, have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Help us to seek your will for our lives and walk in the way of Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from Galatians 5:13)*

Leader: For freedom Christ has set us free. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar



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)

August 3 — Sunday

9:15 am Church Nursery

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am Children's Sunday School (GP 3)

9:45 am Choir Practice

10:50 am Worship

12:00 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration

August 4 — Monday

6:00 pm PW Unwind: Empire Turkish Grill!

7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

August 5 — 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)

August 6 — Wednesday

3:00 pm WOW (S)

August 7 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

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

6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

August 8 — Friday

Academy Closed (Teacher Workday)

6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting* (CR)

7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

August 9 — Saturday

8:00 am Cheerful Clown Alley* (GP)

10:00 am PW Overview (St. Andrew's PC)

10:00 am PW Luncheon Setup (FH)

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 Mark and Jeanne Plunkett, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary.

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 Unwind Group will meet for dinner at Empire Turkish Grill at 6:00 PM on Monday, August 4th. The restaurant is located at 12448 Memorial Dr. Please RSVP to Jacque Ballesteros at 713-305-1114, only if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there!

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. 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.

MAM Back-to-School Uniform Voucher Drive — SBPC is once again collecting funds throughout the month of August 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. Donations can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, or mailed to the church office. Online donations can be made here: <https://tinyurl.com/MAM-Back-to-School>.



Idea Spring is kicking back off on Thursday, August 21st, at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for the "Built for Survival Bird Show" presented by the Downtown Aquarium! A pizza dinner will follow. All are welcome to attend! The Idea Spring Speaker Series was originally created as a free program for our community — it's family friendly and fun for all ages! Events have been planned for the entire school year. Questions or want to help coordinate? Email Ethan Mitchell at ideaspring@springbranchpres.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: ...May the peace of Christ be with you all!

People: **And also with you!**

*GLORIA

"Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!"

LUYH, No. 74

*Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burden down.
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burden down.*

*I feel better, so much better, Since I laid my burden down.
I feel better, so much better, Since I laid my burden down.*

*Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" Since I laid my burden down.
Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" Since I laid my burden down.*

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Mark

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Almighty God, your Word is our comfort in distress. It holds your promises that give us life. Give us ears to hear your hope and call. In the name of Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, we pray. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 11:1-13

Red Pew Bible NT 72

ANTHEM

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Kyle Eveler

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hosea 1:2-10

Red Pew Bible OT 835

SERMON

"Looking For Love In All the Wrong Places"

Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

GTG, No. 435

*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

"Glory"

LUYH, No. 148

*Glory, glory in the highest. Glory to the Almighty.
Glory to the Lamb of God, and glory to the living Word, glory to the Lamb!
We give glory, glory, glory, glory, glory, glory to the Lamb!
We give glory to the Lamb!*

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Glory to the Lamb of God, and glory to the living Word, glory to the Lamb!
We give glory, glory, glory, glory, glory, glory to the Lamb!
We give glory to the Lamb!
We give glory, glory, glory, glory, glory, glory to the Lamb!
We give glory to the Lamb!*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

Gracious God, we know that every good and perfect gift comes from you. With glad and generous hearts, we give back what rightfully belongs to you. With open hearts and willing hands, may we joyfully use your gifts to share the good news of Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift to this world. 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

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

GTG, No. 645

*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 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.

Children's Chime Choir: The Chime Choir meets in the Sanctuary on the 2nd and 4th 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 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.