



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
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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
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Serving today in Worship:

Liturgist: Glenn Lanan
Children's Moment: Pastor Savannah
Usher Captain: Donald McDaniel
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“Pursued By God”
 September 14, 2025

14th Sunday After Pentecost

September 14, 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, all who wonder — God is seeking you.

People: Rejoice, for the Shepherd has not stopped searching.

Leader: Even though we wander, God's grace comes with us.

People: When we feel lost, God's love lights every corner.

Leader: Let us join the joy in heaven over one who is found.

People: Come, let us worship the God who never gives up on us.

ALL: Let us worship God together!

***HYMN**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

GTG, No. 475

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: God's love is patient and persistent, always reaching out to find us. Even when we wander or hide, God calls us to return. Trusting in that mercy, let us confess our sin before God and one another. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Merciful God, We confess that we stray from Your ways. Like lost sheep, we follow our own paths and ignore Your voice. We turn away from our neighbors and fail to seek the ones You love. We hide in shame, rather than turning to You in trust. Forgive us. Find us in our wandering, lift us with Your grace, and carry us back to Your fold, rejoicing in Your steadfast love. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear this good news: our God is like a shepherd who never stops seeking, like a woman who will not rest until the lost coin is found. In Christ, we are pursued by grace, embraced in mercy, and restored to joy. Believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

September 14 — 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
- 5:00 pm BSA Committee Meeting (GP)

September 15 — Monday

Academy Book Fair Week

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

September 16 — Tuesday

Academy Book Fair Week

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

September 17 — Wednesday

Academy Book Fair Week

- 9:30 am ZIP Trip: Old Town Katy Museum
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Tacos!
- 6:30 pm Budget Meeting (CR)

September 18 — Thursday

Academy Book Fair Week

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 5:00 pm Idea Spring: Love and Logic (CR)

September 19 — Friday

Academy Book Fair Week

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

September 20 — Saturday

PresPress Articles Due

Session Retreat

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

September 21 — Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School (GP 3)
- 9:30 am Youth Sunday School (YR)
- 9:45 am Choir Practice
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:15 pm Congregational Care Meeting (CR)
- 2:00 pm BSA Training (GP)
- 3:00 pm Youth Group: Escape Room!
- 4:00 pm Cub Scouts: Webelos (GP 1 & 2)

September 22 — Monday

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

September 23 — Tuesday

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

September 24 — Wednesday

- 9:30 am Happy Hands (CR)
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)
- 6:00 pm WNS!

September 25 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 7:00 pm Cub Scout Meeting (FH)

September 26 — Friday

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

September 27 — Saturday

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

September Birthday Celebration — Please join family, friends, and congregation members immediately after worship today as we celebrate those in our church community born in September. Linger for conversation, fellowship, and light snacks.

The Gathering Place will meet tomorrow, Monday, September 15th, at 10:00 AM! The theme for this month is *Tailgate Party!* Please see Jacquie Ballesteros or Sarah Dikeman if you are interested in helping out.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, September 17th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Laurie Mitchell is making Tacos! Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

This Wednesday, September 17, 2025, please join the Presbyterian Women of Spring Branch Presbyterian Church for our first ZIP of the year. We will meet at the Church at 9:30 AM and leave for Katy to visit the Johnny Nelson/Katy Heritage Museum and then eat at the Southern Dough Bakery and Cafe, followed by antique shopping at 3 nearby stores. All women of the church are welcome – and to bring a friend! Please let Marguerite Priest know if you plan to attend so no one is left behind. Marguerite can be texted or emailed: 281-435-3941 or mepriest@hotmail.com.

Our next Idea Spring event is Parenting the Love & Logic Way® on Thursday, September 18th, at 5:00 PM in the Conference Room. Rana Barker, M.Ed., CCC-SLP, will lead an adult/parent class, with topics to include: Rules of Love and Logic®, Parenting Styles, and Two ways of Neutralizing Childhood Arguing. Dinner will not be served this month, but there will be refreshments. Childcare will be provided through the Academy. Please RSVP in the Narthex, Church or Academy Offices. Questions? Please email Ethan Mitchell at ideaspring@springbranchpres.org. We hope to see you there!

Happy Hands will meet on Wednesday, September 24th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Lots of stuffing and stitching to do. Plus, it's a great time to catch up with everyone from the summer. Hope to see you there!

The Gathering Place Program will be holding a planning meeting on Monday, September 29th, at 10:00 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.

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: Knowing this peace and forgiveness, I invite you to stand and pass the peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you.

***GLORIA** "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" GTG, No. 582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Pastor Savannah

ANTHEM "Shout to God" Choir

SERMON INTRO

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 15:1-10 Red Pew Bible NT 78

SERMON "Pursued By God" Rev. Savannah Goodman

Responding to the Word

***HYMN** "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" GTG, No. 442

***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

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

Loving God, You have sought us, found us, and called us Your own. With grateful hearts, we offer these gifts — our time, our resources, and our very selves — as signs of our joy and commitment to follow You. Use them to seek the lost, serve the hurting, and bring Your rejoicing love into the world. In Jesus’ 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**

“Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”

GTG, No. 187

***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.

Traditional Worship Service 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.

Contemporary Worship Service

Join us for an exciting new contemporary worship service! Experience uplifting music and heartfelt messages in a welcoming environment. This is a great opportunity to connect with others and deepen your faith. Don't miss the chance to be part of this transformative journey. Bring your friends and family! Our next Contemporary Worship Service will be on **October 15th at 6:30 PM in the Gathering Place**. For more information, please visit: www.springbranchpres.org/contemporary-worship-service.

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.

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.