



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

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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

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Serving today in Worship:

Liturgist: Jan Fitts
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“Using Worldly Wealth”
September 21, 2025

15th Sunday After Pentecost

September 21, 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: Turn us, O God,

People: Away from the world's temptations and distractions;

Leader: Return us, O God,

People: To the quiet calm of your presence;

Leader: Restore us, O God,

People: To the path you call us to follow;

Leader: Orient us, O God,

ALL: To the hope of all that is possible through you.

***HYMN**

"What Does the Lord Require of You?"

GTG, No. 70

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us honestly acknowledge how we have gone astray and confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God, our refuge, you lift up the lowly and hold out hope to the hopeless. Yet we who receive your grace so freely do not follow your example. We are quick to judge, eager to criticize, slow to show mercy. We gather and keep for ourselves what was meant to be shared. We diminish and dehumanize those around us. God of us all, hear this confession. Receive it. We humbly ask for your forgiveness. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

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

- 5:30 pm Special Olympics* (GP)
- 6:30 pm Budget Meeting (Zoom)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

September 23 — Tuesday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce* (Field)
- 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: Chicken Roast & Vegetables!

September 25 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce* (Field)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)
- 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)

September 28 — Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Choir Practice
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:15 pm The Connect Crew (CR)

September 29 — Monday

- 10:00 am TGP Planning Meeting (CR)
- 5:30 pm Special Olympics* (GP)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

September 30 — Tuesday

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

October 1 — Wednesday

- 9:30 am PW Moderators (CR)
- 10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Chicken Tenders!
- 7:00 pm Mission Team Meeting (Zoom)

October 2 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 5:00 pm Messy Church (FH)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

October 3 — Friday

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

October 4 — 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:

Happy Hands will meet this 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!

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, September 24th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Nina Rach is making Chicken Roast with Vegetables. Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We 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.

Join us for Messy Church on Thursday, October 2nd, for *Global Getaways!* Messy Church is an intergenerational interactive worship encounter starting at 5:00 PM, with a free dinner being served around 6:00 PM. Join us for story, music, activities, games, and more! Text @h47378d to 81010 to signup for updates, and follow along with us at: www.facebook.com/MessyChurchSBPC.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is received during the Season of Peace, which ends on World Communion Sunday, October 5th. 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.

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!](#)

Pastor Mark has begun facilitating a Zoom Bible Study on the Book of Acts on Thursdays at 1:00 PM. The Zoom information is available in the Friday email if you are interested in giving it a try over your lunch hour. If you wish to receive the Zoom invite every week, please email Mark to get on his list.

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: Let us turn to one another and extend the peace of Christ. May 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 Mark

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. Open us to your life-giving Word. Quiet the voices within us that do not align with your will. Focus our minds on the message you intend for us, so we may faithfully discern your way. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Amos 8:4-7 Red Pew Bible OT 856

ANTHEM "Take My Life" Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 16:1-13 Red Pew Bible NT 79

SERMON "Using Worldly Wealth" Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

***HYMN** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" GTG, No. 700

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

"Plainte Calme"
Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

*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)*

Generous God, what we place before you is but a fraction of all you have entrusted to us. Receive these gifts, we ask, and multiply them for your purpose. Let our offerings become a source of blessing for the most vulnerable, for those in greatest need. May the act of giving, rooted in generosity, loosen our grip on what we possess, and kindle in us a deeper desire to share. 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

"We Are Called"

GTG, No. 749

*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.