



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
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 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

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Class of 2026

Kay Craig
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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
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Serving today in Worship:

Children's Moment: Pastor Mark
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“Living Life All the Way Up!”
 September 7, 2025

**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** *(based on Psalm 139 and Jeremiah 18)*

Leader: Like clay on a wheel, God forms us;

People: Shaping us, molding us, creating us.

Leader: And like moldable clay,

People: God continues to shape us.

ALL: Let us worship our loving and forgiving God!

***HYMN**

"Change My Heart, O God"

GTG, No. 695

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: In the very beginning, God made us in God's own image. And yet, in the most common of human actions, we stray from God's pure intentions for us. Let us return to our Lord, acknowledging our mistakes both individually and as a community.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Creator God, you know us better than anyone else. You formed us in your own image. And yet, we sometimes stray from the gift you've given us. We keep people at a distance, letting systemic and personal barriers get in the way of relationships. Forgive us, Lord. Let us hear your call to change and do better. Empower us to ask for forgiveness from those whom we have wronged. Help us to think of you and those around us. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, the good news is this: God is not done with us. Our Creator is still forming and shaping us, forgiving us, and allowing us to grow. Hear the Good News of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

September 7 — 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
- 4:00 pm Cub Scouts: Webelos (GP 1 & 2)
- 6:00 pm BSA Court of Honor (FH)
- 6:30 pm Worship Team Meeting (Zoom)



September 8 — Monday

- 5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting (CR)
- 6:00 pm PW Unwind: The Union Kitchen!
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

September 9 — Tuesday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting (CR)
- 7:00 pm Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

September 10 — Wednesday

- 9:30 am PW Circle (CR & FH)
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Pulled Pork BBQ!
- 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study

September 11 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

September 12 — Friday

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

September 13 — Saturday

- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

September 14 — Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children's Chime Choir (S)
- 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

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)



Announcements & Events:

The Flowers for this morning are given by Marguerite Priest, and are in celebration of her marriage to Bob Priest and to their family. To God be the glory!

Please join us for an Unwind Dinner at The Union Kitchen (12538 Memorial Dr) tomorrow, Monday, September 8th, at 6:00 PM. We moved from our customary 1st Monday due to the Labor Day Holiday. Please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114 or jballesteros1103@gmail.com, only if you plan to attend. We hope you can join us!

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, September 10th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Please contact Patti Nanney if you'd like to attend via Zoom. A salad luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a salad to share. **The Evening Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday, September 9th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 1 video is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/resilience-joy-identity.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, September 10th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Jeannie Stockton is making Pulled Pork BBQ! Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

A NEW Adult Bible Study and Fellowship Gathering will begin on September 10th, immediately following Wednesday Night Supper! While the adults gather for a brief Bible study opportunity, kids are welcome to come and play on the playground by the Gathering Place. No preparation needed, just come and enjoy some fellowship, if only for a few minutes. No child required — adults without children are welcome too! Please contact Sarah Powell for more details (mrspowelltobe@yahoo.com).

September Birthday Celebration — Please join family, friends, and congregation members on Sunday, September 14th, right after our 10:50 AM worship service as we celebrate those in our church community born in September. Linger for conversation, fellowship, and light snacks.

On 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. Location TBD based on RSVPs. 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!

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 PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Mark

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Lord, allow our ears to be open to your Word, especially where there are questions or challenges. Allow us to be open to where you are speaking to us in our discomfort. Amen!

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Red Pew Bible OT 720

ANTHEM

"A Covenant Prayer"

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 14:25-33

Red Pew Bible NT 78

SERMON

"Living Life All the Way Up!"

Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"Spirit of the Living God"

GTG, No. 288

*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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation

The Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Serving of the Elements

Prayer After Receiving

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. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

We give because we have been given so much. Lord, take these gifts and use them to faithfully transform others. Allow your work to be continued in the world where it is most needed. 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

"Cry of My Heart"

(insert)

*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.