



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church
 Co-Pastor: Rev. Mark Plunkett
 Co-Pastor: Rev. Savannah Goodman
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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

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Class of 2026

Kay Craig
 Sarah Dikeman
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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:

Liturgist: Jim Kunkel
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“The Spiritual Practice of Gratitude”

October 12, 2025

18th Sunday After Pentecost

October 12, 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 long to be made whole — God welcomes you.

People: Jesus meets us on the road and hears our cries.

Leader: In mercy, Christ heals and restores us.

People: In gratitude, we return to give thanks and praise.

Leader: Let us lift our voices with joy, like the one who came back.

People: Come, let us worship the God who makes us well.

ALL: Let us worship God together!

***HYMN**

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

GTG, No. 240

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: In the presence of Christ, who heals and restores, we are invited to come honestly — bringing not only our brokenness, but also our ingratitude and forgetfulness. Let us confess our sin, trusting in the mercy of God. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we are often quick to ask for help, but slow to return in thanks. We take Your mercy for granted and move on with our lives, forgetting the grace that sustains us. We overlook blessings, ignore neighbors, and fail to live with gratitude. Forgive us, O God. Heal us of our pride and our forgetfulness, and help us return to You with thankful hearts and willing spirits. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ meets us with compassion, heals us with mercy, and sends us on our way renewed. There is grace for every heart that turns, and joy in every soul that gives thanks. Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

October 12 — 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
- 12:15 pm Handbells
- 4:00 pm Cub Scouts: Webelos (GP 1 & 2)

October 13 — Monday

- 5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting (CR)
- 5:30 pm Special Olympics* (GP)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

October 14 — Tuesday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (P)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 6:15 pm Cub Scouts: Wolf (GP 1 & 2)
- 6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting (CR)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

October 15 — Wednesday

- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Beef & Noodles!
- 6:30 pm Contemporary Worship Service (GP)
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (Scout Hut)

October 16 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 11:00 am Memorial Area Preschool Admins* (CR)
- 1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 5:00 pm Idea Spring: Mad Science! (FH)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

October 17 — Friday

- 5:30 pm Trunk or Treat (Parking Lot)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

October 18 — Saturday

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

October 19 — Children's Sabbath Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School
- 9:30 am Youth Sunday School (YR)
- 9:45 am Choir Practice
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:15 pm Congregational Care Meeting (CR)
- 12:15 pm Handbells
- 2:00 pm Youth Group: Playing with Dogs

October 20 — Monday

PresPress Articles Due

- 10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)
- 5:30 pm Special Olympics* (GP)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

October 21 — Tuesday

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

October 22 — Wednesday

- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Pork Tenderloin!

October 23 — Thursday

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

October 24 — Friday

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

October 25 — Saturday

- 9:30 am Girl Scout October Summit* (GP)
- 11:00 am Hot Meals
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

Announcements & Events:

The Flowers for this morning are given by Sarah and Matt Dikeman, to the Glory of God, and are in honor of Neal's 50th birthday!

October Birthday Celebration — Linger after worship today to celebrate those in our Congregation who have birthdays in October. This is an opportunity to partake of light refreshments, as well as visit and enjoy each other's company. See you then!

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, October 15th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Silvia Argyriou is making Beef & Noodles. Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

Did you enjoy our Downtown Aquarium Idea Spring Event? Well you're in luck, the next one is this Thursday! **Join us for Mad Science on October 16th at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.** A free dinner will follow. The Idea Spring Speaker Series was originally created as a free program for our community — it's family friendly and fun for all ages! Questions or want to help coordinate? Email Ethan Mitchell at ideaspring@springbranchpres.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Academy is hosting a Spooktacular Trunk or Treat in the parking lot on Friday, October 17th, from 5:30-6:30 PM. Church members are encouraged to attend and sponsor a Trunk or Treat vehicle. Copies of the registration form are available in the Narthex and in the Friday email. Please submit forms to the Academy office by October 15th.

The Gathering Place will meet on Monday, October 20th, at 10:00 AM! The theme for this month is *Halloween!* Please see Jacquie Ballesteros or Sarah Dikeman if you are interested in helping out.

Stewardship Season is upon us at SBPC! We will be talking about Stewardship and our contributions to SBPC for 6 weeks leading up to Dedication Sunday on November 9th, at which time we will celebrate with a church-wide lunch after worship service. There will be Cane's chicken tenders provided and we ask that those who wish to join contribute a side dish or a dessert to share.

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: ...The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you.

*GLORIA

"Hear the Good News of Salvation"

GTG, No. 441

*Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.*

*All the sins I have committed, to my savior now I bring.
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.*

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Savannah

ANTHEM

"I Will Arise and Make Music"

Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 17:11-19

Red Pew Bible NT 80

SERMON

"The Spiritual Practice of Gratitude"

Rev. Savannah Goodman

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"Give Thanks"

GTG, No. 647

*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.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Ben Dethloff

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*OUR RESPONSE

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (v. 5)

GTG, No. 610

*To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

Healing God, like the one who returned in gratitude, we bring our offerings as signs of our thanks and praise. Bless these gifts, that they may bring hope to the hurting, restoration to the broken, and joy to those in need. Use them — and use us — for Your work of healing in 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

"I'll Praise My Maker"

GTG, No. 806

*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.