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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church
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Serving today in Worship:

Liturgists: Children of the Church
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Children's Sabbath
 October 19, 2025

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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, children of God — God is speaking, even when the world is quiet.

People: Like young Samuel, we are ready to listen.

Leader: In the stillness of night or the busyness of day —

People: God calls each of us by name.

Leader: Let us come with open hearts and willing spirits.

People: Speak, Lord, for your children are listening!

ALL: Let us worship God together!

*HYMN

"The Name of the Lord"

LUYH, No. 51

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Even when we don't always listen, even when we don't get it right, God still calls us — again and again — with love. So, let us come before God with honest hearts, ready to confess, ready to be made new. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Loving God, sometimes we don't listen when You call. We get distracted, we choose our way instead of Yours, and we forget that You speak to us — even through children. Forgive us. Help us to listen with open hearts and to follow You with courage and love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Children of God, God hears our prayers and never gives up on us. Just as God called Samuel by name, God calls us beloved and forgiven. Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

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
5:00 pm BSA Committee Meeting (GP)

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)
7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (Zoom)

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

9:30 am ZIP Trip: Hearts & Hands Market
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)

October 26 — Reformation Sunday

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
9:45 am Choir Practice
10:50 am Worship
12:15 pm Handbells

October 27 — Monday

5:30 pm Special Olympics* (GP)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

October 28 — 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)
7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)
7:00 pm Session (CR)

October 29 — Wednesday

9:30 am Happy Hands (CR)
3:30 pm WOW (S)
6:00 pm WNS: PW Taco Soup!

October 30 — Thursday

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

October 31 — Friday

7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)



September 1 — Saturday

6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

Announcements & Events:

The Flowers for this morning are given by Jeannie and Curtis Stockton, to the Glory of God, and are in gratitude for all of the people at our church.

The Gathering Place will meet tomorrow, 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.

On October 22nd, the Presbyterian Women will ZIP to the Hearts and Hands Holiday Market at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church. Come enjoy shopping at booths from over 70 vendors. Please contact Marguerite Priest at 281-435-3941 or mepriest@hotmail.com to RSVP.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, October 22nd, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Jim Kunkel and Lu Taylor are making Pork Tenderloin. Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

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.

Happy Hands will meet on Wednesday, October 29th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. We're changing the date so our members can go to the Hearts & Hands Market on October 22nd. Join us for stuffing, stitching, other hand work, and/or great conversation. 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!](#)

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.

*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

"Here I Am, Lord"

Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE SKIT

1 Samuel 3:1-18

Red Pew Bible OT 247

REFLECTIONS INTRO

Pastor Savannah

REFLECTIONS

Ellie Cross, Clara Dikeman, Lily Earnest

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"Glory"

LUYH, No. 148

*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

Laurie Mitchell

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***OUR RESPONSE** *"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"* LUYH, No. 114

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.*

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.*

And now let the weak say, "I am strong."

Let the poor say, "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong."

Let the poor say, "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*unison*)

Loving God, thank You for every good gift. We offer these gifts — our money, our time, and our hearts — so others may hear Your call and know Your love. Use what we give to bless children, families, and all who need hope. Speak through us, and help us follow You. 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** *"Go With God"* GTG, No. 138

*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 **November 19th 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.