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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:

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“The Ministry of Reconciliation”

October 5, 2025

World Communion Sunday

October 5, 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 *(from Psalm 24 and 116)*

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

People: The world and those who live in it.

Leader: What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

People: We will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Leader: On this wonderful day, in which the people of the world come together at the Lord's Table,

ALL: Let us stand together, one heart, one voice, and praise and worship our Lord!

*HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

GTG, No. 475

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

[After you hear each line, please say, "Lord, forgive us." This will be followed by "Lord, forgive us" spoken in another language by one of our Special Speakers']

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, across time and space and through the generations, God seeks us out. This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

October 5 — World Communion 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 Handbells
12:15 pm Advent Planning Meeting (CR)



October 6 — Monday

6:00 pm PW Unwind: P.F. Chang's!
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

October 7 — Tuesday

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

October 8 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Circle (CR)
3:30 pm WOW (S)
5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)
6:00 pm WNS: Chicken Pot Pies!

October 9 — Thursday

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

October 10 — Friday

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

October 11 — Saturday

6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

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)



Announcements & Events:

The Flowers for this morning are given by Caroline Bik, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of her parent's, Nina and Marc's, 31st Wedding Anniversary.

Please join us tomorrow, Monday, October 6th, at 6:00 PM for Unwind at P.F. Chang's (11685 Westheimer in Westchase). As usual, please RSVP Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114, only if you plan to attend. We hope you can join us!

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, October 8th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Please contact Patti Nanney if you'd like to attend via Zoom. **The Evening Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday, October 7th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 2 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, October 8th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Jennifer Miller is making Chicken Pot Pies. Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

October Birthday Celebration — Linger after worship on Sunday, October 12th, 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!

Did you enjoy our Downtown Aquarium Idea Spring Event? Well you're in luck, the next one is just around the corner! **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.

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!](#)

*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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Gracious God, illuminate these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Red Pew Bible NT 181

ANTHEM

"Acclamation" from The Gospel Mass

Choir

SERMON

"The Ministry of Reconciliation"

Pastor Sebastian Lopez

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"We Are One in the Spirit"

GTG, No. 300

*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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation
The Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Serving of the Elements
Prayer After Receiving

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Dylan Mancilla

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*OUR RESPONSE

"Give Thanks"

GTG, No. 647

*Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.
And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"
And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks. Give thanks.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere. Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere. We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all, and for your love — your eternal love that never fails us. May we be strengthened by our worship of you today. Amen.

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

[After you hear each line, please say, "Lord, hear our prayers." This will be followed by "Lord, hear our prayers" spoken in another language by one of our Special Speakers]

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

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

"One Bread, One Body"

GTG, No. 530

*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.

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.