



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
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 Accompanist: Jonathan Craft
 AV Director: Ethan Mitchell
 AV Technician: Ben Dethloff
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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
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 Sarah Powell

Academy Board

Neal Dikeman
 Ashley Powell
 Carla Pace
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Serving today in Worship:

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“God Doesn’t Give Up”
 November 2, 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: We gather today with saints past and present—

People: To rejoice in God's grace and remember God's faithfulness.

Leader: Christ calls us down from the trees we hide in.

People: He meets us in our homes, in our hearts, in our lives.

Leader: God is with us always!

People: Let us worship the living God with joy and thanksgiving!

ALL: Let us worship God together!

***HYMN**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

GTG, No. 611

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Like Zacchaeus, we long to see Jesus, but often we hide behind pride, possessions, or fear. Christ still calls us by name and welcomes us with mercy. Let us come honestly before God in confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have turned away from your call to righteousness.

We have hoarded what we could have shared. We have judged others while justifying ourselves. We have failed to see your image in our neighbors and your grace in our stories. Forgive us, O God. Call us down from our trees, into your mercy, and renew us in your love. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ came to seek and save the lost. When we are found in him, we are forgiven and made new. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

November 2 — Sunday

Daylight Savings Time Ends



- 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 The Connect Crew (CR)
- 4:00 pm Cub Scouts: Webelos (GP 1 & 2)

November 3 — Monday

- 5:30 pm Special Olympics* (GP)
- 6:00 pm PW Unwind: Urban American Kitchen!
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

November 4 — Tuesday

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

November 5 — Wednesday

- 9:30 am PW Moderators (CR)
- 10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Ham & Scalloped Potatoes!
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (GP 1 & 2)
- 7:30 pm Mission Team Meeting (Zoom)

November 6 — 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)

November 7 — Friday

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

November 8 — Saturday

- 9:00 am Cub Scouts Service Day (VOE)
- 10:30 am Youth Group: Dairy Queen & Veteran Flags
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

November 9 — Dedication Sunday

Church Directory Photos (Parlor)

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Acolyte Class (S)
- 9:45 am Choir Practice
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:00 pm Stewardship Potluck Luncheon (FH)
- Monthly Birthday Celebration (FH)

November 10 — Monday

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

November 11 — Tuesday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 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)

November 12 — Wednesday

Church Directory Photos (Parlor)

- 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: Hamburgers!
- 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Community Concert (S)

November 13 — Thursday

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

November 14 — Friday

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

November 15 — Saturday

- 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, to the Glory of God, and are in loving memory of her sister, Cathey Purfurst Roth.

The Unwind Group will meet for dinner tomorrow, Monday, November 3rd, at 6:00 PM at Urban American Kitchen (14800 Memorial Dr). Please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114 or jballesteros1103@gmail.com, only if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there!

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, November 12th, 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, November 4th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 3 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, November 5th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Jan Fitts is making Ham & Scalloped Potatoes. Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

Messy Church is this Thursday, November 6th, at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to join us! Our theme this month is the *Gratitude*. Come for games, crafts, music, and activities. A free pizza dinner will follow. We hope to see you there!

An Acolyte Training for the Advent and Christmas holiday services will be held on Sunday, November 9th, in the Sanctuary. This class is for all children and youth, even those who have previously had training. Please meet Marguerite Priest in the Narthex at 9:45 AM next Sunday.

It's time for a new SBPC Photo Directory! There will be several opportunities this month to have your picture taken by a member of the church (Sunday, Nov. 9th, Wednesday, Nov. 12th, and Sunday, Nov. 30th). If you would like to keep your picture from the 2019 directory, you may do so. You may also submit a picture of you and your family rather than having your picture taken at the church. We will also be collecting changes in phone/addresses/emails. Please see Sarah Dikeman or Ethan Mitchell if you have any questions.

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. An RSVP signup is in the Narthex.

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church is hosting a Thanksgiving Community Concert on Wednesday, November 12th, at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. The SBPC Chancel Choir will be joined by the Northbrook & Memorial High School Choirs, and the Alief Community Choir. The concert will be streamed live to the SBPC YouTube & Facebook pages. Please make plans to attend!

Save-the-Date for the November Blood Drive — SBPC will have a Blood Drive on Sunday, November 16th, from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Ashley Powell at ashleycrawford161@gmail.com if you would like to donate. Share the gift of life!

Our next Idea Spring event is just around the corner — “Nocturnal Animals” presented by the **Houston Arboretum & Nature Center**. Join us at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall on November 20th for this free, family friendly program. A free dinner will follow. We hope to see you there!

Everyone is invited to help prepare the Sanctuary for the Advent Season immediately after Worship on Sunday, November 23rd. We are hoping to have many hands helping this year, so please come join us! A pizza lunch will be provided when we finish.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

*GLORIA

“Glory”

LUYH, No. 148

*Glory, glory in the highest. Glory to the Almighty.
Glory to the Lamb of God, and glory to the living Word, glory to the Lamb!
We give glory, glory, glory, glory, glory, glory to the Lamb!
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God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Savannah

ANTHEM

“You Do Not Walk Alone”

Choir

SERMON INTRO

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 19:1-10

Red Pew Bible NT 82

SERMON

“God Doesn't Give Up”

Rev. Savannah Goodman

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

“When the Poor Ones”

GTG, No. 762

*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

Patti Nanney

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***OUR RESPONSE** *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"* (v. 4) GTG, No. 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

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

Gracious God, You have given us everything — life, love, and salvation. We return these gifts with thankful hearts, praying they would build up your church, serve the lost, and glorify your name. Bless these offerings and dedicate our lives anew to your service. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation

The Words of Institution

Serving of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

REMEMBERING ALL THE SAINTS IN OUR LIVES

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** *"For All the Saints"* GTG, No. 326

*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.