



# 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  
 AV Director: Ethan Mitchell  
 AV Technician: Ben Dethloff  
 Academy Director: Renee Henry

## Ministry Teams:

Administration Leader: Ethan Mitchell  
 Congregation Leader: Kay Craig  
 Faith Development Leader: Jim Kunkel  
 Sarah Powell  
 Joel Alegria  
 Mission Leader: Donald McDaniel  
 Worship Leader: Neal Dikeman  
 Treasurer:

## 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  
 Betty Magnuson  
 Sarah Powell

## Academy Board

Neal Dikeman  
 Ashley Powell

Carla Pace  
 Jorida Vakiari

Lee Dudinsky  
 Lauren Tacchi

## Serving today in Worship:

**Liturgist:** Jim Kunkel  
**Children's Moment:** Pastor Savannah  
**Usher Captain:** Donald McDaniel  
**PowerPoint:** Megan Hogg

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***“Faith That Lasts”***  
 November 16, 2025

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

November 16, 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, people of God, for the Spirit gives us wisdom and strength.

**People: In times of trial, Christ is with us, speaking through us.**

Leader: Though the world may shake, God's Word stands firm.

**People: By grace, we are called to witness with courage and hope.**

Leader: Let us trust in God's promise and continue God's work.

**People: Come, let us worship the God who holds us fast.**

**ALL: Let us worship God together!**

**\*HYMN**

*"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

GTG, No. 610

Preparing for the Word

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Even when we are surrounded by uncertainty or fear, God remains faithful, speaking words of life and wisdom. Trusting in God's mercy and strength, let us confess our sins before God and one another. Let us pray:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(unison)*

**Faithful God, in times of challenge, we often rely on our own strength. We speak when we should listen, and stay silent when truth is needed. Fear clouds our faith, and comfort outweighs our courage. Forgive us for the ways we fail to witness to Your love. Grant us endurance to stand firm, wisdom to follow Christ's way, and grace to live as people of hope. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ does not abandon us in times of trial. He gives us words to speak, strength to endure, and grace to begin again. By God's mercy, we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God! Amen!

# Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

**November 16 — Sunday**

**Church Directory Photos (Parlor)**

- 8:30 am Blood Drive (FH)
- 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
- 10:30 am Called Session Meeting (P)
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:15 pm Congregational Care Meeting (CR)
- 12:15 pm Handbells (S)
- 4:00 pm Cub Scouts: Webelos (GP 1 & 2)

**November 17 — Monday**

- 10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)
- 5:30 pm Special Olympics\* (GP)
- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Bear (GP 1 & 2)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

**November 18 — Tuesday**

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

**November 19 — Wednesday**

- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Chicken Fried Steak!
- 6:30 pm Contemporary Worship Service (GP)
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (Scout Hut)

**November 20 — Thursday**

**PresPress Articles Due**

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 5:00 pm Idea Spring: Houston Arboretum (FH)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance\* (GP)

**November 21 — Friday**

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

**November 22 — Saturday**

- 11:00 am Hot Meals
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service\* (GP)

**November 23 — Christ the King Sunday**

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Choir Practice
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:15 pm Hanging of the Greens (S)

**November 24 — Monday**

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

**November 25 — Tuesday**

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

**November 26 — Wednesday**

**Academy Closes @ 2:30 PM**

**November 27 — Thursday**

**Church & Academy Closed**



**November 28 — Friday**

**Church & Academy Closed**

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

**November 29 — Saturday**

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

\*Outside SBPC Reservations & Events  
 (CR) Conference Room  
 (FH) Fellowship Hall  
 (GP) Gathering Place  
 (L) Library  
 (P) Parlor  
 (S) Sanctuary

## Announcements & Events:

**The Flowers** for this morning are given by the Auld, Ballesteros, and Earnest families, to the Glory of God, and are in Memory of Marian Aber Auld.

**Thank you to everyone who is participating in our Blood Drive this morning.** If you'd like to donate blood, come down to the Fellowship Hall before 12:30 PM! *Share the gift of life!*

**It's time for a new SBPC Photo Directory!** There will be several opportunities this month to have your picture taken in the Parlor by a member of the church (**TODAY, Sunday, Nov. 16th**, 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.

**The Gathering Place will meet tomorrow, Monday, November 17th, at 10:00 AM!** The theme for this month is *Thanksgiving!* Please see Jacquie Ballesteros or Sarah Dikeman if you are interested in helping out.

**Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday,** November 19th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Kay Craig and Betty Magnuson are making Chicken Fried Steak. Please email Kay Craig at [kay@craig-heidt.com](mailto:kay@craig-heidt.com) to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

**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 this Thursday, November 20th, for this free, family friendly program. A free pizza 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.

**Please don't forget to turn in your Pledge Card and Time & Talent Pledge.** You can find blank copies in the Narthex, Church Office, or Parlor. There is a box in the Narthex for submitting cards. Cards can also be mailed to the Church Office, to the attention of Jorida. Thank you for your continued commitment!

**Please turn in all outstanding receipts for reimbursement** to Jorida in the church office no later than Monday, December 15th.

**Handbells have returned!** Do you have hands for a joyful noise rather than a voice? - then handbells wants YOU! The Handbell Choir meets after Worship in the Sanctuary on Sunday afternoons. Please see Megan Hogg if you'd like to join.

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

### God's People Are Empowered

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Savannah

#### ANTHEM

*“Resting in You”*

Choir

#### SERMON INTRO

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 21:5-19

Red Pew Bible NT 85

#### SERMON

*“Faith That Lasts”*

Rev. Savannah Goodman

### Responding to the Word

#### \*HYMN

*“Amazing Grace”*

GTG, No. 649

#### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Nanci Escobar & Ricardo Salgado

**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

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

## \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**Loving God, You have given us words to speak and strength to endure. With these gifts, we commit ourselves anew to Your service. May our offerings be signs of our trust in Your providence and our dedication to Your mission in the world. Bless and multiply what we give, that through us Your love and justice may be made known. 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

*"It Is Well with My Soul"*

GTG, No. 840

## \*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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.springbranchpres.org/give).