



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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 Music Director: Gabriel Perez
 Accompanist: Jonathan Craft
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 AV Technician: Ben Dethloff
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Administration Leader: Ethan Mitchell
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 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
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 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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**“What Kind of Jesus Would
You Like?”**

November 23, 2025

Christ the King Sunday

November 23, 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** *(based on Luke 1:68-79)*

Leader: We gather to worship God, who looks favorably on all humans who were created.

People: We sing blessings to God, who stands with us for justice and salvation.

Leader: We gather to worship God, who worked with many prophetic humans in every time and place.

People: We sing blessings to God, who makes faithful promises, to us and our ancestors.

Leader: We gather to worship God, whose tenderness we see shimmering in the breaking of dawn.

People: We sing blessings to God, who guides our feet on paths of peace.

ALL: Let us worship our Lord together with joyful hearts and peaceful souls!

***HYMN**

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

GTG, No. 8

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION *(Psalm 32:5)*

Leader: As humans, we are all prone to error: when we are entrusted with power, we make mistakes. Let us confess together as a way of holding ourselves accountable to God and each other.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

(based on Jeremiah 23:1-4)

O God of justice and mercy, you call us to be shepherds who gather and protect those more vulnerable than ourselves. We speak of your justice, but our actions continue to leave others scattered on the edges of society. In the name of our own safety, we shield ourselves from others, push them away with closed doors, hostile looks, and insensitive questions. Even as we protest the actions of the rich and powerful, we have still absorbed their desire for king-like power. We remain tempted by the dream of the Good Life, where goodness for some only comes at the expense of many. Raise us up, O God, from our willful ignorance; bring us back into the fold; help us shepherd in the genuine change that reflects your just promises. Amen.

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

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

7:00 am CENTI Thanksgiving Breakfast* (GP)



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

November 30 — 1st Sunday of Advent

Church Directory Photos (Parlor)

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Packing Seafarer's Boxes (FH)
9:45 am Choir Practice
10:50 am Worship
12:15 pm Handbells (S)
7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (Zoom)



December 1 — Monday

5:30 pm Special Olympics* (GP)
6:00 pm PW Unwind: Hungry's!
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

December 2 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
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)

December 3 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Moderators (CR)
10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)
3:30 pm WOW (S)
6:00 pm WNS: Cranberry Chicken!
6:30 pm Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (GP 1 & 2)

December 4 — 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)

December 5 — Friday

December 6 — Saturday

9:00 am Academy Parent's Day Out
9:00 am Cub Scouts: Service Project Day (FH)
5:00 pm SBM Arc Christmas Party* (FH)
6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

Announcements & Events:

Please join us for the Hanging of the Greens immediately after Worship today. Everyone is invited to help prepare the Sanctuary for the Advent Season. We are hoping to have many hands help this year, so please come join us! A pizza lunch will be provided when we finish. The Fellowship Hall will be decorated at a later date at a Wednesday Night Supper. Please see Donald McDaniel if you have any questions, or if you can attend.

There will be no Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, November 26th, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Join us when we resume on December 3rd for Cranberry Chicken!

The Church & Academy will be closed this Thursday & Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Seafarers' Boxes packing and wrapping is going to take place next Sunday, November 30th, at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a light breakfast, fun, and fellowship, as we work together. Our goal is to fill 125 boxes. We are still collecting shoeboxes, gift wrap, and filler for our seafarers' boxes. Please drop items off at the church office this week. Breakfast will be served at 9:00 AM, with the packing/ wrapping of boxes at 9:30 AM. We hope to see you there!

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 (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.

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!

The Unwind Group will meet for dinner at Hungry's on Monday, December 1st, at 6:00 PM. Please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114, only if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there!

Messy Church is on Thursday, December 4th, at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to join us! Our theme this month is *A Stable for a Savior!* Come for games, crafts, music, and activities. A free pizza dinner will be served about 6:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

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!](#)

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(based on Jeremiah 23:5-6)*

Leader: God promised to deal wisely with a scattered people who made compromised choices while living under an empire's occupation. God promised to save them by bringing justice and righteousness to the land. Hear the good news: Jesus's death and resurrection confirm God's faithful promises extend to us. God forgives and calls us to keep striving to do justice. Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: ...The peace of the Lord be with you always!

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

Todd Miller

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Inspire our hearts, our minds, and our bodies, O God, to listen fully to your Word. Guide us toward creatively courageous interpretations that transform us as we faithfully enact your calling to us. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Red Pew Bible OT 725

ANTHEM

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 23:33-43

Red Pew Bible NT 89

SERMON

"What Kind of Jesus Would you Like?"

Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"O Day of Peace"

GTG, No. 373

*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.

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)*

Bless these gifts, God who fills our lives with joy and hope; use them to fulfill your promises and bring your justice to all creation. 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

"What Does the Lord Require of You?"

GTG, No. 70

*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 **December 10th 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.