



# 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  
 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  
 Betty Magnuson  
 Sarah Powell

## Academy Board

Neal Dikeman  
 Ashley Powell

Carla Pace  
 Jorida Vakiari

Lee Dudinsky  
 Lauren Tacchi

## Serving today in Worship:

**Liturgist:** Luna Lassiter  
**Children's Moment:** Pastor Mark  
**Usher Captain:** Donald McDaniel  
**PowerPoint:** Patty Blome

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**“Thin Soup”**  
 November 9, 2025

## Dedication Sunday

November 9, 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 *(Psalm 98)*

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**People: We will break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord;

**People: Make a joyful noise with trumpet and the sound of the horn.**

Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.

**People: The floods clap their hands and the hills sing out together.**

**ALL: Let us join in the joyful song of creation!**

#### \*HYMN

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

GTG, No. 12

### Preparing for the Word

#### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Though we are prone to wander, the spirit of God abides among us. Trusting in God's persistent love and mercy, let us confess our sin.

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

**Gracious God, we confess that we are too easily influenced by peddlers of despair and alarm, too quick to sink into numbness and apathy, too tired to imagine another way. Our hopes have crumbled, and our hearts are faint. Breathe new life into us, we pray. Help us to be mindful of your promises, your faithfulness, and your presence as we face the challenges of our lives. Restore our vision, and give us courage to live in your truth. Amen.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's ways are just, and God's kindness is constant. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. Beloved, God draws near to us with compassion and forgives our sins. Amen!

# Calendar of Events

[www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar](http://www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar)

#### 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)  
5:00 pm BSA Committee Meeting (GP)

#### 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)

#### November 16 — Sunday

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  
10:50 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)



## Announcements & Events:

**The Flowers** for this morning are given by Lee Dudinsky, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of Austin Holland's birthday.

**Today is Dedication Sunday — Christ is in You!** As you consider your commitments for the coming year, we invite you to join us in exploring what it truly means to live with Christ not only in your heart, but honored in your actions. May you continue to live in the joy of knowing: Christ is in you. Today you are invited to turn in both your Pledge Card and Time and Talent Pledge. Thank you for your continued commitment! Immediately following Worship we will have a Potluck Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall — come join the fun! Our **November Birthday Celebration** this month will take place at the Stewardship Luncheon today.

**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. 9th**, this 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.

**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 Lesson 3 video is available at the following link: [www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/resilience-joy-identity](http://www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/resilience-joy-identity).

**Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday**, November 12th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Laurie Mitchell is making Hamburgers with all of the trimmings. 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!

**Spring Branch Presbyterian Church is hosting a Thanksgiving Community Concert** this 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](mailto:ashleycrawford161@gmail.com) if you would like to donate. Share the gift of life!

**The Gathering Place will meet on 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.

**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 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.

### \*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

Pastor Mark

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

**God of wisdom, open your Word to your people today, and open the hearts of your people to your Word. Let us receive the truth that your Spirit is speaking to the church, trusting that it will nourish and strengthen us. Amen.**

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Red Pew Bible OT 878

#### ANTHEM

*“Gloria” from The Gospel Mass*

Choir

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 20:27-40

Red Pew Bible NT 84

#### SERMON

*“Thin Soup”*

Rev. Mark Plunkett

### Responding to the Word

#### \*HYMN

*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

GTG, No. 39

#### \*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

Matt Dikeman

#### 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)*

**O God, may the resources that are gathered here be a blessing to the world you so love. Guard our paths and do not let our feet slip; keep us as the apple of your eye. Give us wisdom and humility as we seek to be faithful stewards of all your good gifts. 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

*"When We Are Living"*

GTG, No. 822

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

## \*POSTLUDE

*Portions of today's worship service are taken from  
[www.presbyterianoutlook.com](http://www.presbyterianoutlook.com).*

# Christ is in You

### *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).