



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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Co-Pastor: Rev. Savannah Goodman
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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
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Class of 2026

Kay Craig
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Class of 2027

Joel Alegria
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Class of 2028

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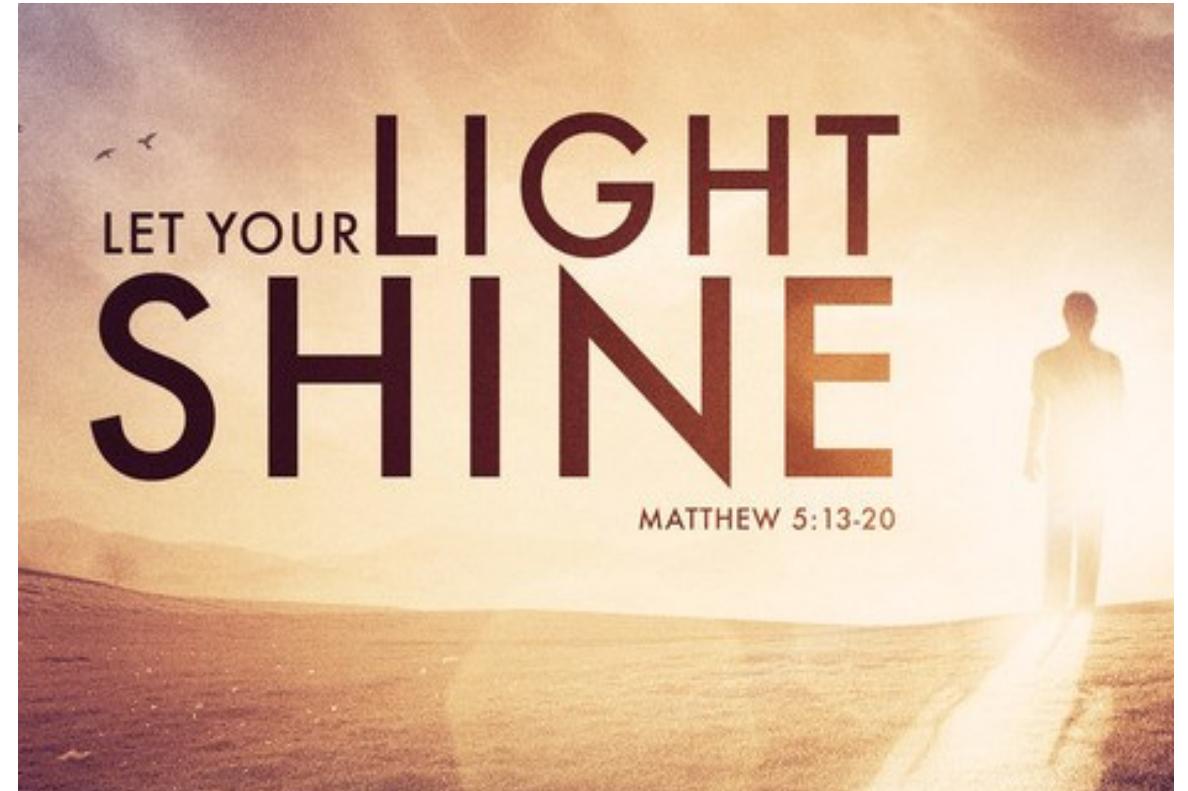
Carla Pace
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Serving today in Worship:

Liturgist: Jan Fitts
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***“Becoming Who We
Already Are”***
February 8, 2026

5th Sunday After Epiphany

February 8, 2026

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 come as people called to be salt for the earth.

People: We gather to savor God's goodness and share it widely.

Leader: We come as people called to be light for the world.

People: We gather to shine with Christ's hope and truth.

Leader: God fulfills the law through love made visible.

People: Let us worship the One who lights our path.

ALL: Let us worship God together!

***HYMN**

"God's Love Made Visible"

LUYH, No. 140

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Christ, the Light of the world, does not condemn us. Christ restores us. In that confidence, let us bring our shadows, our failures, and all that dims our witness, trusting in God's mercy and seeking God's renewing grace. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Holy God, you call us the salt of the earth, yet we confess that our witness often loses its flavor. You name us the light of the world, yet we hide the brightness of your grace behind fear, complacency, and silence. Forgive us, Lord. Renew our hearts by your Spirit, so that our lives may shine with your compassion and our actions may honor the fullness of your law of love. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: the One who fulfills the law also fulfills the promises of mercy. In Jesus Christ, God restores our saltiness and rekindles our light. Believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

February 8 — Souper Bowl Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Choir Practice
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:00 pm Annual Congregational Meeting
- 12:30 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration

February 9 — Monday

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

February 10 — Tuesday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting (CR)

February 11 — Wednesday

- 9:30 am PW Circle (CR)
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)
- 5:45 pm WNS: Beef & Noodles!
- 6:30 pm Contemporary Worship Service (GP)

February 12 — Thursday

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

February 13 — Friday

- 6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting* (CR)

February 14 — Saturday

- 5:30 pm Girl Scouts Valentine Night* (FH)
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

February 15 — Scout Sunday

Transfiguration of the Lord

- 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
- 12:00 pm Youth Lunch & Croquet
- 12:15 pm Congregational Care Meeting (CR)
- 12:15 pm Handbells

February 16 — Monday

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

February 17 — Tuesday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 7:00 pm Faith Development Meeting (Zoom)

February 18 — Ash Wednesday

- 7:00 am Ash Wed. Service (Foyer)
- 10:00 am ZIP Trip: Downtown Tunnels!
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Red Beas & Rice, Sausage!
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (GP 1 & 2)
- 6:45 pm Ash Wed. Service (S)

February 19 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 5:00 pm Idea Spring: PCHAS Parent Class
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

February 20 — Friday

PresPress Articles Due
Feed My Starving Children (Pines PC)

February 21 — Saturday

Feed My Starving Children (Pines PC)
8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)
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 Lee Dudinsky, to the Glory of God, are in celebration of Lynn Dudinsky's birthday.

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church is participating in the annual Souper Bowl of Caring today! You are invited to drop off your canned food items or cash/check donations in the Narthex before or after Worship. All donations that are collected will benefit the Fair Haven Food Pantry!

Our Annual Congregational Meeting be held immediately following Worship today. The purpose of the meeting is to present the 2026 Budget, as approved by Session; to receive a State of the Church with presentations from the 5 Ministry Teams; to approve the changes to the Terms of Call for Rev. Savannah Goodman and Rev. Mark Plunkett; to Dissolve the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC); to Elect the Ruling Elders for the Class of 2029 (Neal Dikeman, Theresa Dunlap, and Donald McDaniel); and to present the Class of 2029 Academy Board Members, as approved by Session (Victoria Kissinger and Todd Miller).

February Birthday Celebration — Linger for conversation, fellowship, and light snacks immediately following Worship today as we celebrate those born in the month of February.

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, February 11th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Please contact Patti Nanney if you'd like to attend via Zoom. The Lesson 6 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, February 11th, at 5:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Silvia Argyriou is making Beef & Noodles. We will serve dinner at 5:45 PM this week for anyone who would like to attend the Contemporary Worship Service at 6:30 PM. Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

Our next Idea Spring event is Social Media and Your Mental Health on Thursday, February 19th, at 5:00 PM. The location is TBD based on RSVPs. Alicia Mirabelli, one of PCHAS counselors at the Cypress office, will lead this adult/parent course. The program includes: Identifying how social media affects children and their mental health, how to help children identify and manage their emotions related to social media, and knowing when and what to do when your child's emotions need further assessment. Dinner will not be served this month, but there will be refreshments. Childcare will be provided by the Academy. Please RSVP in the Narthex, Church Office, or Academy Offices. Questions? Please email Ethan Mitchell at ideaspring@springbranchpres.org. We hope to see you there!

PW ZIP Trip — Join the Presbyterian Women of SBPC as we explore the Downtown Tunnels of Houston. A seven-mile tunnel system spanning 95 city blocks of shops, restaurants, art spaces, and history. We will be going on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, leaving the church parking lot at 10:00 AM. For additional information, please contact Marguerite Priest at 281-435-3941 or mepriest@hotmail.com.

Feed My Starving Children — Join us as we support Pines Presbyterian Church in this annual act of mission. Kids and adults of all ages hand-pack **nutritious MannaPack® meals** specifically designed to assist in reversing and preventing undernutrition. You can sign up for a 2-hour time slot on **February 21st** from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM to go over with a group from SBPC. Please reach out to Patti Nanney to sign up with our group. You can also go to www.fmcs.org to register for a time to volunteer on your own at another time that day, or on February 20th.

Scholarship Applications are now available for interested students. Completed applications are due by May 1st for the year applying, and should be turned in to Sarah Dikeman for the Women's Scholarship and Ken Crawford for the Men's Scholarship.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

*GLORIA

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

GTG, No. 582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Savannah

ANTHEM

"This Little Light of Mine"

Choir

SERMON INTRO

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:13-20

Red Pew Bible NT 4

SERMON

"Becoming Who We Already Are"

Rev. Savannah Goodman

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"We Are Called"

GTG, No. 749

*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

***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, receive these gifts and bless them with your purpose. As you send us to season the world with love and to illuminate it with Christ's presence, use who we are and what we bring to reveal your gracious light to all. 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**

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

GTG, No. 192

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

***BENEDICTION**



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 **February 11th 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.