



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
 Director of Operations & Technology:
 Ethan Mitchell
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 Accompanist: Jonathan Craft
 AV Technician: Ben Dethloff
 Academy Director: Renee Henry
 Academy Assistant Director: Nikki Childs

Ministry Teams:

Administration Leader: Ethan Mitchell
 Congregation Leader: Kay Craig
 Faith Development Leaders: 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 2027

Joel Alegria
 Beth Mizwa
 Nina Rach

Class of 2028

Jim Kunkel
 Betty Magnuson
 Sarah Powell

Class of 2029

Neal Dikeman
 Theresa Dunlap
 Donald McDaniel

Academy Board

Carla Pace
 Jorida Vakiari

Lee Dudinsky
 Lauren Tacchi

Victoria Kissinger
 Todd Miller

Serving today in Worship:

Liturgist: Jan Fitts
Children's Moment: Pastor Savannah
Usher Captain: Donald McDaniel
PowerPoint: Patty Blome
Guest Accompanist: Keith LaLonde

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“You’re Going the Wrong Way”
 June 21, 2026

4th Sunday After Pentecost

June 21, 2026

10:50 AM

**Those who are able please stand*

Gathering in God's Name

PRELUDE

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: Listen to the words of Jesus:

People: A new day is coming – in fact, it's already here;

Leader: When importance will not be placed on the time or place of worship;

People: But on the truthful hearts of worshipers.

Leader: The Father is Spirit, and he is seeking followers;

People: Followers whose worship is sourced in truth and deeply spiritual as well.

Leader: Let each of us come together and seek the Father's Spirit.

ALL: Let us raise our eyes, hearts, and minds to worship the Father of us all.

***HYMN**

"How Firm a Foundation"

GTG, No. 463

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: God our Father is always with us, always watching, and always loving us. Yet we know there are times when we forget our Heavenly Father is even there. Let us be mindful of His presence as we turn to Him and ask forgiveness for those times we have forgotten Him...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

O God, Father that you are, you know what is right for us, but too often we only want our way or no way, instead of your way. Have mercy upon us when we turn from you. Forgive us when we do not realize your fatherly love and direction for us. Have mercy upon us indeed, and teach us anew how to follow you, Father that you are. We pray this through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. You have certainly heard those words before today. So let them flow gently around your ears and your mind. Let them settle whatever doubts you may have. And accept AND BELIEVE they are the words of Life. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

June 21 — Sunday

- 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)
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:15 pm Congregational Care Meeting (CR)

June 28 — Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:50 am Worship

June 29 — Monday

- 3:00 pm WOW (S)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

June 30 — Tuesday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

July 1 — Wednesday

- 7:30 pm Mission Team Meeting (Zoom)

July 2 — Thursday

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

**July 3 — Friday
Church & Academy Closed**

July 4 — Saturday

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



June 22 — Monday

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (P)
- 3:00 pm WOW (S)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

June 23 — Tuesday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 7:00 pm Session (CR)

June 24 — Wednesday

- 9:30 am Happy Hands (CR)
- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)

June 25 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

June 26 — Friday

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

June 27 — Saturday

- 8:00 am Cheerful Clown Alley* (GP)
- 11:00 am Hot Meals
- 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 Curtis and Jeannie Stockton, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of their anniversary and all June anniversaries.

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church is participating in the annual PCHAS Back to School Supply Campaign! The donations brought to the church will support children in the PCHAS Foster Care program. After you purchase items, please bring them to the Church Office by July 12th. Interested in helping to pack the items for PCHAS kids into backpacks? This will happen at the PCHAS Cypress location on Wednesday, July 22nd, from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Please let Laurie Mitchell know if you are interested in helping out.

Happy Hands will meet this Wednesday, June 24th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. We continue to stuff and sew the heart pillows for hospital patients through the summer. Our last batch went to Memorial City Memorial Hermann Hospital. Join us for great fellowship and service!

The Church & Academy will be closed on Friday, July 3rd, in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.

We are offering a new opportunity for fellowship and friendship among all the Men of the Church, featuring sports watch parties. Join us for the Astros Game on Tuesday, July 7th, at 5:45 PM! The game will be shown on the TV in the Conference Room. Feel free to bring snacks, dinner, and nonalcoholic beverages of your choice. It will be come and go, so don't feel obligated to stay the whole time. We hope to see you there!

Save-the-Date for the July Blood Drive — SBPC will have a Blood Drive on Sunday, July 12th, from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Joel Alegria at joelalegria1984@yahoo.com or 832-496-2261 if you would like to donate. Share the gift of life!

Pastor Mark is facilitating a Zoom Bible Study called "Judges, Kings, and Prophets" on Thursdays at 1:00 PM. The Zoom information is available in the Friday email if you are interested in giving it a try over your lunch hour. If you wish to receive the Zoom invite every week, please email Mark to get on his list.

Would you like to beautify the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings while honoring a loved one or commemorating a special occasion? **The 2026 Flower Sign-Up Calendar is located in the Narthex!** The cost per arrangement is \$65.00. Checks should be written to SBPC and mailed to the Church Office or placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you!**

*GLORIA

"Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!"

LUYH, No. 74

*Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burden down.
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burden down.*

*I feel better, so much better, Since I laid my burden down.
I feel better, so much better, Since I laid my burden down.*

*Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" Since I laid my burden down.
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God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Savannah

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 21:8-21

Red Pew Bible OT 17

ANTHEM

"How Deep the Father's Love"

Rachael Castillo

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 10:24-39

Red Pew Bible NT 10

SERMON

"You're Going the Wrong Way"

Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

GTG, No. 826

*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

"All Creatures of Our God and King" (v. 6)

GTG, No. 15

*O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart.*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*All creatures, bless the Father, Son
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!*

Sing praises! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

God of great gifts, we give you these gifts today knowing that you are the Father of gifts. You mother us constantly, providing for us, and caring for us. As we have been abundantly provided for, so we give abundantly to the work that you give us to do: the work of the church, the care for those who are poor. Accept these gifts in Jesus' name. Amen.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND PRAYER FOR ALL OUR DADS

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

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

(insert)

*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 **July 8th 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.