



# 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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 Ethan Mitchell  
 Director of Music: Gabriel Perez  
 Accompanist: Jonathan Craft  
 AV Technician: Ben Dethloff  
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 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:** Elizabeth Powell  
**Children's Moment:** Pastor Savannah  
**Usher Captain:** Donald McDaniel  
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**“Reaping What We Sow”**  
 July 12, 2026

7th Sunday After Pentecost

July 12, 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** *(from Psalm 119:105-111)*

Leader: All who walk in shadow, come into the light!

**People: God's Word lights the way for us.**

Leader: God has promised to abide with us.

**People: So let us commit to walk in God's ways.**

Leader: All who are afflicted, ensnared by the world;

**People: Come and give praise to God.**

Leader: God is the joy of our heart, our sure and certain comfort, come what may!

**ALL: Give the Lord our heartfelt love and praise!**

**\*HYMN** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (v. 1, 3, 4) GTG, No. 645

Preparing for the Word

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Leader: God does not promise us a life without struggle or hardship; yet how often do we make what is already difficult even more so? Yet the grace of God is that the sorrows we inflict upon ourselves cannot last forever. So, let us unburden ourselves, confessing the ways in which we struggle against God that we may receive that grace anew.

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


**Gracious Creator, you created this world and called it good, and out of it called a pilgrim people, chosen to abide with you and to bear witness to your reality. Yet we, who have been called "Beloved" by you, often find ourselves making peace with what does not give peace. Meet us in our weakness; turn our unwilling eyes upon our unruly hearts. Draw us away from our love of power, our tolerance of injustice, our ignorance of suffering. Drive us towards what is fearfully and wonderfully made, so that we may inspire hope, offer forgiveness, and love our neighbors through faithful living, according to the way of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

# Calendar of Events

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

**July 12 — Sunday**

8:30 am Blood Drive (FH)   
9:15 am Church Nursery  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:50 am Worship  
12:00 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration

**July 13 — Monday**

3:00 pm WOW (S)  
5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting (CR)  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

**July 14 — Tuesday**

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

**July 15 — Wednesday**

**July 16 — Thursday**

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

**July 17 — Friday**

**July 18 — Saturday**

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

**July 19 — Sunday**

9:15 am Church Nursery  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:50 am Worship  
12:15 pm Congregational Care Meeting (CR)

**July 20 — Monday**

**PresPress Articles Due**

10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)  
10:30 am Staff Meeting (P)  
3:00 pm WOW (S)  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

**July 21 — Tuesday**

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

**July 22 — Wednesday**

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

**July 23 — Thursday**

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

**July 24 — Friday**

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

**July 25 — Saturday**

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:

**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!*

**Celebrate July Birthdays** — Join us in the Breezeway, weather permitting, immediately after worship today as we gather for light snacks to honor our July Birthdays!

**During the month of July, we're collecting Healthy Snacks to benefit the Mission of Yahweh** summer program for 32 kids. Items needed are: boxes of breakfast cereal, granola bars, fruit cups, Go-Gurt, Lunchables, and Sunny D. These types of snacks help ensure the children are consistently fed and energized during the day.

**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.

**The Children & Youth Sunday School Classes are taking the month of July off for summer vacation.** Join us when we resume on Sunday, August 2nd!

**The Gathering Place will meet on Monday, July 20th, at 10:00 AM!** The theme for this month is *Summer Beach!* Please see Jacquie Ballesteros or Sarah Dikeman if you are interested in helping out.

**Happy Hands will meet on Wednesday, July 22nd, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room.** All stuffers and stitchers are welcome to join us. If you'd rather knit, crochet, or just visit, that's good, too. All are welcome. We continue to meet during the summer months. We hope you will join us!

**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.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from Romans 8:1-3)*

Leader: For those who are in Christ, there is no condemnation; for by Christ's death and resurrection, God has done what the law and works of human righteousness alone could not: breathed new life through the Holy Spirit into the world, turning it upside down. Believe this scandalous, joyous good news: through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and restored to new life. Alleluia! Amen!

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: ...May the peace of Christ be with you always!

**People: And also with you!**

### \*GLORIA

*"God's Love Made Visible"* (v. 1)

LUYH, No. 140

*God's love made visible! Incomprehensible!  
He is invincible! His love shall reign!  
From love so bountiful, blessings uncountable,  
make death surmountable! His love shall reign!  
Joyfully pray for peace and good will.  
All of our yearning he will fulfill.  
Live in a loving way. Praise him for every day.  
Open your hearts and pray. His love shall reign!*

### God's People Are Empowered

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Savannah

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

**Holy Creator, the earth is yours, and all that is in it. We give you thanks for the beauty of the earth, for the creatures that fill it, and for your providence, which stands beneath and above and within it all. Now grant us hearts open to your grace, eyes open to your wonders, and ears open to your Holy Word. Let your Holy Spirit dwell with us, that we may be renewed in our commitment to the way, the truth and the life of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:1-11

Red Pew Bible NT 157

### ANTHEM

*"Hymn of Promise"*

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Red Pew Bible NT 13

### SERMON

*"Reaping What We Sow"*

Rev. Mark Plunkett

### Responding to the Word

### \*HYMN

*"Fairest Lord Jesus"* (v. 1, 4)

GTG, No. 630

**\*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** *"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"* LUYH, No. 114

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.*

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.*

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong."*

*Let the poor say, "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us.*

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong."*

*Let the poor say, "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us.*

*Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks!*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*unison*)

**Holy God, you have called us together as your people, gathered in your church, to struggle on behalf of your promises of grace and life for all the world. So we pledge this portion of what is precious to us gratefully and hopefully. Bless and multiply these gifts. May their fruit demonstrate the unfathomable, inestimable glory that is yours in Christ Jesus. And if that's asking too little, do more! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation

The Words of Institution

Serving of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

## 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** *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"* (v. 1, 4)

GTG, No. 724

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*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 **August 12th 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).



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