



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church
Co-Pastor: Rev. Mark Plunkett
Co-Pastor: Rev. Savannah Goodman
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Worship Leader: Donald McDaniel
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The Session

Clerk: Jan Fitts

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Class of 2027

Joel Alegria
Beth Mizwa
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Class of 2028

Jim Kunkel
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Class of 2029

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Donald McDaniel

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Carla Pace
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Lee Dudinsky
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Serving today in Worship:

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Children's Moment: Pastor Savannah
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“Tending a Tangled Field”
July 19, 2026

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10:50 AM

8th Sunday After Pentecost

*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: The kingdom of heaven is like a field sown with good seed.

People: Yet even among the wheat, weeds appear.

Leader: God is patient, tending all that grows.

People: God’s mercy holds back judgment and nurtures life.

Leader: In this place, we are gathered as God’s field.

People: Let us worship the One who brings forth a harvest of righteousness.

ALL: Let us worship God together!

*HYMN

“This Is My Father’s World”

GTG, No. 370

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Christ teaches us that in every field, wheat and weeds grow together. In every heart, too, we find both faithfulness and failure. Trusting not in our own righteousness, but in God’s patient mercy, let us confess our sin before God and one another. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, you sow good seed within us, yet we confess that we resist your grace. We allow weeds of jealousy, fear, and indifference to take root in our lives. We judge others too quickly and neglect the work of love you call us to do. Forgive us, O God. By your Spirit, cultivate in us what is good and faithful. Root out all that separates us from you and from one another, so that we may bear the fruit of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: God is patient and abounding in steadfast love. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and claimed as God’s own. The One who tends the field will bring forth a harvest of righteousness in due time. Thanks be to God! Amen!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

July 19 — Sunday

9:15 am Church Nursery

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

12:15 pm Congregational Care Meeting (CR)

6:00 pm BSA Meeting (GP)

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)

July 26 — Sunday

9:15 am Church Nursery

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

July 27 — Monday

3:00 pm WOW (S)

7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

July 28 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

July 29 — Wednesday

July 30 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

1:00 pm Pastor Mark’s Bible Study (Zoom)

6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

July 31 — Friday

August 1 — Saturday

*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, and are in celebration of Avery Holland’s birthday.

The Gathering Place will meet tomorrow, 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.

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.

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!

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church is participating in the annual PCHAS Back to School Supply Campaign! 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.

Mark your calendar for August 2nd and plan to join us for the Presbyterian Women’s Welcoming Luncheon after the worship service! The theme for this year is “My Favorite Things.” Come enjoy a delicious lunch and fabulous desserts, a raffle with wonderful prizes, and get to know our fellow PW ladies and our activities a little better. Reservations are requested to Sarah Powell. Volunteers are requested to decorate a table with their “Favorite Thing” and share a few words with the ladies about that favorite thing. Volunteers are requested to supply baskets for the raffle — email Jennifer Miller. We hope to see you there!

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!

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.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**
Leader: ...The peace of Christ be with you!
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

ANTHEM “As Morning Dawns”

SERMON INTRO

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 Red Pew Bible NT 14

SERMON “Tending a Tangled Field” Rev. Savannah Goodman

Responding to the Word

***HYMN** “My Lord! What a Morning” GTG, No. 352

***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.
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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)
Generous God, you are the sower of every good gift. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and trust. Use them to grow your kingdom in this world, that what is sown in faith may be gathered in joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 "I Need Thee Every Hour" (v. 1-3) GTG, No. 735

*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 **August 12th 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.