



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
Director of Music: Gabriel Perez
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: Theresa Dunlap
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: Donald McDaniel
Children's Moment: Pastor Mark
Usher Captain: Marguerite Priest
PowerPoint: Ethan Mitchell

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“In the Midst of Chaos”
August 23, 2026

*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: Hear O Israel! I am calling! Are you listening?

People: We are here and we are ready.

Leader: Beloved Children, who do you say that I am?

People: You are our rock and our redeemer. Our trust is in you. Our hearts, minds, and souls belong to you!

Leader: I created you, named you, and have a calling for your life.

ALL: We give thanks with our whole hearts for your steadfast love!

*HYMN

“How Great Thou Art”

GTG, No. 625

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: You call out to us, Lord, but we struggle to listen. As we come before you with our hearts open, quiet the noise of the world, of our pressing thoughts and fears, so that we may hear your Spirit fully. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of truth, like a moth that gnaws at wool, our brokenness eats away at our souls. We allow the cacophony of greed, selfishness, apathy, and ignorance to drown out your voice as you call us to see the suffering in our world and respond to the needs of your children. In our busy lives, we convince ourselves that there is no time to help, no space for prayer, and no need for justice. Forgive us. Remind us that only when we slow down and breathe deeply of your Holy Spirit and holy Word, can our ears hear your voice. Inspire us to greater love for you and for one another. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Isaiah 51:4 and Matthew 16:19)

Leader: The prophet Isaiah wrote, “Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me.” Jesus promised, “I will give you the keys to the kingdom.” We know love and forgiveness because God first loved us and has been calling out to us forever, “You are my beloved!” May we respond to such abundant grace with deep gratitude for God’s unending forgiveness. God loves us, heals us, strengthens us, and calls us by name. Through Jesus, we are made whole! Thanks be to God!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

August 23 — Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Choir Practice
- 10:50 am Worship
- 6:00 pm BSA Court of Honor (FH)

August 24 — Monday

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

August 25 — Tuesday

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

August 26 — Wednesday

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

August 27 — Thursday

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

August 28 — Friday

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

August 29 — Saturday

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

August 30 — Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Choir Practice
- 10:50 am Worship
- 1:00 pm Youth: Roller Skating & Ice Cream!
- 5:00 pm BSA Committee Meeting (GP)

August 31 — Monday

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

September 1 — Tuesday

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

September 2 — Wednesday

- 9:30 am PW Moderators (CR)
- 10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Hamburgers!
- 7:30 pm Mission Team Meeting (Zoom)

September 3 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 1:00 pm Pastor Mark’s Bible Study (Zoom)
- 5:00 pm Messy Church (FH)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

September 4 — Friday

September 5 — Saturday

*Outside SBPC Reservations & Events
(CR) Conference Room
(FH) Fellowship Hall
(GP) Gathering Place
(L) Library
(P) Parlor
(S) Sanctuary
(YR) Youth Room

Announcements & Events:

The Flowers for this morning are given by the Ballesteros and Earnest families, to the Glory of God, and are in memory of Jay W. Auld.

MAM Back-to-School Uniform Voucher Drive — SBPC is once again collecting funds throughout the month of August for the Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) Back-to-School Uniform Voucher Drive. MAM coordinates with school guidance counselors and local vendors to provide school uniforms for local needy families. Donations can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, or mailed to the Church Office. Online donations can be made here: <https://rb.gy/ml2ysx>.



Happy Hands will meet this Wednesday, August 26th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Bring your special projects, or come to stuff and close the heart shaped pillows. We hope to see you there!

Save-the-Date for Wednesday Night Suppers to resume on September 2nd at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having Hamburgers with all of the trimmings. We hope to see you there!

Messy Church is beginning again! Join us on Thursday, September 3rd, for I am the Light of the World! Messy Church is an intergenerational interactive worship encounter starting at 5:00 PM, with a free dinner being served around 5:45 PM. Join us for story, music, activities, games, and more! Text @h47378d to 81010 to sign up for updates, and follow along with us at: www.facebook.com/MessyChurchSBPC.

The Unwind group will meet for dinner at Treebeards (9655 Katy Freeway) on Tuesday, September 8th, at 6:00 PM. Please note this is a Tuesday, as the first Monday is Labor Day. Please RSVP, only if you plan to attend, to Jacquie Ballesteros, at 713-305-1114. We hope to see you there!

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: ...The peace of the Lord be with you always!
People: And also with you!

*GLORIA

"Glory to God"

GTG, No. 583

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Mark

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)
God of light, your wisdom is right here, speaking truth to us in love. We pray for you to open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts, so we may drink in all that you have for us to learn today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Habakkuk 3:2-19a

Red Pew Bible OT 873

ANTHEM

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Choir

SERMON

"In the Midst of Chaos"

Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"The Name of the Lord"

LUYH, No. 51

*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

