



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church
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Co-Pastor: Rev. Savannah Goodman
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Director of Operations & Technology: Ethan Mitchell
Director of Music: Gabriel Perez
Accompanist: Jonathan Craft
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Academy Director: Renee Henry
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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
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Serving today in Worship:

Liturgist: Jan Fitts

Children's Moment: Pastor Savannah

Usher Captain: Donald McDaniel

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I will deliver you from the hand of the wicked.

Jeremiah 15:21

***“The Good News and
the Bad News”***
August 30, 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: Seek the Lord!

People: Seek God in the wilderness.

Leader: Seek God in the sanctuary.

People: Seek God in the burning bush.

Leader: Seek God in the burning heart.

People: The Lord is here!

Leader: This place is holy! We are standing on holy ground!

ALL: We are here to worship and praise our Lord and our God!

*HYMN

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

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Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Sin casts us out into the cold, but the warmth of God’s forgiveness welcomes us back. Trusting in God’s love, let us confess our sins to God:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of wonders, we confess that we do not understand why you call us when we are scared, clumsy, busy, or flawed. We confess that we think we know better than you do, who is qualified to do your work. Forgive our fears, excuses, and self-doubts. Lend us a measure of your fire and your strength, as we go about the work of serving our neighbors, building up your church, loving your children, and tending to the scorched places of our world. Help us to burn for you, without burning up or burning out. Give us a purpose and the courage to pursue it. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! New life rises from the ashes. In Christ, your sins are dead and you are alive to all that is good. In Christ, we are made whole; in Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

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)
- 7:00 pm Cub Scout 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)
- 5:45 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

- 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
(YR) Youth Room

September 6 — Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Youth Sunday School (YR)
- 9:45 am Choir Practice
- 10:50 am Worship



September 7 — Monday
Church & Academy Closed



September 8 — Tuesday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 6:00 pm PW Unwind: Treebeards!
- 6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting (CR)
- 7:00 pm Horizon’s Bible Study on Zoom

September 9 — Wednesday

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

September 10 — Thursday

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

September 11 — Friday

September 12 — Saturday

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



Announcements & Events:

The Flowers for this morning are given by Don and Barbara Tremble, to the Glory of God, and are in honor of Ron’s Birthday.

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>.



Wednesday Night Supper resumes this Wednesday, September 2nd, at 5:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall! Laurie Mitchell is making Hamburgers with all of the trimmings. Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. Please note that we have moved the Supper start time up to 5:45 PM! We hope to see you there!

Messy Church is beginning again! Join us this 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 Church & Academy will be closed on Monday, September 7th, in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

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!

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, September 9th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Please contact Patti Nanney if you’d like to attend via Zoom. A salad luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a salad to share. The Evening Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, September 8th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 1 video is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/united-through-christ-bound-to-each-other.

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.

*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!

God’s People Are Empowered

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Pastor Savannah

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)
Divine Light, shine on these pages that the stories may speak again to us today.
Shine on our hearts that we might know how to respond in a way that is pleasing to our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 4:19-31 Red Pew Bible OT 703

ANTHEM “The Mediations of My Heart” Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 15:15-21 Red Pew Bible OT 717

SERMON “The Good News and the Bad News” Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

*HYMN “Lift High the Cross” GTG, No. 826

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)
Before us, beneath us, beyond us, ever creating,
God breathes life into all that is, rejoicing in its abundant goodness.
All of creation sings praise to God.

As members of this wondrous creation,
made in God’s image and likeness,
humanity echoes the overflowing and boundless love of the Creator.

Each of us, all of us—
of every race, culture, language, nation,
ability, gender, and affection—
are called to manifest God’s image and likeness:
in our love for God, in our love for neighbors and strangers as ourselves, and in loving communion with all creation.

With us, beside us, God in Jesus Christ enters the world to transform it.
Breaking down boundaries, renewing and expanding God’s covenant with humanity, Jesus embodies and teaches the greatest commandments: to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

With divine justice and holy joy, Jesus closes the separation between humanity and God, reigning as Lord over all creation, establishing God’s kingdom in power and grace.

Within us, among us,
God the Spirit enlivens all of creation and unites us to Christ, drawing us into participation in his life, death, and resurrection, empowering us to follow Christ's example. The Spirit fills us with the abundant grace expressed in Jesus, enabling us to witness God’s overflowing love, for all people and all the world. We affirm that God is the Giver and Gift of Love. We live in true joy when humanity dwells in intimate communion with God and one another. Amen.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*OUR RESPONSE

“Praise to God the Father”

GTG, No. 605

Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son;
praise to God the Spirit: praise to the Three-in-One.
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*
Generous God, we offer our gifts to you, grateful for all you have given us, and grateful for the chance to give to others. Build up your church through these offerings, that we might always be a place where your goodness is seen, practiced, and shared. 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 Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

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*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 **September 9th 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.



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