



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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Director of Operations & Technology: Ethan Mitchell
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Ministry Teams:

Administration Leader: Ethan Mitchell
Congregation Leader: Kay Craig
Faith Development Leaders: Theresa Dunlap
Sarah Powell
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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: Todd Miller

Children's Moment: Pastor Mark & Pastor Savannah

Usher Captain: Donald McDaniel

PowerPoint: Ethan Mitchell

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“Seeing Clearly in the Storm”
August 9, 2026

*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: Come, people of God, into the presence of the One who meets us in the storm.

People: We come with faith and fear, with hope and doubt.

Leader: Christ calls to us across the waves.

People: We hear his voice and dare to trust.

Leader: When the winds rise and the waters churn, God is near.

People: Let us worship the One who calms our fears and steadies our steps.

ALL: Let us worship God together!

*HYMN

“When Morning Gilds the Skies” (v. 1, 3, 4)

GTG, No. 667

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Even as Christ calls us to step out in faith, we confess how often we cling to fear, sink into doubt, and turn away from trust. Yet the One who reaches out to Peter reaches out to us still. Let us confess our sin before God and one another. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious and merciful God, you call us to step out in faith, yet we hesitate at the edge of uncertainty. We confess that we are quick to fear, slow to trust, and prone to doubt your presence in the storms of life. When the winds of change unsettle us, we cling to what feels safe instead of following you. When we begin to sink, we fail to cry out for your saving hand. Forgive us, O Lord. Lift us from our fear and doubt, and strengthen our faith, that we may walk with Christ wherever he leads. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: when Peter cried out, “Lord, save me,” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him. So it is with us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, held, and made new. Thanks be to God! Amen!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

August 9 — Sunday

Blessing of the Backpacks

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Choir Practice
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:00 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration
- 12:15 pm Worship Team Meeting (CR)

August 10 — Monday

First Day of School (Academy)

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

August 11 — Tuesday

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

August 12 — Wednesday

- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)
- 5:45 pm Congregational Dinner (GP)
- 6:30 pm Contemporary Service (GP)

August 13 — Thursday

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

August 14 — Friday

- 6:00 pm SBM/Arc Meeting* (CR)

August 15 — Saturday

- 10:00 am PW Bible Study Overview (Zoom)
- 10:00 am Girl Scout Meeting* (GP)
- 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

August 16 — 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)
- 9:45 am Choir Practice
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:15 pm Congregational Care Meeting (CR)

August 17 — Monday

- 10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (P)
- 6:00 pm Boy Scouts (GP 4)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

August 18 — Tuesday

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

August 19 — Wednesday

August 20 — Thursday
PresPress Articles Due

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

August 21 — Friday

- 5:00 pm Academy Open House



August 22 — Saturday

- 11:00 am Hot Meals
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

Announcements & Events:

The Flowers for this morning are given by Lee Dudinsky, to the Glory of God, and are in honor of Christina Holland’s birthday.

August Birthday Celebration — Please join family, friends, and congregation members right after Worship today as we celebrate those in our church community born in August. Linger for conversation, fellowship, and light snacks.

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>.



Please join us for a Christ in Action Contemporary Worship Service this Wednesday, August 12th, at 6:30 PM! The Fellowship Committee will host a dinner at 5:45 PM in the Gathering Place before the Service begins. Childcare will be provided. We hope to see you there!

The Gathering Place will meet on Monday, August 17th, at 10:00 AM! The theme for this month is Lets Go Camping! Please see Jacquie Ballesteros or Sarah Dikeman if you are interested in helping out.

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.

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!

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 Christ be with you!

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 & Pastor Savannah

Blessing of the Backpacks

ANTHEM

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Kyle Eveler

SERMON INTRO

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

Red Pew Bible NT 16

SERMON

“Seeing Clearly in the Storm”

Rev. Savannah Goodman

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” (v. 1, 2)

GTG, No. 829

*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

