



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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Minister: All Members of the Church
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Co-Pastor: Rev. Savannah Goodman
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Sarah Powell
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Worship Leader: Donald McDaniel
Treasurer: Neal Dikeman

The Session

Clerk: Jan Fitts

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Class of 2027

Joel Alegria
Beth Mizwa
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Class of 2028

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Academy Board

Carla Pace
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Lee Dudinsky
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“When We Need Him the Most”
September 13, 2026

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 103:1-4)

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

People: And all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.

Leader: God forgives. God always forgives.

People: God heals. God heals broken bodies and troubled souls.

Leader: God transforms with steadfast love.

ALL: Bless God’s holy name forever!

*HYMN

“God of the Sparrow”

GTG, No. 22

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Before we can hear God’s truth spoken in love, we must free ourselves from all that obstructs us from honestly acknowledging our wrongdoing. Let us examine our hearts and confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings, you desire to gather your children. But division and disagreement plague us. We cling to rigid certainties, approach each other in arrogance, and fail to listen. We run away from conflict, rather than working through it. Forgive us, Holy God. Help us grow in faith, mature in relationship, and be transformed through your steadfast love. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from James 5:15-16)

Leader: The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, redeemed, and restored to God’s path of righteousness. Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

September 13 — Sunday

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

September 14 — Monday

10:30 am Staff Meeting (P)

3:30 pm WOW (S)

5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting (P)

5:30 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP)

6:00 pm Building Renovation Meeting (CR)

7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

September 15 — Tuesday

Academy Picture Day (Parlor)

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce* (Field)

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

7:00 pm Property Meeting (CR)

7:00 pm Faith Development Meeting (Zoom)

September 16 — Wednesday

Academy Picture Day (Parlor)

9:30 am PW ZIP Trip: Houston Toy Museum!

5:45 pm WNS: Tacos!

September 17 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

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

5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce* (Field)

6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

6:00 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting (FH)

September 18 — Friday

September 19 — 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

September 20 — Sunday

PresPress Articles Due

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

10:15 am Acolyte Training (S)

10:50 am Worship

12:15 pm Congregational Care Meeting (CR)

2:00 pm Youth: Activate Houston!

5:00 pm BSA Committee Meeting (GP)

September 21 — Monday

10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)

3:30 pm WOW (S)

5:30 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP)

7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

September 22 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce* (Field)

6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

7:00 pm Session (CR)

September 23 — Wednesday

9:30 am Happy Hands (CR)

5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)

5:45 pm WNS: Pork Tenderloin!

6:30 pm Budget Meeting (CR)

September 24 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

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

5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce* (Field)

6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

September 25 — Friday

6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting* (FH)

September 26 — 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 celebration of Harrison Dudinsky’s birthday.

September Birthday Celebration — Please join family, friends, and congregation members right after our 10:50 AM worship service today, as we celebrate those in our church community born in September. Linger for conversation, fellowship, and light snacks.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, September 16th, at 5:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall! Barbara and Don Tremble are making Tacos. Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

The Gathering Place will meet on Monday, September 21st, at 10:00 AM! The theme for this month is *Fiesta!* Please see Jacquie Ballesteros or Sarah Dikeman if you are interested in helping out.

Happy Hands will meet on Wednesday, September 23rd, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. We’ll be stuffing and stitching. If you have other projects to work on, bring those as well. We hope you can make it!

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.

If you make purchases for the church, please keep a copy of our tax-exempt form in your car or wallet. Even small tax savings add up and help us be better stewards of the church’s finances. Please stop by the office and the staff can provide you with one.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

God’s People Are Empowered

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Pastor Mark

ANTHEM “I’ve Got Peace Like A River” Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Open us, Eternal God, to your Word read and proclaimed. Help us not to turn from your truth or avoid your message. Help us be receptive to the wisdom you offer. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 6:11-22 Red Pew Bible OT 5

SERMONETTE “Sometimes You Gotta Clean House” Rev. Mark Plunkett

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 8:6-12 Red Pew Bible OT 6

SERMONETTE “Hope When You Can’t See It” Rev. Mark Plunkett

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 9:12-17 Red Pew Bible OT 7

SERMONETTE “Let’s Make a Deal” Rev. Mark Plunkett

FOURTH SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 8:24-27 Red Pew Bible NT 8

SERMONETTE “Who Is This Guy?” Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

*HYMN “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” (v. 1, 3, 4) GTG, No. 8

*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

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

Holy God, bless these gifts for your good use. May these tokens of our gratitude be of service in blessing the poor, feeding the hungry, and clothing and sheltering those struggling to survive. Use these gifts to further Christ’s mission and ministry in a hurting world. 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 *“How Firm a Foundation”* (v. 1, 2, 5) GTG, No. 463

*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 **October 7th 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.