



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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Minister: All Members of the Church
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Sarah Powell
Mission Leader: Joel Alegria
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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Carla Pace
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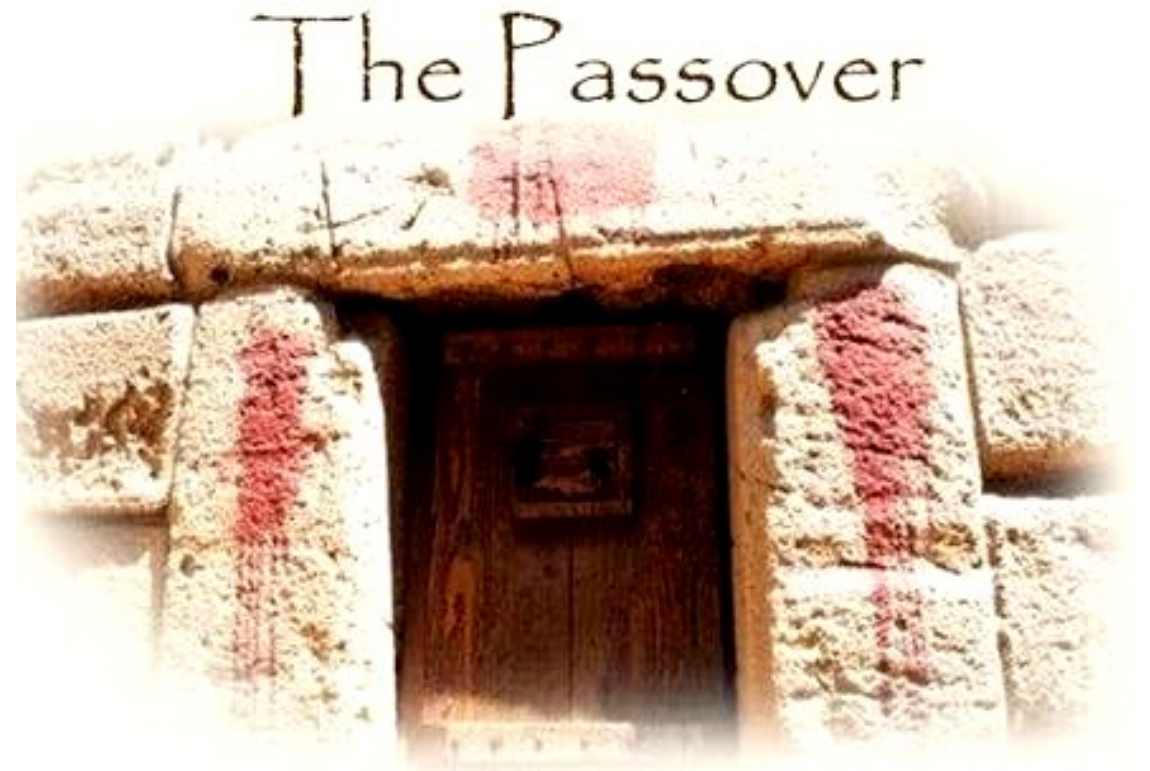
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“Liberating Love”
September 6, 2026

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

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God hears the cries of God’s people and delivers them from bondage.

People: We come to worship the God who remembers, rescues, and makes us new.

Leader: The Lord has called us out of darkness and gathered us into a covenant of grace.

People: We come with grateful hearts, remembering God’s mighty acts of salvation.

Leader: Let us worship the God whose mercy passes over us and whose love sets us free.

People: We offer our praise to the Lord, our Redeemer and our hope.

ALL: Let us worship God together!

***HYMN** *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”* GTG, No. 65

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: God’s deliverance of Israel reminds us that we are a people who live by grace. Yet we confess that we often forget the One who has saved us. We cling to old patterns of fear, self-reliance, and sin rather than trusting the God who calls us into freedom. In humility, let us confess our sins before God and one another. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Holy and merciful God, you have called us from fear into trust, and from death into life. Yet we confess that we often return to the places from which you have delivered us. We forget your faithfulness, resist your guidance, and fail to love our neighbors as you have commanded. Forgive us, O God. Remove from us the stubbornness of heart that keeps us from following you. Teach us to remember your saving acts and to live as people marked by your grace. Shape us into a community that reflects your compassion, justice, and mercy. As you protected and delivered your people at the Passover, cover us with your redeeming love and make us faithful witnesses of your salvation. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

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)
5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce* (Field)
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)
5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce* (Field)
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

September 11 — Friday

6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting* (CR)

September 12 — Saturday

6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)



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 (CR)
6:00 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP)
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 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
(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 Alice Ash.

The Church & Academy will be closed tomorrow, 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.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, September 9th, at 5:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall! Jan Fitts is making Spaghetti & Meatballs. Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

September Birthday Celebration — Please join family, friends, and congregation members on Sunday, September 13th, right after our 10:50 AM worship service as we celebrate those in our church community born in September. Linger for conversation, fellowship, and light snacks.

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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: the God who delivered Israel from Egypt is the same God who delivers us from sin and death. Through Jesus Christ, our Passover Lamb, God has made us a forgiven and renewed people. Believe the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free. Thanks be to God! Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: ...The peace of Christ be with you!
People: And also with you.

*GLORIA PATRI

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

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Pastor Savannah

ANTHEM "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Choir

SERMON INTRO

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 12:1-14 Red Pew Bible OT 58

SERMON "Liberating Love" Rev. Savannah Goodman

Responding to the Word

*HYMN "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" GTG, No. 803

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

Gracious and redeeming God, we offer these gifts in thanksgiving for your abundant mercy. You have brought us out of bondage, called us your own, and invited us into the work of your kingdom. Bless these offerings and use them to proclaim your love, serve those in need, and bring freedom and hope to your world. May our generosity be a testimony that we belong to you and that we trust your provision. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

- The Invitation
- The Words of Institution
- Serving of the Elements
- Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 *“Now Thank We All Our God”* GTG, No. 643

*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 **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.



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.