



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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“Who Are We Becoming?”
October 11, 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, for the Lord has called us to be a treasured possession, a holy people, and a community set apart for God’s purposes.

People: We gather to worship the God who brought us out of bondage and calls us into covenant faithfulness.

Leader: The Lord has spoken words of life, teaching us the ways of love, justice, mercy, and holiness.

People: We come with humble hearts, ready to hear God’s voice and follow God’s commands.

Leader: Let us worship the God who saves, who guides, and who makes us God’s own.

People: We offer our praise and our lives to the One who has called us into covenant.

ALL: Let us worship God together!

*HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

GTG, No. 1

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: God’s commandments reveal both the goodness of God’s ways and the places where we have turned aside. As we come before the Lord who delivered Israel and calls us into covenant, let us confess our sins, trusting in God’s mercy and steadfast love. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy and faithful God, you have called us to be your people and have shown us the way of life through your commandments. Yet we confess that we often seek our own ways instead of your ways. We have worshiped things other than you, trusted in our own strength, and failed to honor you with our whole lives. We have taken what is not ours, spoken words that harm, neglected our neighbors, and allowed our desires to lead us away from your love. Forgive us, O God. Shape us again as a covenant people. Write your commandments upon our hearts, that we may love you fully and love our neighbors faithfully. By your grace, make us more like Christ, who fulfilled your law through perfect love. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

October 11 — 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
- 12:30 pm Girl Scout Planning Meeting* (GP)
- 4:00 pm Cub Scouts: AOL (GP & Scout Hut)
- 4:00 pm Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (GP 1 & 2)

October 12 — Monday

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (P)
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting (CR)
- 5:30 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

October 13 — Tuesday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce* (Field)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 6:15 pm Cub Scouts: Bear (GP 1 & 2)
- 6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting (CR)
- 7:00 pm Horizon’s Bible Study on Zoom
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (GP 4)

October 14 — Wednesday

- 9:30 am PW Circle (CR)
- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1 & 2)
- 5:45 pm WNS: Pulled Pork Sandwiches!
- 6:30 pm Contemporary Worship Service (GP)

October 15 — 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)

October 16 — Friday

- 5:30 pm Trunk or Treat (Parking Lot)
- 6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting* (FH)

October 17 — Saturday

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

October 18 — Children’s Sabbath Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children’s Sunday School (Garden Rm)
- 9:30 am Youth Sunday School (YR)
- 9:45 am Choir Practice
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:15 pm Congregational Care Meeting (CR)

October 19 — 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)

October 20 — Tuesday

- PresPress Articles Due
- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 7:00 pm Faith Development Meeting (Zoom)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (GP 4)

October 21 — Wednesday

- 10:00 am PW ZIP Trip: Hearts & Hands!
- 5:45 pm WNS: Hamburgers!
- 6:30 pm Contemporary Worship Service (GP)

October 22 — Thursday

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

October 23 — Friday

October 24 — Saturday

- 11:00 am Hot Meals
- 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:

October Birthday Celebration — Linger after Worship today to celebrate those in our Congregation who have birthdays in October. This is an opportunity to partake of light refreshments, as well as visit and enjoy each other’s company. We hope you will join us!

Cub Scout Pack 552 Christmas Greenery Sale — Get ready for Christmas while supporting Cub Scout Pack 552! Our church-sponsored Cub Scouts are selling beautiful, fresh Christmas greenery that will be delivered in early December — just in time for the holiday season! The fresh greenery smells wonderful and adds a festive Christmas touch to any room. Scouts will be available before and after Worship on **October 11th and 25th, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM** to take your order. Thank you for supporting Pack 552!

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, October 14th, at 5:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall! Jeannie Stockton is making Pulled Pork Sandwiches. Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

Please join us for a **Christ in Action Contemporary Worship Service** this Wednesday, October 14th, at 6:30 PM! **Rev. Greg Han will be leading us in Worship!** Childcare will be provided.

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, October 14th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Please contact Patti Nanney if you’d like to attend via Zoom. **The Evening Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday, October 13th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 2 video is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/united-through-christ-bound-to-each-other.

The Academy is hosting a Spooktacular Trunk or Treat in the parking lot this Friday, October 16th, from 5:30-6:30 PM. Church members are encouraged to attend and sponsor a Trunk or Treat vehicle. Copies of the registration form are available in the Narthex and in the Friday email. Please submit forms to the Academy office by October 12th.

The Gathering Place will meet on Monday, October 19th, at 10:00 AM! The theme for this month is *Halloween/Fall!* Please see Jacquie Ballesteros or Sarah Dikeman if you are interested in helping out.

The Presbyterian Women of Spring Branch Presbyterian Church will ZIP to the Annual Hearts and Hands Bazaar on Wednesday, October 21st, at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church (12955 Memorial Drive, 77079). The Bazaar opens at 10:00 AM, and will close at 3:00 PM. The bazaar features many hand-crafted items, as well as unique items from vendors across the country. Lunch is served at a small charge and is delicious. All profits are directed toward the ministries of the church involving women, children, and families. You may meet with someone at SBPC and carpool, or meet us there. Please email (mepriest@hotmail.com) or text (281-435-3941) Marguerite Priest to let her know if you are carpooling or arriving separately. The Presbyterian Men are invited to join us, as well as friends and family. We hope to see you there!

Our Happy Hands group will meet for the last time for 2026 on Wednesday, October 28th, at 9:30 AM, in the Conference Room. We hope you can make it before we break because of the November and December holidays!

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: the God who delivered Israel from slavery is the same God who delivers us from sin and death. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and called into new life. Friends, believe the gospel: in Christ we are forgiven and freed to walk in the ways of God’s love. Thanks be to God. Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

***GLORIA** *“From the Sun’s Rising”* LUYH, No. 25

From the sun’s rising unto the sun’s setting, Jesus our Lord shall be great in the earth; and all earth’s kingdoms shall be his dominion, all of creation shall sing of his worth.

*Let ev’ry heart, ev’ry voice, ev’ry tongue join with spirits ablaze.
One in his love, we will circle the world with the song of his praise.
O let all his people rejoice, and let all the earth hear his voice!*

God’s People Are Empowered

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Pastor Savannah

ANTHEM *“If Ye Love Me”* Choir

SERMON INTRO

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 19:3-7, 20:1-17 Red Pew Bible OT 65

SERMON *“Who Are We Becoming?”* Rev. Savannah Goodman

Responding to the Word

***HYMN** *“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”* (v. 1, 3, 4, 5) GTG, No. 688

***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

***OUR RESPONSE** *“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”* LUYH, No. 114

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.*

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong."
Let the poor say, "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks!*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(unison)*
Faithful and generous God, we offer these gifts as a response to your abundant grace. Receive what we bring and use it for the building of your kingdom, the care of your people, and the flourishing of your creation. May our offerings become signs of your love in the world. Shape our hearts so that we do not merely give from what we have, but offer our whole selves in faithful obedience to you. May our lives reflect the covenant you have made with us and the love you have shown us in Jesus Christ. 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** *“Here I Am, Lord”* GTG, No. 69

***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

This special gathering takes place at 6:30 PM on Wednesday evenings in The Gathering Place. 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! 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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