



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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Minister: All Members of the Church
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The Session

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Joel Alegria
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Class of 2028

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Carla Pace
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Lee Dudinsky
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Serving today in Worship:

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Children's Moment: Megan Hogg
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“Who Can Help?”
October 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026

10:50 AM

*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, you who feel unseen.
ALL: Open our eyes, Lord, to see them.
Leader: Come, you who are weary of the world's divisions.
ALL: Open our arms, Lord, to give them a place to rest.
Leader: Today we gather to imagine God’s 'Someday' where all are brought inside the circle of love.
ALL: Open our hearts, Lord, to see and be a part of Your ‘Someday.’

OPENING SONG

“Somewhere” From West Side Story
Kyle Eveler & Sophia Saenz

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: There’s a place for us. But who do we consider a part of us? The people in this room? In our families? Our friends? Who does God consider as part of us? God considers ‘us’ to be everyone. He loves and cares for everyone and asks us to do the same. Please join me in praying and realizing we still have a lot of work to do to make a place for all of us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we often close our eyes to the outcasts at our steps. We protect our own comfort instead of seeking your justice. We forget that your love and care must come through us. We choose to aid those we feel deserve it. We forget that everyone is your child, and everyone deserves your love through our actions. Forgive us for our silence and inaction. Help us to hear with fresh ears, see with new eyes, and feel with open hearts. Help us serve you by serving those who need you. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

October 25 — Reformation Sunday

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
9:45 am Choir Practice
10:50 am Worship
12:30 pm Girl Scout Meeting* (GP 1 & 2)
4:00 pm Cub Scouts: AOL (Scout Hut)
4:00 pm Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (GP 1 & 2)
5:00 pm BSA Committee Meeting (GP)

October 26 — Monday

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

October 27 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
6:15 pm Cub Scouts: Bear (GP 1 & 2)
7:00 pm Session (CR)

October 28 — Wednesday

9:30 am Happy Hands (CR)
5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1 & 2)
5:45 pm WNS: Chicken Tacos!
6:30 pm Contemporary Worship Service (GP)

October 29 — Thursday

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

October 30 — Friday

October 31 — Saturday

6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)



November 1 — All Saints’ Sunday

Daylight Savings Time Ends
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
12:00 pm Handbell Choir (S)
2:00 pm Sunday Craft Workshop (FH)
4:00 pm Cub Scouts: Wolf (GP 1 & 2)



November 2 — Monday

9:30 am TGP Planning Meeting (CR)
3:30 pm WOW (S)
5:30 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP)
6:00 pm PW Unwind: Postinos!
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

November 3 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
1:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (CR)
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

November 4 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Moderators (CR)
10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)
5:45 pm WNS: Beef & Noodles!
6:30 pm Contemporary Worship Service (GP)

November 5 — 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)

November 6 — Friday

November 7 — Saturday

9:00 am Cub Scouts Service Project (VOE)
11:15 am Youth: Houston Food Bank
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 Austin Holland’s birthday.

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 **TODAY, Sunday, October 25th, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM** to take your order. Thank you for supporting Pack 552!

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!

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, October 28th, at 5:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall! Kate & Ellie Cross are making Chicken Tacos, Corn, and Black Beans. Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

November Craft Workshop: Sewing Blue Jean Bags — Join us on Sunday, November 1st, from 2:00-4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for our next fun workshop. We will be working on making blue jean bags out of old blue jeans that Theresa is donating. They can be simple grocery bags, or lined bags, or purses. If you don’t want to make a bag, you can bring your machine and make more pillowcases as we did last year. We have packets ready. Bring your sewing machine if you have one. For more information: Call Kay Craig at 713-248-4138 or email to kay@craig-heidt.com.

Handbells are making a return! Do you have hands for a joyful noise rather than a voice? – Then handbells wants YOU! The Handbell Choir will meet after Worship on Sunday, November 1st & November 8th, and again at 9:00 AM on Sunday, November 15th. Please see Megan Hogg if you’d like to join! The Handbell Choir will play during Worship on Sunday, November 15th.

The Gathering Place Program will be holding a planning meeting on Monday, November 2nd, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. If you are a current volunteer, or if you’d like to volunteer, this meeting might be of interest to you.

The Unwind Group will meet for dinner on Monday, November 2nd, at 6:00 PM at Postino’s (791 Town and Country Blvd, 77024). Please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114, only if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there!

Join us for Messy Church on Thursday, November 5th, for Perfectly Platypus! 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 signup for updates, and follow along with us at: www.facebook.com/MessyChurchSBPC.

Save-the-Date for our November Blood Drive – SBPC will have a Blood Drive on Sunday, November 8th. Please contact Joel Alegria at joelalegria1984@yahoo.com if you would like to sign up to donate. Share the gift of life!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: While we still have work left to do, let us remember, God’s grace is free, abundant, and wide enough for everyone. Please stand and share the peace of God with one another. Peace be with you.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

RESPONSE “The Human Heart” From *Once On This Island*
Rachael Castillo & Choir

God’s People Are Empowered

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Megan Hogg

SONG “Not While I’m Around” From *Sweeney Todd* Rachael Castillo

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)
God of the Forgotten, open our hearts to your Word today. Clear away our blind spots and grant us your truth, so that transformed by your message, we may go forth to stand with the outcast, lift the broken, and make the voices of the silence heard. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 14:12-14 Red Pew Bible NT 77

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 13:1-3 Red Pew Bible NT 227

SERMON “Who Can Help?” Megan Hogg
“God Help the Outcasts” From *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*
Rebecca Castillo

“No One Is Alone” From *Into the Woods*
Rachael Castillo, Kyle Eveler, Sophia Saenz, Keith Trimble

Responding to the Word

***HYMN** “What Does the Lord Require of You?” GTG, No. 70

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*unison*) (*from the Confession of 1967*)
We acknowledge that God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of human minds. We ascribe to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But in Jesus Christ God reveals love by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God’s love in Christ transforms the world and discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love. Amen.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Beautiful City" From Godspell Kyle Eveler

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (written by John Tillman)

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

SONG "Make Them Hear You" From Ragtime
Keith Trimble

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESONSE
"Someday" From The Hunchback of Notre Dame
Sophia Saenz & Keith Trimble

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

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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