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"The Good News and the Bad News"

November 1, 2026

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

November 1, 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** *(from Psalm 145)*
Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
People: There is no end to His greatness.
Leader: One generation shall praise your works to another;
People: And shall declare your power!
Leader: All your works praise you, Lord,
People: And your faithful servants bless you!
Leader: They make known the glory of your kingdom,
People: And speak of your power.
Leader: My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord!
ALL: Let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

***HYMN** *"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"* GTG, No. 35

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION
Leader: Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love with all the saints in earth and heaven. Knowing our unworthiness and sin, let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*
Eternal God, in every age, you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. Forgive our indifference to your will. You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent. You have called us to do what is just, but we have been fearful. Have mercy upon us, your faithless servants. Keep before us faithful people for us to follow so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to the praise of your holy name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

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
10:30 am Called Session Meeting (P)
10:50 am Worship
12:00 pm Handbell Choir (S)
2:00 pm Sunday Craft Workshop (FH)

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)

November 8 — Sunday
8:30 am Blood Drive (FH)
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 Handbell Choir (S)
12:30 pm Girl Scout Planning Meeting* (GP)
4:00 pm Cub Scouts: AOL (GP & Scout Hut)
6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Wolf (GP 1 & 2)

November 9 — 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)

November 10 — Tuesday
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
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

November 11 — Wednesday
9:30 am PW Circle (CR)
5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1 & 2)
5:45 pm WNS: Spaghetti & Meatballs!
6:30 pm Contemporary Worship Service (GP)

November 12 — Thursday
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)
7:00 pm Thanksgiving Community Concert
7:30 pm Mission Team Meeting (Zoom)

November 13 — Friday

November 14 — Saturday
6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

Announcements & Events:

The Flowers for this morning are given by Marguerite Priest, to the Glory of God, and are in loving memory of her great aunt, Joy Van Devender, and her sister, Cathey Lou Roth.

November Craft Workshop: Sewing Blue Jean Bags — Join us TODAY, 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, please see Kay Craig.

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 tomorrow, 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 Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, November 4th, at 5:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall! Silvia Argyriou is making Beef & Noodles. Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. 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 Ashley Powell at 972-571-2499 or ashleycrawford161@gmail.com if you would like to sign up to donate. Donors will receive a free Gulf Coast Blood themed crewneck! Share the gift of life!

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, November 11th, 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, November 10th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 3 video is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/united-through-christ-bound-to-each-other.

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church is hosting a Thanksgiving Community Concert on Thursday, November 12th, at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. The SBPC Chancel Choir will be joined by the Northbrook & Memorial High School Choirs. The concert will be streamed live to the SBPC YouTube & Facebook pages. Please make plans to attend!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: You are no longer strangers or aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God. You are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him, the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God. Amen!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: ...May the peace of the Lord be with you all!
People: And also with you!

***GLORIA** *"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"* GTG, No. 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Pastor Mark

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life! Help us know to hear and obey what you say to each of us today. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen!

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:1-12 Red Pew Bible NT 4

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 23:13-36 Red Pew Bible NT 25

ANTHEM *"Acclamation" (from Gospel Mass)* Choir

SERMON *"The Good News and the Bad News"* Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

RECEPTION AND WELCOME TO A NEW CHURCH MEMBER Beverly Herring

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.

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

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)*
Everything we have comes from Your hand. We return to You now a portion of what You have so generously given us. Receive these tithes and offerings as an act of worship and trust. Bless these gifts, and multiply them for Your purposes, using them to spread hope, support Your church, and serve those in need. Teach us to be cheerful and faithful stewards. In Jesus' name, Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
- **The Invitation**
- **The Words of Institution**
- **Serving of the Elements**
- **Prayer After Receiving**

REMEMBERING ALL THE SAINTS IN OUR LIVES

PASTORAL PRAYER FOR WELCOME AND LOVE, 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** *"For All the Saints"* (v. 1, 3, 5) GTG, No. 326

***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

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.

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.