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"The Gift of Grace"

November 8, 2026

24th Sunday After Pentecost

November 8, 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, all who long for the healing presence of God.
People: We come seeking the One whose mercy knows no boundaries.
Leader: God meets the mighty and the humble, the stranger and the neighbor.
People: God calls us to lay aside our pride and trust in divine grace.
Leader: Come and worship the God who makes all things new.
People: Let us worship the Lord with grateful hearts!
ALL: Let us worship God together!

***HYMN** *"Come, Thou Almighty King"* GTG, No. 2

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION
Leader: Naaman came seeking healing but almost missed God's grace because it came in a way he did not expect. We, too, often cling to pride, certainty, and self-reliance when God calls us to humility, trust, and obedience. Yet the God who healed Naaman welcomes us with compassion and invites us to be made whole. Let us confess our sin together. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*
Merciful God, we confess that we often expect your grace to come on our own terms. We seek dramatic signs while overlooking the quiet ways you are at work among us. Like Naaman, we resist humility and prefer our own understanding to your wisdom. Forgive us when pride keeps us from trusting you. Forgive us when prejudice blinds us to your work through unexpected people. Forgive us when fear prevents us from stepping into the healing you offer. Wash us in your mercy. Cleanse our hearts from all that separates us from you and from one another. Teach us to trust your promises, to follow where you lead, and to rejoice in the gift of your abundant grace. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

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 1 & 2)
6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Wolf (Village Fire Dept.)

November 9 — Monday
10:30 am Staff Meeting (P)
3:00 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
Veterans Day
9:30 am PW Circle (CR)
5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1 & 2)
5:45 pm WNS: Cranberry Chicken!
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)
6:30 pm Thanksgiving Community Concert (S)
7:30 pm Mission Team Meeting (Zoom)

November 13 — Friday

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

November 15 — Sunday
9:00 am Handbell Choir (S)
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
12:15 pm Congregational Care Meeting (CR)
12:30 pm Girl Scout Planning Meeting* (GP)
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)

November 16 — Monday
10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)
3:30 pm WOW (S)
5:30 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP)
6:30 pm Cub Scouts: Webelos (GP 1 & 2)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

November 17 — Tuesday
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
7:00 pm Faith Development Meeting (Zoom)

November 18 — Wednesday
5:45 pm WNS: Chicken Pot Pies!
6:30 pm Contemporary Worship Service (GP)

November 19 — Thursday
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

November 20 — Friday
PresPress Articles Due
6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting* (GP)

November 21 — Saturday
6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

Announcements & Events:

Thank you to everyone who is participating in our Blood Drive this morning. If you'd like to donate blood, come down to the Fellowship Hall before 12:30 PM! Donors will receive a free Gulf Coast Blood themed crewneck. *Share the gift of life!*

November Birthday Celebration — Join friends and congregation members immediately after Worship today, Sunday, November 8th, as we celebrate our November birthdays. We will have light snacks and birthday treats. See you then!

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 today, Sunday, November 8th, and again at 9:00 AM on Sunday, November 15th. Please see Megan Hogg if you would like to join! The Handbell Choir will play during Worship on Sunday, November 15th.

During the month of November, we are collecting coats of any kind or size to benefit the Pagosa Springs, CO flood victims. Donations can be brought to the bin in the Education Building Foyer.

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.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, November 11th, at 5:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall! Jan Fitts is making Cranberry Chicken. Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church is hosting a Thanksgiving Community Concert this Thursday, November 12th, at 6:30 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. A light reception will follow. Please make plans to attend!

Our Stewardship Campaign, *You're IN at SBPC*, is underway! We will be talking about Stewardship and our contributions to SBPC, leading up to Dedication Sunday on November 22nd, at which time we will celebrate with a church-wide lunch in the Gathering Place after the Worship Service. During Worship, you will be invited to turn in both your Pledge Card and Time and Talent Pledge. Thank you for your continued commitment!

Hanging of the Greens! Everyone is invited to help prepare the Sanctuary for the Advent Season immediately after the Stewardship Luncheon on Sunday, November 22nd. We are hoping to have many hands helping this year, so please come join us! Please see Donald McDaniel if you have any questions, or if you can attend.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! The God who healed Naaman still delights in restoring broken lives. God's mercy is not earned by status, achievement, or perfection - it is freely given through Jesus Christ. In Christ, your sins are forgiven, your hearts are renewed, and your lives are made new. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

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

SERMON INTRO

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Kings 5:1-15 Red Pew Bible OT 336

SERMON *"The Gift of Grace"* Rev. Savannah Goodman

Responding to the Word

***HYMN** *"It Is Well with My Soul"* (v. 1, 4) GTG, No. 840

***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)*
Generous God, you have blessed us beyond measure with your steadfast love and healing grace. Receive these gifts and receive our lives. Use what we offer today to proclaim your mercy, to bring hope where there is despair, healing where there is brokenness, and justice where there is need. Keep us humble in service, faithful in generosity, and courageous in discipleship, so that others may come to know that there is no God but you. Through Jesus Christ, who gave himself for the life of the 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** *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"* (insert)

***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.