



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church
 Pastor: Rev. Mark Plunkett
 Administrator: Jorida Vakiari
 Ministries Coordinator: C. Miguel Carlin
 Administrative Assistant: Ethan Mitchell
 Music Director: Gabriel Perez
 Accompanist: Jonathan Craft
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 AV Technician: Ben Dethloff
 Academy Director: Renee Henry

Ministry Teams:

Administration Leader: Ethan Mitchell
 Congregation Leader: Kay Craig
 Faith Development Leader: Jacquie Ballesteros
 Mission Leader: Laurie Mitchell
 Worship Leader: Donald McDaniel
 Treasurer: Neal Dikeman

The Session

Clerk: Elizabeth Powell

Moderator: Rev. Mark Plunkett

Class of 2025

Jacquie Ballesteros
 Stephen Earnest
 Laurie Mitchell

Class of 2026

Kay Craig
 Sarah Dikeman
 Ethan Mitchell

Class of 2027

Joel Alegria
 Beth Mizwa
 Nina Rach

Academy Board

Jan Fitts
 Jim Kunkel

Neal Dikeman
 Ashley Powell

Carla Pace
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Serving today in Worship:

Liturgist: Donald McDaniel
Children's Moment: Patti Nanney
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*Voices from the Old Testament:
 Jeremiah and David
 June 30, 2024*

**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 130)*

Leader: Wait for the Lord, like those who hope in God's mercy.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Watch for God, like those who eagerly await the morning.

People: We watch for God, whose power redeems us.

Leader: Hear God's hopeful word, like those who long for pardon.

People: Sing praise to God and rejoice in God's love.

ALL: Let us all praise and worship our merciful and loving God!

***HYMN**

"Rejoice in God's Saints"

GTG, No. 732

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: During his time on this earth, our Lord told his followers many things: love one another, have faith, do not strike back, and many other things that revealed the Kingdom of God to them. Today, we have the chance to take advantage of something else he said: *"All who call on the name of the Lord will be saved."* During our prayers of confession, let us call on His holy and forgiving Name.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(from Psalm 130 and Mark 5)*

Out of the depths of despair, we cry to you, O God. We are lost in a world of pain and suffering. When we put our trust in weapons of war, we find no peace. When we put our faith in our own resources, we feel the ache of our true needs. When we put our hope in the health of our bodies, we suffer pain and find no healing. Come to us, O God. Forgive our doubts and fears. Heal our brokenness, that we may rejoice in your steadfast love. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: There is forgiveness and healing with God. God's steadfast love has the power to redeem our brokenness and make us whole. Believe this today and always! Amen!

June 30 — Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:50 am Worship
- 7:00 pm Mission Team Meeting (Zoom)

July 1 — Monday

Rev. Savannah Goodman's first day!

- 9:30 am WOW (S)
- 6:00 pm PW Unwind: North China Restaurant!
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

July 2 — Tuesday

- 9:15 am Congregational Care Meeting (CR)
- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

July 3 — Wednesday

- 6:00 pm July 3rd Party (FH)

July 4 — Thursday

Church & Academy Closed



July 5 — Friday

Church & Academy Closed

- 7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

July 6 — Saturday

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

July 7 — Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:50 am Worship
- 7:00 pm BSA Planning Meeting (GP)



July 8 — Monday

- 9:30 am WOW (S)
- 5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting (CR)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

July 9 — Tuesday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting (CR)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

July 10 — Wednesday

July 11 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

July 12 — Friday

- 7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

July 13 — 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



Announcements & Events:

The Flowers for this morning are given by Lee Dudinsky, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of Maryam Taghadosi's birthday on June 27th.

Tomorrow, Monday, July 1st, the Unwind Group is going to North China Restaurant for dinner at 6:00 PM. This restaurant is an old favorite. It's located at 14525 Katy Freeway, 77079. As usual, please let Jacquie Ballesteros know at 713-305-1114, only if you plan to attend.

Join us for a God Bless America Party in the Fellowship Hall this Wednesday, July 3rd, at 6:00 PM. We will be having hamburgers, watermelon, ice cream, and much more! There will be a patriotic sing-a-long. Wear your red, white, and blue, and come join the party!

The Church & Academy will be closed on July 4th & 5th, in observance of Independence Day.

Thank you, Spring Branch Presbyterian Church members for helping kids at PCHAS! Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS) provides Christ-centered care and support to children and families in need. Each year, we hold an annual Back-to-School drive for our kids heading to school in the fall. All supplies from SBPC will go to support children in our Foster Care program. In order to receive the correct and complete number of needed supplies for the kids, PCHAS is utilizing an Amazon Shopping List format this year. The supplies will be shipped directly to the PCHAS Cypress Office. **Scan the QR code on the right to buy school supplies!** If you would prefer to buy your own supplies and not use the Amazon Shopping List, please bring the supplies to Miguel Carlin before July 12th. **There will be a Backpack Stuffing Party on Tuesday, July 16th, from 11:00 AM-4:00 PM at the PCHAS Cypress Office.** Please sign-up with Miguel if you'd like to attend.



Save-the-Date for our July Blood Drive — SBPC will have a Blood Drive on Sunday, July 21st, from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Ashley Powell at 972-571-2499 or ashleycrawford161@gmail.com if you would like to donate. Share the gift of life! All donors will receive an Olympics t-shirt!

Task Force Needed! - The Academy Board has set aside \$250,000 to remodel the hallways, classrooms, and bathrooms in the Education Building. We would like to form a task force as we begin to plan for what work we might want to have done to our facilities. If you are interested in joining this task force, please contact Ethan Mitchell (ethan@springbranchpres.org). We are especially interested in having any members join that have served on the Academy Board, are currently or have been an Academy parent, or have worked in early childhood education before. But of course, anyone is welcome to join!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GLORIA

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

GTG, No. 591

*Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Patti Nanney

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Startle us, O God, with your truth and open our hearts and our minds to your wondrous love. Speak your Word to us; silence in us any voice but your own, and be with us now as we turn our attention, our minds, and our hearts, to you. In Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Lamentations 3:22-33

Red Pew Bible OT 766

ANTHEM

Gabe Perez

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Red Pew Bible OT 275

SERMON

"Some Gotta Win; Some Gotta Lose"

Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

GTG, No. 834

*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

*RESPONSE

"Give Thanks"

GTG, No. 647

*Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.*

*And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
let the poor say, "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!"
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let the poor say, "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!"*

Give thanks. Give thanks.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (from 2 Corinthians 8)

Gracious God, we thank you for our present abundance and for the many blessings you have bestowed upon this community. We thank you for our faith, for our knowledge of you, and for the assurance of your love. May all these gifts be a blessing to those in need. 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

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

GTG, No. 687

*BENEDICTION

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

*POSTLUDE

Portions of today's worship service are taken from ministrymatters.com and southyarrachurch.org.

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, 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.

Worship 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.

Sunday Morning Offerings at 9:30 am

Saints Under Construction: This class meets in the Sanctuary in the Garden Room. 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.

Children's Chime Choir: The Chime Choir meets in the Sanctuary on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. This is a chance for elementary aged children to get to ring chimes as part of Worship. We are excited to continue this new adventure! Megan Hogg leads the Chime Choir.

Other Faith Development Opportunities: Watch the monthly PresPress, weekly church-wide emails, and the worship bulletin for other opportunities throughout the year. It may be a short-term Special Topic or book discussions on Sunday mornings, a week night book study, or retreat.



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.