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# Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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Minister: All Members of the Church  
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Mission Leader: Laurie Mitchell  
Worship Leader: Donald McDaniel  
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## The Session

Clerk: Elizabeth Powell

Moderator: Rev. Mark Plunkett  
Rev. Savannah Goodman

## 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  
Jorida Vakiari

## Serving today in Worship:

**Liturgist:** Glenn Lanan

**Children's Moment:** Pastor Mark & Pastor Savannah

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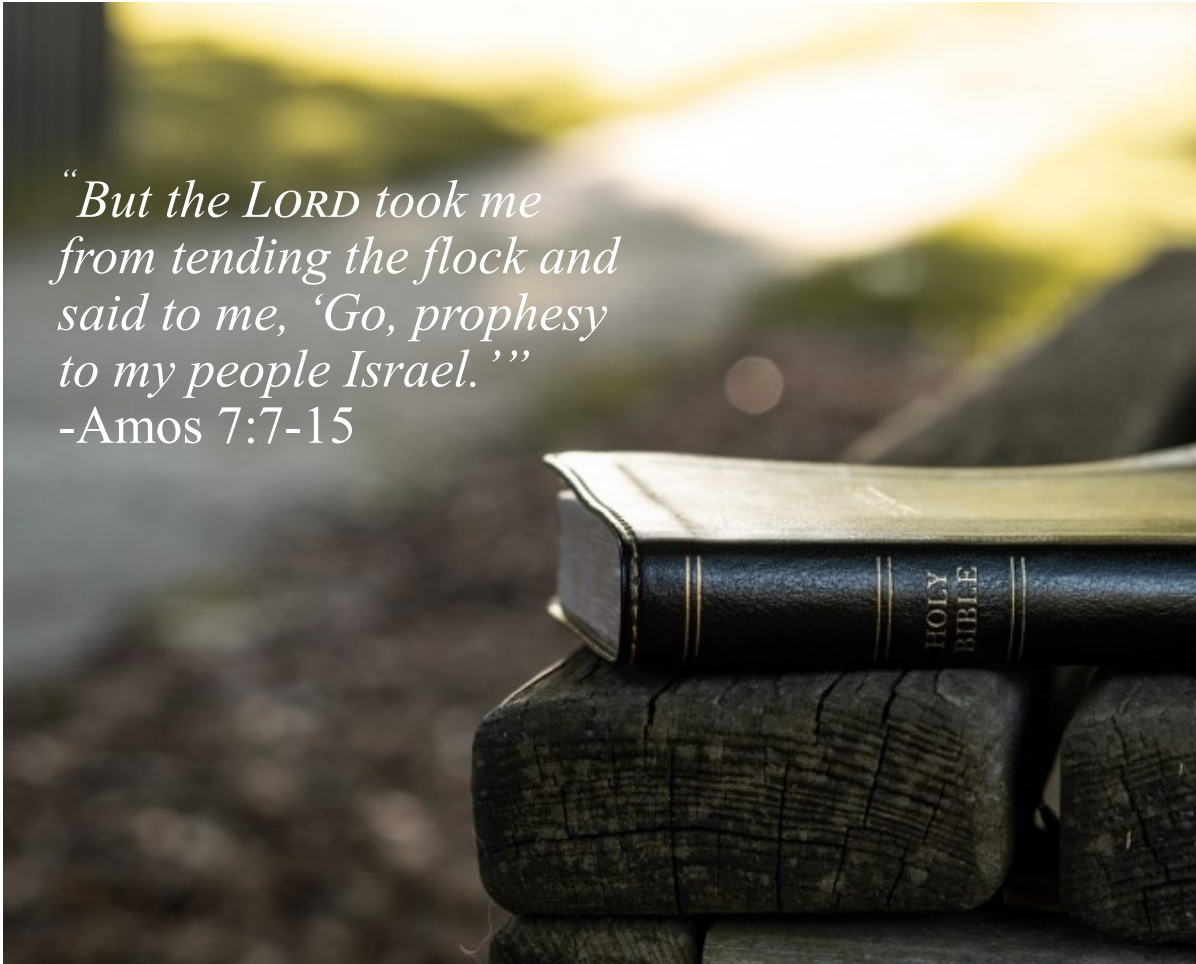
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*“But the LORD took me  
from tending the flock and  
said to me, ‘Go, prophesy  
to my people Israel.’”  
-Amos 7:7-15*

*Voices from the Old Testament: Amos  
July 14, 2024*

8th Sunday After Pentecost

July 14, 2024

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: Do you feel the love of God in this place?

**People: We see God's love and peace in the face of our friends and fellow worshippers.**

Leader: Do you hold the peace of Jesus Christ in your hearts?

**People: We know that because of Jesus, we are saved forever.**

Leader: Do you feel stronger because of the Holy Spirit?

**People: Yes! The Holy Spirit comes upon us whenever we need a measure of God's power.**

**ALL: For Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we are gathered to worship and praise. Amen!**

**\*HYMN**

*"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*

GTG, No. 267

Preparing for the Word

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Whenever we honestly look within ourselves, we clearly understand the need for the mercy and grace of God. We can hide much from the world, but we cannot hide anything from ourselves or from Almighty God. Accepting this, let us open our hearts and minds to the healing and saving power of God. Let us say together our prayer of confession for today:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(unison)*

**Tender and loving God, we do not deserve any of the mercies You extend to us every second of every day. We cannot earn your gift of forgiveness, and we cannot earn our own salvation. You have already taken care of that. Yet we dare to come to You and ask for your forgiveness and continued love. Going forward, we pledge to avoid the near occasions of sin as best we can. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

# Calendar of Events

[www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar](http://www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar)

**July 14 — Sunday**

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children's Chime Choir (S)
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:00 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration

**July 15 — Monday**

- 7:00 am Meet the New Co-Pastor! (Foyer)
- 9:30 am WOW (S)
- 10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (P)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

**July 16 — Tuesday**

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

**July 17 — Wednesday**

**July 18 — Thursday**

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

**July 19 — Friday**

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

**July 20 — Saturday**

**PresPress Articles Due**

- 8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service\* (GP)

**July 21 — Sunday**

- 8:30 am Blood Drive (FH)
- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:50 am Worship

**July 22 — Monday**

- 9:30 am WOW (S)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

**July 23 — Tuesday**

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

**July 24 — Wednesday**

- 9:30 am Happy Hands (CR)

**July 25 — Thursday**

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

**July 26 — Friday**

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

**July 27 — 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

# Announcements & Events:

**July Birthday Celebration** — Please join family, friends, and congregation members right after our 10:50 worship service today, as we celebrate those in our church community born in July. Linger for conversation, fellowship, and light snacks.

**The Gathering Place will meet tomorrow, Monday, July 15th, at 10:00 AM!** The theme for this month is *National Give Something Away Day!* Please see Jacquie Ballesteros or Sarah Dikeman if you are interested in helping out.

Thank you, Spring Branch Presbyterian Church members for helping kids at PCHAS! **There will be a Backpack Stuffing Party on Tuesday, July 23rd, 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](mailto:ashleycrawford161@gmail.com) if you would like to donate. Share the gift of life! All donors will receive an Olympics t-shirt!

**Happy Hands will meet on Wednesday, July 24th, at 9:30 AM** in the Conference Room. Join us as we stuff and close the heart pillows that are so welcomed by our area hospital patients. Lots of good fellowship. We hope to see you there!

**The Children's Sunday School Class is taking the month of July off for summer vacation.** Join us when we resume on Sunday, August 4th!

**Articles for the August edition of the PresPress are due this Saturday, July 20th.** Please submit articles to [ethan@springbranchpres.org](mailto:ethan@springbranchpres.org).

**Join us for the Annual PW Welcoming Luncheon on Sunday, August 11th from 12:15-2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall!** You are invited to bring your mothers, grandmothers, daughters, and granddaughters to join us for a lovely luncheon. We will be serving a fabulous variety of foods including a surprise entrée, salads, and dessert goodies. We will be entertained by Tracey Pace, a comedienne/Musician. We will also have the introduction to our new Bible Study for the coming year. Please RSVP to Kay Craig at 713-248-4138 or [kay@craig-heidt.com](mailto:kay@craig-heidt.com). **We will also be raffling off fun themed baskets!** Get your creative juices flowing and fill a basket! If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Miller at [jennmill60@gmail.com](mailto:jennmill60@gmail.com) or 713-562-5897.

Would you like to beautify the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings while honoring a loved one or commemorating a special occasion? **The 2024 Flower Sign-Up Calendar is located in the Narthex!** The cost per arrangement is \$65.00. Checks should be written to SBPC and mailed to the Church Office or placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Multiple times in the Bible we are told, "Fear not!" Today, let us once again claim that phrase as we contemplate our forgiveness by our merciful Lord. Our debt is paid! We are free from sin! ALLELULIA! AMEN!

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

**\*GLORIA** "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!" LUYH, No. 74

*Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burden down.  
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burden down.*

*I feel better, so much better Since I laid my burden down.  
I feel better, so much better Since I laid my burden down.*

*Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" Since I laid my burden down.  
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## God's People Are Empowered

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** Pastor Mark & Pastor Savannah

**ANTHEM** "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" Gabe Perez

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (from Psalm 85:8)  
**Through the power of the Holy Spirit, let us hear with open ears that which the Lord will speak. Gracious God, turn our hearts to You for we are listening. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Amos 7:7-15 Red Pew Bible OT 855

**SERMON** "Accepting Correction" Rev. Mark Plunkett

## Responding to the Word

**\*HYMN** "All Who Love and Serve Your City" GTG, No. 351  
(sung to the tune of "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling")

**\*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**                      *"I Sing Praises to Your Name"*                      LUYH, No. 35

*I sing praises to your name, O Lord, praises to your name, O Lord,  
for your name is great and greatly to be praised.*

*I sing praises to your name, O Lord, praises to your name, O Lord,  
for your name is great and greatly to be praised.*

*I give glory to your name, O Lord, glory to your name, O Lord,  
for your name is great and greatly to be praised.*

*I give glory to your name, O Lord, glory to your name, O Lord,  
for your name is great and greatly to be praised.*

## **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(unison)*

**Lord of Life, daily You confirm Your faithfulness in supplying all our needs. You amaze us how each new challenge is met by the glorious riches that are available in Christ Jesus. May our remembrance of Your goodness inspire our gratitude as we offer these gifts to bless and honor You. In Jesus' abundant name. 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**                                      *"Blessed Assurance"*                                      GTG, No. 839

## **\*BENEDICTION**

## **\*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD**

## **\*POSTLUDE**

*Portions of today's worship service are taken from stephenmfearing.com and worshiptraining.com.*

### *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.

### *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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



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