

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church
 Co-Pastor: Rev. Mark Plunkett
 Co-Pastor: Rev. Savannah Goodman
 Administrator: Jorida Vakiari
 Ministries Coordinator: C. Miguel Carlin
 Administrative Assistant: Ethan Mitchell
 Music Director: Gabriel Perez
 Accompanist: Jonathan Craft
 AV Director: Ethan Mitchell
 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
 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
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Serving today in Worship:

Liturgist: Miguel Carlin
Children's Moment: Miguel Carlin
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Voices from the Old Testament: Elisha
 July 28, 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 145:10-18)*

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

People: And all your faithful shall bless you.

Leader: The Lord upholds all who are falling,

People: And raises up all who are bowed down.

Leader: You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

People: The Lord is just and kind;

ALL: The Lord is near to all who call on God!

***HYMN**

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

GTG, No. 353

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: We have been called to love our God with all of our heart, mind, strength and soul, and to love our neighbor as ourselves, but our lives are constricted and self-consumed. We have failed to love God, neighbor, and ourselves as we should. Let us make the good confession before God and others.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you above all and to have no other gods. You have called us to love others as you love them. But we are personally and socially deformed by the love of other "gods" — the false gods of prosperity and materialism, of racial and ethnic privileging, of gender exclusivity, and of nationalistic imperialism. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit, that we might learn to love as you love, and to live as people who have been baptized as your own children. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear the good news of the Gospel: God's radical forgiving, transforming, and justice-seeking love will not let us go, and is always bringing resurrection and new life. Let us remember our baptisms and trust in God's mercy to restore our standing as God's own children. Thanks be to God! Amen!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar



July 28 — Sunday

Miguel Carlin's Last Day

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children's Chime Choir
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:00 pm Farewell Luncheon: Miguel Carlin

July 29 — Monday

- 9:30 am WOW (S)
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (P)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

July 30 — Tuesday

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

July 31 — Wednesday

August 1 — Thursday

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

August 2 — Friday

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

August 3 — Saturday

- 9:30 am PW Overview (GP)
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

August 4 — Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School (GP 3)
- 9:45 am Choir Practice (S)
- 10:50 am Worship

August 5 — Monday

- 7:00 am Coffee with the Pastor (Foyer)
- 9:30 am WOW (S)
- 6:00 pm PW Unwind: Athena!
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

August 6 — Tuesday

- 9:15 am Congregational Care Meeting (GP 2)
- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

August 7 — Wednesday

August 8 — Thursday

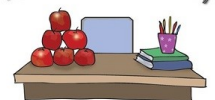
- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

August 9 — Friday

Academy Closed

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

Teacher Workday



August 10 — Saturday

- 1:00 pm Mike Wright's Memorial Service
- 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 Mark and Jeanne Plunkett, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary.

Farewell Luncheon for Miguel — Miguel Carlin, our Ministries Coordinator for the past 5 years, has accepted a new job with First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth. He begins his new job in early August. Miguel's last day at Spring Branch is today, Sunday, July 28th, and we are having an appreciation lunch after church. We hope to see you there as we bid farewell to a dedicated employee and friend of Spring Branch Presbyterian Church!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Blood Drive last Sunday! We collected 10 Whole Blood donations, 1 Double Red, and 2 Red Blood Cells, plus Plasma. Thank you to our faithful donors who help save the lives of others!

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!

MAM Back-to-School Uniform Voucher Drive - SBPC is once again collecting funds throughout the month of August for the Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) Back-to-School Uniform Voucher Drive. MAM coordinates with school guidance counselors and local vendors to provide school uniforms for local needy families. Donations can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, or mailed to the church office. Online donations can be made here: <https://tinyurl.com/MAM-Back-to-School>.

PW Unwind Dinner Group — Please join us for dinner at Athena Greek and European Kitchen on Monday, August 5th, at 6:00 PM at 13250 FM 529, Houston, TX 77041. Athena has a wonderful reputation for Greek food and has just opened their dine-in restaurant. Please RSVP, only if you plan to attend, to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114 or jballesteros1103@gmail.com.

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. **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 or 713-562-5897.

Please join us as we celebrate the Installation of Rev. Savannah Goodman as Co-Pastor For Family Ministries of SBPC! The service will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, August 17th, in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow. Please make plans to attend!

*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.
Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" Since I laid my burden down.*

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Miguel Carlin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(from Psalm 85:8)*

O God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that the Scriptures we are about to hear will become the Word of God for us in this day and time of our lives. Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Kings 4:42-44

Red Pew Bible OT 336

ANTHEM

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Kyle Eveler

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 6:1-15

Red Pew Bible NT 97

SERMON

"Let's Eat!"

Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"Be Still, My Soul"

GTG, No. 819

*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)*

O God, may these gifts be used as a witness to your love, peace, and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth. 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

"How Firm a Foundation"

GTG, No. 463

*BENEDICTION

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

*POSTLUDE

Portions of today's worship service are taken from pres-outlook.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, 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 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.