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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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Rev. Savannah Goodman

Class of 2025

Jacquie Ballesteros
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Voices from the Old Testament: Nathan
August 11, 2024

12th Sunday After Pentecost

August 11, 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** *(from Psalm 130)*

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to You: "Lord, hear my voice."

People: Let Your ears be attentive to our cries for mercy.

Leader: If you kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

People: But with you, there is forgiveness, that we might serve you with reverence.

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in God's Word I put my hope.

People: Put your hope in the Lord and in God's unfailing love.

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you.

ALL: Lord, hear our voices.

***HYMN**

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

GTG, No. 169

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: We are truly a blessed people because of the love and sacrifice of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We fall away from what is good, and yet we are welcomed back if we bring a contrite heart and a willing spirit. With that blessing in mind, let us confess our sins as a faithful community:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

O God of power and tenderness, we come before you with our brokenness and our wounds for all to see. We bring our anger, our bitterness, our unwholesome talk, and our deceitfulness. We try to do good, but sometimes fail. We choose to do evil, and sometimes succeed. Yet, we always know that without you, we have no hope. Keep your promise to forgive us when we confess to you completely. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: When we honestly and faithfully confess our sins, God is faithful and will forgive us. God provides freely all the mercy we need for life everlasting. The good news is the forgiveness in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

August 11 — Sunday

Blessing of the Backpacks

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children's Chime Choir (S)
- 9:45 am Choir Practice (S)
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:15 pm PW Welcoming Luncheon (FH)

August 12 — Monday

- 5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting (CR)

August 13 — 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)

August 14 — Wednesday

August 15 — Thursday

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

August 16 — Friday

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

August 17 — Saturday

- 8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)
- 2:00 pm Installation Service:
Rev. Savannah Goodman!
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

August 18 — 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
- 12:00 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration

August 19 — Monday

- 10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)
- 7:00 pm Mission Team Meeting (CR/Zoom)

August 20 — Tuesday

PresPress Articles Due

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

August 21 — Wednesday

August 22 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 5:00 pm Idea Spring: Mr. Magic! (FH)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

August 23 — Friday

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

August 24 — 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:

Join us for the Annual PW Welcoming Luncheon today 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.

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>.



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 this Saturday, August 17th, in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow. Please make plans to attend!

August Birthday Celebration — Please join family, friends, and congregation members on Sunday, August 18th, right after our 10:50 worship service as we celebrate those in our church community born in August. Linger for conversation, fellowship, and light snacks.

The Gathering Place will meet on Monday, August 19th, at 10:00 AM! The theme for this month is *The Last Shall Be First!* Please see Jacquie Ballesteros or Sarah Dikeman if you are interested in helping out.

Idea Spring is kicking back off on Thursday, August 22nd, at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we are wowed by Mr. Magic himself, Scott Hollingsworth! A pizza dinner will follow. All are welcome to attend! The Idea Spring Speaker Series was originally created as a free program for our community—it's family friendly and fun for all ages! Events have been planned for the entire school year. Questions or want to help coordinate? Email Ethan Mitchell at ideaspring@springbranchpres.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

Save-the-Date for Wednesday Night Suppers to resume on August 28th at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having Hamburgers with all of the trimmings. We hope to see you there!

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GLORIA

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

*Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.*

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Mark & Pastor Savannah

"Blessing of the Backpacks"

ANTHEM

"Just As I Am"

Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Open our ears and humble our hearts as we listen to your Word read and proclaimed today, Great God. May we hear, discern, and follow the path you intend for us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Red Pew Bible OT 285

SERMON

"Calling Balls and Strikes"

Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"Change My Heart, O God"

GTG, No. 695

*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**

"From the Sun's Rising"

LUYH, No. 25

*From the sun's rising unto the sun's setting,
Jesus our Lord shall be great in the earth;
and all earth's kingdoms shall be his dominion,
all of creation shall sing of his worth.*

*Let ev'ry heart, ev'ry voice, ev'ry tongue join with spirits ablaze.
One in his love, we will circle the world with the song of his praise.
O let all his people rejoice, and let all the earth hear his voice!*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(unison)*

The bounty of summer is upon us. God's table is filled with a feast beyond our wildest dreams. We are grateful to be God's welcomed guests. May the gifts we give during this offering bless others as we have been blessed. 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**

"Abide with Me" (v. 1, 3, 5)

GTG, No. 836

***BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE**



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