



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
 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
Jorida Vakiari

Serving today in Worship:

Liturgist: Sarah Powell
Children's Moment: Patti Nanney
Usher Captain: Donald McDaniel
PowerPoint: Ethan Mitchell
AV Technician: Riley Fairchild

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Voices from the Old Testament: Solomon
August 18, 2024

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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, O children, listen to me; I will teach you deep respect for God.

People: Who among us desires life and longs for many days to enjoy good?

Leader: Depart from evil and do good;

People: Seek peace and pursue it.

Leader: Revere God, O holy ones,

ALL: For those who live in awe of God want for nothing. Amen!

*HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

GTG, No. 39

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: It is only by the mighty power of God that we are able to stand against evil. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin together with our sisters and brothers in faith:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

O Lord, the voice of Your wisdom rings out in the world, guiding us to place our trust in You, and challenging us to seek the things that truly matter. Too often, O Lord, we don't listen... we don't hear. We place our trust in things that are fleeting. We seek the things that make us comfortable, rather than seeking the way of Your peace. Forgive us, God of grace, and teach us to walk in the path lined by Your wisdom. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen!

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)

August 25 — Sunday

- 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 Advent Planning Meeting (CR)

August 26 — Monday

August 27 — Tuesday

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

August 28 — Wednesday

- 9:30 am Happy Hands (CR)
- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Hamburgers!

August 29 — Thursday

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

August 30 — Friday

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

August 31 — 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 Matt and Sarah Dikeman, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary.

August Birthday Celebration — Please join family, friends, and congregation members right after church today, as we celebrate those in our church community born in August. Linger for conversation, fellowship, and light snacks.

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>.



The Gathering Place will meet tomorrow, 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.

Articles for the September 2024 edition of the PresPress are due on Tuesday, August 20th. Please submit articles to ethan@springbranchpres.org.

Idea Spring is kicking back off this 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!

Happy Hands will meet on Wednesday, August 28th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Join us as we stuff and close the heart shaped pillows that are so welcomed by our area hospital patients. Lots of good fellowship. We hope to see 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

"Great Is the Lord"

*Great is the Lord, he is holy and just; By his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true; By his mercy he proves he is love.
Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise!
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:
Great—is the Lord! Great—is the Lord!*

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Patti Nanney

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by Your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify You in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-15

Red Pew Bible OT 304

ANTHEM

"Hand in Hand"

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 5:6-20

Red Pew Bible NT 194

SERMON

"What Did He Say?"

Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

GTG, No. 688

*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

