

Who's Who:

Ministry Teams:

Minister:	All Membe	rs of the Church
Co-Pastor:	Rev	v. Mark Plunkett
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Music Director:	•	Gabriel Perez
Accompanist:		Jonathan Craft
AV Director:		Ethan Mitchell
AV Technician:		Ben Dethloff
Academy Direc	tor:	Renee Henry

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

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Jacquie Ballesteros
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Class of 2026Class of 2027Kay CraigJoel AlegriaSarah DikemanBeth MizwaEthan MitchellNina Rach

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Jan Fitts Neal Dikeman
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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church



Voices from the Old Testament: Solomon August 18, 2024

13th Sunday After Pentecost

August 18, 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: 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!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

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

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (from James 2:5, 14-17)

We give You thanks and praise, O God, for You have chosen the poverty of the world to make Your people rich in faith. Help us to put our faith into practice through the offering of our lives. May each of us, in our own way, strive to give food to the hungry, clothes to the naked, and shelter to the poor; all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, Your Word made flesh. 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** "What Does the Lord Require of You?"

GTG, No. 70

- *BENEDICTION
- *THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD
- *POSTLUDE



Portions of today's worship service are taken from calltoworshipjournal.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.