



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
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AV Technician: Ben Dethloff
Academy Director: Renee Henry

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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:

Liturgists: Elizabeth Powell, Donald McDaniel

Children's Moment: Pastor Savannah & Marguerite Priest

Usher Captain: Marguerite Priest

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“Partnering with God”
August 4, 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**

Leader: We are drawn into the bustle of the busy world.

People: Let us pause and worship God.

Leader: We are drawn into the silence of our wilderness.

People: Let us pause and worship God.

Leader: We are drawn into the demands of our daily lives and needs.

ALL: Let us pause and worship God together!

***HYMN**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

GTG, No. 65

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Like the Israelites in Exodus, we often find ourselves in wildernesses. Sometimes, the toughest wildernesses are the ones we build ourselves and continue to perpetuate. Sometimes, we may get stuck in our wildernesses because of our tunnel vision or our lack of awareness. Sometimes, we may feel like complaining or giving up. Sometimes, we may have trouble accepting change because we are a little too comfortable with our present reality. So, before God and with the people of God, let us confess our sins. Please join me in our Prayer of Confession:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God, your faithfulness, love, and mercy are eternal gifts. Yet, we often have a hard time accepting these gifts. We love to look back, idolizing the past while forgetting we wear rose-colored glasses. We love our anxiety about the future, fretting about our individual long-term security. We confess that it is rare for us to trust, to love, to follow with our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength. Forgive us when we forget that you are right here, right now, with a calling and a promise for us in this time and this place. Speak into our wilderness again, that we may learn to be your people. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

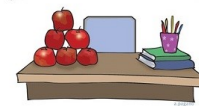
August 8 — Thursday

- 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)



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)

*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 Lee Dudinsky, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of Christina Holland's birthday on August 3rd.

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 next 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!

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!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear and believe the good news: the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. From before the beginning until long beyond our imagination, God's love endures. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen!

*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 Savannah & Marguerite Priest

ANTHEM

"How Great Thou Art"

Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 16:2-4; 9-15

Red Pew Bible OT 62

SERMON

"Partnering with God"

Rev. Savannah Goodman

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" (v. 1, 2, 4)

GTG, No. 396

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Written by Rev. Julia Seymour, Lutheran Church of Hope, Anchorage, AK on LiturgyLink)

Leader:

We are not alone, sliding through a mystery with no guidance.

People:

We have an Advocate who guides us with power and truth.

Leader:

We do not pray alone, worried about "getting it right" or being heard.

People:

We have an Advocate who prays with us, in deep, wordless sighs.

Leader:

We do not work alone for the healing of the world.

People:

We have an Advocate who directs our paths and reveals Christ to us.

Leader:

We are born of water and fire, adopted into the family of God.

People:

We have an Advocate who strengthens our relationship with the Holy.

Leader:

We are a people of bountiful gifts and many connections.

People:

We have an Advocate who blesses and encourages us.

Leader: We are yet coming to know more fully the height and depth and breadth of the love of God.

People: **We have an Advocate who does not rest in revealing that truth to all creation. Amen!**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation

The Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Serving of the Elements

Prayer After Receiving

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)

We give you thanks, O Lord, with all our heart. You have provided everything we need in your steadfast love. Receive these offerings as our response to your great faithfulness, for the praise of Jesus' 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

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

GTG, No. 546

*BENEDICTION

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

*POSTLUDE

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.



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