

Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church Co-Pastor: Rev. Mark Plunkett Rev. Savannah Goodman Co-Pastor: Administrator: Jorida Vakiari Administrative Assistant: Ethan Mitchell Music Director: Gabriel Perez Jonathan Craft Accompanist: Ethan Mitchell AV Director: AV Technician: Ben Dethloff Academy Director: Renee Henry

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Class of 2025

Jacquie Ballesteros

Stephen Earnest

Laurie Mitchell

Jan Fitts Jim Kunkel Kay Craig

Academy Board

Ashley Powell

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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church



"Being the Greatest Disciple" September 22, 2024

Class of 2026

The Session

Sarah Dikeman Ethan Mitchell

Neal Dikeman

Carla Pace Jorida Vakiari

Class of 2027

Joel Alegria

Beth Mizwa

Nina Rach

Ethan Mitchell

Laurie Mitchell

Neal Dikeman

Donald McDaniel

Moderator: Rev. Mark Plunkett Moderator: Rev. Savannah Goodman

Kay Craig

18th Sunday After Pentecost

September 22, 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:	Come, faithful disciples, and be welcomed here as you are.
People:	We put aside productivity to wonder and worship.
Leader:	Come, children of God, and receive what you need for the journey ahead.
People:	We put aside distractions to wonder and worship.
Leader:	Come, servants of all, and receive God's goodness and grace.
People:	We come as we are to wonder and worship.
ALL:	Let us worship God together!

*HYMN

"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: The presence of God is all around us, and yet we can be oblivious to the work that God is doing in each of our lives. Together, let us lift our heads and open our eyes to see God's work. Let us put aside our distractions and focus on what God is putting on each of our hearts and calling us to do today. Let us confess our sins together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God, we are prone to think too highly of ourselves. We forget that it is you who are good, you who are the greatest. We forget that you call us to do your will, not the other way around. When we have fallen into arrogance, forgive us. When we have allowed our good intentions to stand in the way of your grace, forgive us. When we have directed attention away from you, forgive us. Empty us of all things that do not give glory to you, so we are ready to be filled with your love. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

September 22 — 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
2:00 pm	Sunday Craft Workshop (FH)
3:00 pm	Cub Scouts: Bear (GP 1 & 2)
6:00 pm	BSA Committee Meeteing (GP)

September 23 — Monday

6:00 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP) 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

September 24 — Tuesday

Academy Picture Day (P)10:00 amFlexercise (GP)5:30 pmSpecial Olympics: Bocce* (Field)6:00 pmBasketball (GP)7:00 pmSession (CR)7:00 pmCENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

September 25 — Wednesday

Academy Picture Day (P)9:30 amHappy Hands (CR)3:30 pmWOW (S)5:00 pmGirl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)6:00 pmWNS: Spaghetti & Meatballs!7:00 pmHandbell Choir (S)

September 26 — Thursday

10:00 amFlexercise (GP)5:30 pmSpecial Olympics: Bocce* (Field)6:00 pmFairbees Square Dance* (GP)6:30 pmCub Scouts: Arrow of Light (GP 1)

September 27 — Friday

5:45 pm Family Movie Night (GP) 7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

September 28 — Saturday

11:00 am Hot Meals 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

September 29 — Sunday

9:15 am	Church Nursery
9:30 am	Sunday School
9:45 am	Choir Practice (S)
10:50 am	Worship
7:00 pm	Cub Scouts Planning Meeting (GP)

September 30 — Monday

9:30 am	TGP Planning Meeting (CR)
6:00 pm	Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP)
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

October 1 — Tuesday

10:00 am	Flexercise (GP)
10:30 am	Staff Meeting (P)
5:30 pm	Special Olympics: Bocce* (Field)
6:00 pm	Basketball (GP)
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (GP 1 & 2)
7:00 pm	CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

October 2 — Wednesday

9:30 amPW Moderator (CR)10:15 amPW Board Meeting (CR)3:30 pmWOW (S)6:00 pmWNS: Beef with Noodles!7:00 pmHandbell Choir (S)

October 3 — Thursday

10:00 amFlexercise (GP)5:00 pmMessy Church (FH)5:30 pmSpecial Olympics: Bocce* (Field)6:00 pmFairbees Square Dance* (GP)

October 4 — Friday

7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

October 5 — Saturday

4:00 pm Meet & Greet: Savannah & Jordan (Sarah & Matt Dikeman's home) 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

10:50 AM

(insert)

Announcements & Events:

The Flowers for this morning are given by Kathryn Dethloff, to the Glory of God, and are in honor of Gloria Dethloff's birthday.

Our next fun Sunday Craft Workshop is TODAY from 2:00-4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be making "burrito-style" pillowcases. We hope to make some of these to give away to Mission of Yahweh and other places. You can make some for yourself, for Christmas gifts, or to give away. If you have any questions, or would like to attend, please see Kay Craig.

Happy Hands will meet on Wednesday, September 25th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. We'll be stuffing and stitching heart shaped pillows for hospital patients. If you made hats, scarves, blankets, etc. over the summer, bring them to the meeting so we can admire your work and put them to use. We hope to see you there!

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, September 25th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Jan Fitts is making Spaghetti and Meatballs. Please email Kay Craig at <u>kay@craig-heidt.com</u> to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! The Choir is looking for some new members to join us! If you are interested in participating, please email <u>musicdirector@springbranchpres.org</u>.

Handbells have returned! Do you have hands for a joyful noise rather than a voice? - then handbells wants YOU! The Handbell Choir meets at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary on Wednesday nights. Please see Megan Hogg if you'd like to join.

The Gathering Place Program will be holding a planning meeting on Monday, September 30th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. If you are a current volunteer, or if you'd like to volunteer, this meeting might be of interest to you.

Messy Church is on Thursday, October 3rd, at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to join us! Our theme this month is Creation. Come for games, crafts, music, and activities. A free dinner will be served about 6:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

Meet & Greet with Savannah and Jordan Goodman! Join us at one of the following gatherings so you can get to know more about our new Co-Pastor, Rev. Savannah, and her husband, Jordan; and so they can get to know you! **Saturday, Oct. 5th, 4:00-6:00 PM**, at Sarah & Matt Dikeman's home. **Sunday, Oct. 27th, 4:00-6:00 PM** at Jan & Gerald Fitts' home. **Saturday, November 2nd, 4:00-6:00 PM** at Liz & Stephen Earnest's home. Light refreshments will be served. Please call the hosts to make a reservation at least two days prior; space is limited. We have planned these so that you can attend one near your home if you wish, but you are welcome at any of them.

The Unwind Group will meet for dinner on Monday, October 7th, at 6:00 PM at Juarez Mexican Restaurant, located at 2545 Gessner Rd. We have been there before. We have a private room and the food is good and fairly cheap! Please join us! As usual, RSVP only if you plan to attend to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114 or jballesteros1103@gmail.com.

The Academy is hosting a Spooktacular Trunk or Treat in the parking lot on Friday, October 18th, from 5:30-6:30 PM. Church members are encouraged to attend and sponsor a Trunk or Treat vehicle. Copies of the registration form are available in the Narthex and in the Friday email. Please submit forms to the Academy office by October 2nd.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear and believe the good news: God loves you no matter what. You are the greatest disciple. God has invested in each of you, and God is with you. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: ...The peace of Christ be with you! **People:** And also with you.

*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.

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT	Pastor Mark			
ANTHEM	"Let the Children Come Unto Me"	Choir		
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION				
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Mark 9:30-37	Red Pew Bible NT 45		
SERMON	"Being the Greatest Disciple"	Rev. Savannah Goodman		
Responding to the Word				
*HYMN	"Make Me a Servant"	(insert)		

*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			Welcome Visitors		
RESPONSE	"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"	GTG, No. 620	You are joyfully welcomed as you worship with us today. In the worship bulletin, you will a sterisk () which invites you to stand as you are able throughout today's service. If you have		
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.			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.		
*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.			<i>Worship 10:50 am</i> 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.		
SHARING OF PRAY	ER CONCERNS		Nursery: Infants six weeks through Pre-K are welcomed in the nursery during worship.		
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			Kindergarten and older children will attend worship with their parents. The Church Nursery available from 9:15 AM through shortly after Worship in the Bears classroom, Room 126, which is the north hallway of the Education Building.		
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.			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.		
	Departing to Serve		The Explorers: This class meets in the Conference Room in the Education Building. The class		
*HYMN	"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"	GTG, No. 203	studies the Bible, book-by-book, using different translations which help the lively and thought-provoking discussions. Linda Crawford leads the class.		
*BENEDICTION			Children's Sunday School Class: This class meets in the Children's classroom in The Gathering		
*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD			Place on the 1 st and 3 rd 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.		
*POSTLUDE			Children's Chime Choir: The Chime Choir meets in the Sanctuary on the 2 nd and 4 th 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.		
	A S R E S R L S R		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.

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