

relationships matter

GOD • ONE ANOTHER • WORLD



# 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  
Moderator: 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:

**Liturgists:** Jan Fitts, Donald McDaniel

**Children's Moment:** Pastor Mark

**Usher Captain:** Marguerite Priest

**PowerPoint:** Ethan Mitchell

**Accompanist:** Kyle Eveler

*e-mail: [churchoffice@springbranchpres.org](mailto:churchoffice@springbranchpres.org)*

*website: [www.springbranchpres.org](http://www.springbranchpres.org)*

*[www.facebook.com/springbranchpres](https://www.facebook.com/springbranchpres)*

*Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM*

*CCLI Streaming License # 20797349*

*CCLI License # 11266777*

*1215 Campbell Rd*

*Houston, TX 77055*

*713-464-7659*



***“Being the Greatest Disciple”***  
September 22, 2024

18th Sunday After Pentecost

# Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

September 22, 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, 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"*

(insert)

## 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.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

### 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 Meeting (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 am Flexercise (GP)  
5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce\* (Field)  
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)  
7:00 pm Session (CR)  
7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship\* (FH)

### September 25 — Wednesday

**Academy Picture Day (P)**  
9:30 am Happy Hands (CR)  
3:30 pm WOW (S)  
5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)  
6:00 pm WNS: Spaghetti & Meatballs!  
7:00 pm Handbell Choir (S)

### September 26 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce\* (Field)  
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance\* (GP)  
6:30 pm Cub 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 am PW Moderator (CR)  
10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)  
3:30 pm WOW (S)  
6:00 pm WNS: Beef with Noodles!  
7:00 pm Handbell Choir (S)

### October 3 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
5:00 pm Messy Church (FH)  
5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce\* (Field)  
6:00 pm Fairbees 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)

# 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 [kay@craig-heidt.com](mailto:kay@craig-heidt.com) 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 [musicdirector@springbranchpres.org](mailto:musicdirector@springbranchpres.org).

**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](mailto: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

