



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
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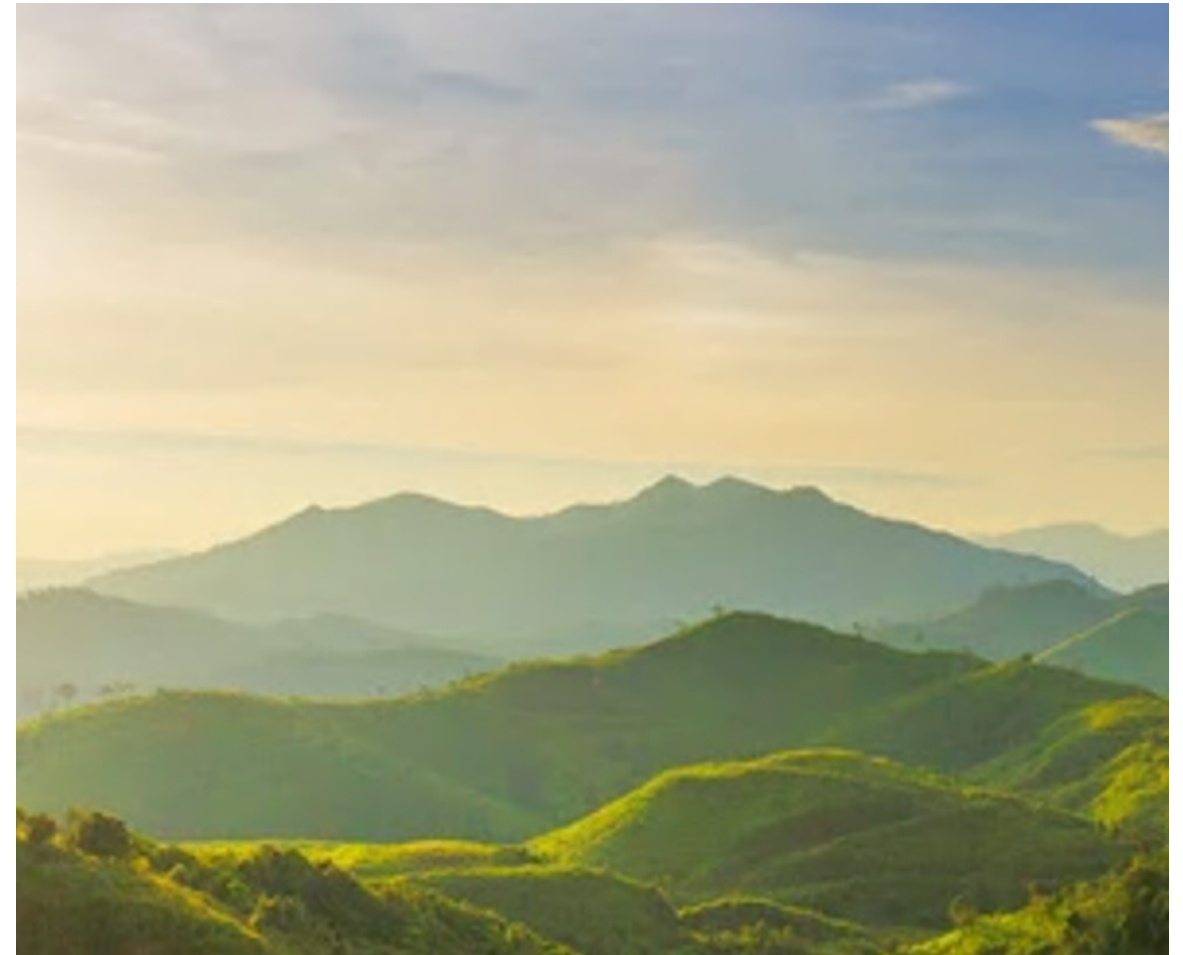
Neal Dikeman
 Ashley Powell

Carla Pace
 Jorida Vakiari

Serving today in Worship:

Liturgist: Ethan Mitchell
Children's Moment: Pastor Savannah
Usher Captain: Donald McDaniel
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“Lost”
 September 8, 2024

16th Sunday After Pentecost

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

September 8, 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** *(from Psalm 146)*

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

People: We trust in the Lord our God.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

People: Whose hope is in the Lord their God.

ALL: Praise the Lord, who loves us and who cherishes every one of His children!

***HYMN**

"Morning Has Broken"

GTG, No. 664

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: God knows us completely. God knows our hearts and discerns our thoughts. Let us then confess what we carry within us that does not honor God or God's path of righteousness:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Holy God, although we honor You with our words and worship, our hearts are often far from You. We are too quick to judge, too quick to exclude, too quick to put others down instead of building them up. Forgive us, God. Help us amend our ways. Help us embrace the inclusive love You graciously offer us and expect us to offer others. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen!

September 8 — 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
- 12:00 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration
- 12:30 pm Young Adult Touchpoint (La Fiesta)
- 6:00 pm BSA Court of Honor (FH)

September 9 — Monday

Academy Book Fair

- 5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting (CR)
- 6:00 pm Special Olympics: Bocce* (GP)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

September 10 — Tuesday

Academy Book Fair

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting (CR)
- 7:00 pm Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

September 11 — Wednesday

Academy Book Fair

- 9:30 am PW Circle (CR & FH)
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Pork Tenderloin!
- 6:00 pm Special Olympics: Bocce* (GP)

September 12 — Thursday

Academy Book Fair

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 5:00 pm Messy Church (FH)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

September 13 — Friday

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

September 14 — Saturday

- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

September 15 — 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
- 12:15 pm Congregational Care Meeting (CR)

September 16 — Monday

- 10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)
- 6:00 pm Special Olympics: Bocce* (GP)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)
- 7:00 pm Mission Team Meeting (CR/Zoom)

September 17 — Tuesday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (P)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 7:00 pm Faith Development Meeting (Zoom)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

September 18 — Wednesday

- 9:30 am ZIP Trip: Brookwood
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Chicken Pot Pies!
- 6:00 pm Special Olympics: Bocce* (GP)
- 6:45 pm Finance Meeting (CR/Zoom)

September 19 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 5:00 pm Idea Spring: Love & Logic
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)
- 7:00 pm Cub Scouts 552 Kickoff (FH)

September 20 — Friday

PresPress Articles Due

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

September 21 — Saturday

- 8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

Announcements & Events:

The Flowers for this morning are given by Marguerite Priest, to the Glory of God, and are in commemoration of her wedding anniversary with Bob Priest.

September Birthday Celebration - Please join family, friends, and congregation members immediately after worship today as we celebrate those in our church community born in the month of September. Linger for conversation, fellowship, and light snacks.

Calling all young adults! All college-aged to mid-thirties, up and coming professionals are welcome! Bring your children, too! You are invited to a touchpoint lunch with Ethan Mitchell and Pastor Savannah Goodman at La Fiesta (9427 Katy Fwy, 77024) **TODAY**. Bring your ideas to the touchpoint lunch and we will discuss them! We look forward to connecting with you!

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, September 11th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Please contact Patti Nanney if you'd like to attend via Zoom. A salad Luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a salad to share. The **Evening Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday, September 10th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah Powell if you are interested in attending. The Introduction & Lesson 1 videos are available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/let-justice-roll-down.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, September 11th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Jim Kunkel and Lu Taylor are making Pork Tenderloin. Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

Messy Church is beginning again! Join us this Thursday, September 12th, for *Built on Solid Ground*. Messy Church is an intergenerational interactive worship encounter starting at 5:00 PM, with a free dinner being served around 6:00 PM. Join us for story, music, activities, games, and more! Text @h47378d to 81010 to signup for updates, and follow along with us at: www.facebook.com/MessyChurchSBPC.

The Congregational Care Group will meet on Sunday, September 15th, immediately after worship in the Conference Room. We welcome anyone who would like to join this committee, which now meets after worship on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

On Wednesday, September 18th, the Presbyterian Women will ZIP to Brookwood for some fall and pre-Christmas shopping with lunch at the café. We have reservations for 10 people, but we can make more! Please RSVP and direct questions to Marguerite Priest (mepriest@hotmail.com or 281-435-3941).

Our next Idea Spring event is Parenting the Love & Logic Way® on Thursday, September 19th, at 5:00 PM. Location TBD based on RSVPs. Rana Barker, M.Ed., CCC-SLP, will lead an adult/parent class, with topics to include: Rules of Love and Logic®, Two ways of Neutralizing Childhood Arguing, and the concept of Delayed/"Anticipatory" Consequences. Dinner will not be served this month, but there will be refreshments. Childcare will be provided through the Academy. Please RSVP in the Narthex, Church or Academy Offices. Questions? Please email Ethan Mitchell at ideaspring@springbranchpres.org. We hope to see you there!

Our next fun Sunday Craft Workshop is on Sunday, September 22nd, 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 contact Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com or 713-248-4138.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: ...May the peace of Christ be with you all!

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. Amen.*

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Savannah

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Open us, Eternal God, to Your Word read and proclaimed. Help us not to turn from Your truth, or avoid and distract ourselves from Your message. Help us be receptive to the wisdom You offer in this worship moment. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 4:1-11

Red Pew Bible NT 3

ANTHEM

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17, 3:1-8

Red Pew Bible OT 2

SERMON

"Lost"

Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

GTG, No. 286

*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

