



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: Co-Pastor, Rev. Mark Plunkett
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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:

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“Repeatedly Saved”
 November 10, 2024

25th Sunday After Pentecost

November 10, 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** *(Psalm 146)*

Leader: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

People: I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

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

People: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

Leader: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

People: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

Leader: The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow,

People: But the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

Leader: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

ALL: I will sing praises to my God all my life long!

***HYMN**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

GTG, No. 366

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION *(from Nehemiah 9:17)*

Leader: God is ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us turn to God in honesty and humility, ready to confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Merciful God, forgive our systemic sins, the way we build and support and turn away from those who truly need a hand. Open our eyes to injustice, suffering, and violence. Forgive our excuses, our apathy, our efforts working only for our benefit. Help us follow Christ in prioritizing the poor, the vulnerable, and the least of his friends. Help us build your beloved community where all belong, and all may flourish in peace. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

November 10 — 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)
- 10:30 am Called Session Meeting (P)
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:00 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration
- 12:15 pm Called Session Meeting (CR)

November 11 — Monday

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

November 12 — Tuesday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (P)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (GP 1 & 2)
- 6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting (CR)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)
- 7:00 pm Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom

November 13 — Wednesday

- 9:30 am PW Circle (CR)
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Beef Nachos!
- 7:00 pm Handbell Choir (S)

November 14 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 6:00 pm Young Adult Mini Golf Night
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts: Arrow of Light (GP 1)

November 15 — Friday

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

November 16 — Saturday

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

November 17 — Confirmation Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School (GP 3)
- 9:30 am Confirmation Class (GP)
- 9:45 am Choir Practice (S)
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:00 pm Confirmation Reception (Breezeway)
- 12:15 pm Congregational Care Meeting (CR)
- 3:00 pm Cub Scouts: Bear (GP 1 & 2)

November 18 — Monday

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

November 19 — Tuesday

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

November 20 — Wednesday

PresPress Articles Due

- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Potatoes with Meat Toppings!
- 7:00 pm Handbell Choir (S)

November 21 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 5:00 pm Idea Spring: Houston Arboretum!
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)
- 7:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Concert (S)

November 22 — Friday

- 6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting* (FH)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

November 23 — Saturday

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

Announcements & Events:

November Birthday Celebration — Linger after worship today to celebrate those in our congregation who have birthdays in November. This is an opportunity to partake of light refreshments, as well as visit and enjoy each other's company.

Our Stewardship Campaign, Ignite the Passion, Spark the Connection, Kindle the Flame, is underway! As we journey through this season of stewardship, we invite you to reflect on our shared mission and the unique calling we have as a community of faith. This year, our theme reminds us of the vital role each of us plays in nurturing our church and extending God's love into the world. **Dedication Sunday is November 24th**, when you will be invited to turn in both your Pledge Card and Time and Talent Pledge. Thank you for your continued commitment!

Ken & Linda Crawford are hard at work updating the paper edition of the Church Directory! Please submit any corrections, changes, additions to names, addresses, phone numbers, and emails, etc. to the church office, or to Ken and Linda. The hope is that the new directory will be available before Thanksgiving.

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, November 13th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Please contact Patti Nanney if you'd like to attend via Zoom. The **Evening Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday, November 12th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 3 video is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/let-justice-roll-down.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, November 13th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Church Staff is making Beef Nachos. Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

Young Adult Mini Golf Night with Pastor Savannah — The Young Adults are going to Puttery (1818 Washington Ave, 77007) on Thursday, November 14th, at 6:00 PM. The church will cover the price of admission and for unlimited courses for each person. Bring money for food and drinks. If you need childcare, please email savannah@springbranchpres.org so that arrangements can be made. RSVPs are requested to savannah@springbranchpres.org so that we can get an accurate head count for this event. We hope you will join us!

Confirmation Sunday — Please join us next Sunday, November 17th, as we celebrate the Confirmation of Cali Alegria, Piper Dikeman, Jayden Earnest, Dylan Mancilla, and Emma Pace! A reception will be held in the Breezeway immediately following worship.

Our next Idea Spring event is just around the corner — "Avian Antics" presented by the Houston Arboretum & Nature Center. Join us at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall on November 21st for this free, family friendly program. A dinner will follow. We hope to see you there!

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church is hosting a Thanksgiving Community Concert on Thursday, November 21st, at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. The Choir will be joined by former members, and the Northbrook High School Choir, in presenting *The Gospel Mass*. A reception will follow in the Breezeway. Please make plans to attend!

Save-the-Date for the December Blood Drive — SBPC will have a Blood Drive on Sunday, December 1st, from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM in the Gathering Place. Please contact Ashley Powell at ashleycrawford161@gmail.com if you would like to donate. Share the gift of life!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Psalm 34:22)

Leader: "The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned." Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us pass the peace to our sisters and brothers in Christ!

*GLORIA

"Hear the Good News of Salvation"

GTG, No. 441

*Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.*

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Savannah

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

(adapted from Psalm 19:14)

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. As we approach your Word, may we be ready to receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Kings 17:8-16

Red Pew Bible OT 324

ANTHEM

"Kyrie" from Gospel Mass

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 9:24-28

Red Pew Bible NT 224

SERMON

"Repeatedly Saved"

Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

GTG, No. 363

WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER INTO OUR CHURCH

Theresa Dunlap

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

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Sarah Dikeman

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*OUR RESPONSE

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

GTG, No. 645

*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory!*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world. May our gifts share the Good News of the Gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF OUR VETERANS

We thank and honor ALL those who served honorably in the military — in wartime or peacetime.

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

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

GTG, No. 260

*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.

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.