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# 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  
 Moderator: Co-Pastor, 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:

**Liturgist:** Sarah Powell  
**Children's Moment:** Pastor Mark  
**Usher Captain:** Donald McDaniel  
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**“Pouring Out Your Soul to God”**  
 November 17, 2024

## Confirmation Sunday

November 17, 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.)*

#### MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Rev. Mark Plunkett

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Lord, open our hearts to worship you.

**People: Kindle a great joy inside of us.**

Leader: Dwell within us and whisper in our ears.

**People: Glimmer in our vision.**

Leader: Write upon our hearts.

**People: We wait with open ears, open eyes, and open hearts.**

**ALL: Let us worship God together!**

#### \*HYMN

*"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

GTG, No. 475

### Preparing for the Word

#### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: God knows everything there is to know about us - our hearts, our thoughts, our minds, our words, our actions, even our very souls and our intentions. God knows us and God listens to us. So, knowing this, let us pray to the Lord together. Let us tell God everything that is on our hearts today. Let us pour out our soul before the Lord together:

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Forgiving Lord, we have fallen short time and time again. You have given us your Word in scripture. And, you have promised us your presence, both in Spirit and in community. Even so, we neglect, ignore, and reject your purposes for us. We do not love what you love. We do not embrace what you embrace. We do not defend what you have called us to defend. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us for what we do and what we fail to do. And with your gifts, promises, and grace, continue working in each of our lives. In Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

# Calendar of Events

[www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar](http://www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar)

#### 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 Choir Practice (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)

#### November 24 — Christ the King Sunday **Dedication Sunday**

9:00 am Young Adult Breakfast Club  
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 Hanging of the Greens (S)

#### November 25 — Monday

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

#### November 26 — Tuesday

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

#### November 27 — Wednesday

##### **Academy Closes at 2:30 PM**

#### November 28 — Thursday

##### **Church & Academy Closed**

7:00 am CENTI Thanksgiving Breakfast (GP)



#### November 29 — Friday

##### **Church & Academy Closed**

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

#### November 30 — Saturday

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 Jacquie Ballesteros, to the Glory of God, and are in memory of her mother, Marian Auld, and in celebration of the Confirmands.

## **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 next Sunday, 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!

**Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday**, November 20th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Presbyterian Women are making Baked Potatoes with Meat Toppings. All proceeds will benefit the Mission/Scholarship Fund! 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!

**Our next Idea Spring event is THIS Thursday — "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** this 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!

**Pastor Mark has begun facilitating a Zoom Bible Study** on the Gospel of Luke on Thursdays at 1:00 PM. The Zoom information is available in the Friday email if you are interested in giving it a try over your lunch hour. If you wish to receive the Zoom invite every week, please email Mark to get on his list.

**Attention all young adults!** You are invited to the Young Adult Breakfast Club with Pastor Savannah Goodman at **Corner Bakery** (9311 Katy Fwy., Houston, TX 77024) on **Sunday, 11/24, at 9:00 AM**. The Young Adult Breakfast Club will meet monthly for a time of fellowship and connection. Childcare is available at the church. We will meet at the church at **9:00 AM** to carpool. Bring \$5 and the church will cover the rest! Please email **Pastor Savannah Goodman** ([savannah@springbranchpres.org](mailto:savannah@springbranchpres.org)) with any questions.

**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.

**Everyone is invited to help prepare the Sanctuary for the Advent Season** immediately after Worship on Sunday, November 24th. We are hoping to have many hands helping this year, so please come join us! A pizza lunch will be provided when we finish.

**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](mailto:ashleycrawford161@gmail.com) if you would like to donate. Share the gift of life!

**Sunday Craft Workshop, December 8th** — Shirts & Cards. We will have a dual workshop on Sunday, December 8th, from 2:00-4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. One craft will be "reverse Tie-dye" which uses bleach water to make a design on fabric. You will need to bring a shirt of some sort. Check the Friday email for more information on this craft! Kay will be leading the other craft, which is simple greeting cards and gift tags. You don't need to bring anything for this craft. For information and to RSVP, please contact Kay Craig at [kay@craig-heidt.com](mailto:kay@craig-heidt.com) or 713-248-4138.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear this good news: the Lord remembers each of us and the Lord loves each of us – no matter what. No matter what, God is with each of us – supporting us, nourishing us, guiding us, and teaching us. God is with each of us – no matter what. 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

*"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 Mark

## ANTHEM

*"Credo" from Gospel Mass*

Choir

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 1:4-20

Red Pew Bible OT 244

## SERMON

*"Pouring Out Your Soul to God"*

Rev. Savannah Goodman

## Responding to the Word

## \*HYMN

*"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*

GTG, No. 469

## PRESENTATION AND RECEPTION OF CONFIRMANDS

Cali Alegria, Piper Dikeman, Jayden Earnest, Dylan Mancilla, and Emma Pace

**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

**\*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)*

**With joy and gratitude we come before you, Lord, bearing the gifts you have given us. Our hearts are full, our hands are lifted up, and we bring you all we have and all we are. May this offering be a blessing overflowing with love into your world. May we be a blessing, overflowing with love into your world. 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, Make Us More Holy"*                                      GTG, No. 313

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD**

### **\*POSTLUDE**



*Please join us for a reception in the Breezeway following worship as we celebrate the Confirmation of Cali Alegria, Piper Dikeman, Jayden Earnest, Dylan Mancilla, and Emma Pace!*

### *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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



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