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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church
 Co-Pastor: Rev. Mark Plunkett
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 Ethan Mitchell
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Administration Leader: Ethan Mitchell
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 Faith Development Leader: Jim Kunkel
 Sarah Powell
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The Session

Clerk: Jan Fitts

Moderator: Co-Pastor, Rev. Mark Plunkett
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Class of 2026

Kay Craig
 Sarah Dikeman
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Class of 2027

Joel Alegria
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Class of 2028

Jim Kunkel
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Blessed are...

the poor in spirit
 those who mourn
 the meek
 those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
 the pure in heart
 the merciful
 the peacemakers
 those who are persecuted
 because of righteousness

“Living the Beatitudes”

February 1, 2026

4th Sunday After Epiphany

February 1, 2026

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: Blessed are we, when we gather to seek God's face.

People: For God meets us on the mountain with words of life.

Leader: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for God welcomes our need.

People: Blessed are those who long for righteousness, for God fills with grace.

Leader: Christ calls us to follow in the way of blessing.

People: Let us worship the One who makes all things new.

ALL: Let us worship God together!

***HYMN**

"Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm"

GTG, No. 731

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Before the One who blesses the humble, lifts the lowly, and calls us to a new way of living, let us confess the ways we fall short of Christ's kingdom blessings and seek the mercy of God. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Merciful God, you call us to the way of blessing, yet we confess that we often choose the way of comfort and control. We resist the humility you honor, we avoid the peacemaking you require, and we shrink from the justice you command. Forgive us, Lord. Shape our hearts according to Christ's teaching, that we may hunger and thirst for righteousness, walk in compassion, and reflect your mercy in all we do. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ blesses the humble and the trusting. In him, mercy flows and new life begins. Believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen! Alleluia!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

February 1 — Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School (GP 3)
- 9:30 am Youth Sunday School (YR)
- 9:45 am Choir Practice
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:15 pm VBS Planning Meeting (CR)
- 12:15 pm Handbells (S)



February 2 — Monday

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (P)
- 5:30 pm Special Olympics* (GP)
- 6:00 pm PW Unwind: Katz's Deli!
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

February 3 — Tuesday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 6:15 pm Cub Scouts: Wolf (GP 1 & 2)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)
- 7:00 pm Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom

February 4 — Wednesday

- 9:30 am PW Moderators (CR)
- 10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Chicken Tenders!
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (GP 1 & 2)

February 5 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 5:00 pm Messy Church (FH)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)



February 6 — Friday

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

February 7 — Saturday

- 4:00 pm Academy Parent's Night Out
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

February 8 — Souper Bowl Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Choir Practice
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:00 pm Annual Congregational Meeting
- 12:30 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration

February 9 — Monday

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

February 10 — Tuesday

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

February 11 — Wednesday

- 9:30 am PW Circle (CR)
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)
- 5:45 pm WNS: Beef & Noodles!
- 6:30 pm Contemporary Worship Service (GP)

February 12 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

February 13 — Friday

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

February 14 — Saturday

- 5:30 pm Girl Scouts Valentine Night* (FH)
- 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 Delia Nix, to the Glory of God, and are in memory of her sister, Tina Marie Ferrel.

The Unwind Group will meet at Katz's Deli for dinner tomorrow, Monday, February 2nd, at 6:00 PM. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114. We hope to see you there!

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, February 4th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Jan Fitts is making Breaded Chicken Tenders (or Gluten Free Chicken Tenders), Tater Tots, Broccoli Salad, and Assorted Desserts. Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

Messy Church returns this Thursday, February 5th, at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to join us! Our theme this month is *Love in Motion*. Come for games, crafts, music, and activities. A free pizza dinner will be served about 5:45 PM. We hope to see you there!

Save-the-Date for our Annual Congregational Meeting, immediately following Worship next Sunday, February 8th. The purpose of the meeting is to present the 2026 Budget, as approved by Session; to receive a State of the Church with presentations from the 5 Ministry Teams; to approve the changes to the Terms of Call for Rev. Savannah Goodman and Rev. Mark Plunkett; to Dissolve the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC); to Elect the Ruling Elders for the Class of 2029 (Neal Dikeman, Theresa Dunlap, and Donald McDaniel); and to present the Class of 2029 Academy Board Members, as approved by Session (Victoria Kissinger and Todd Miller).

Spring Branch Presbyterian is participating in the annual Souper Bowl of Caring, which culminates next Sunday, February 8th. All funds and cans collected will benefit the Fair Haven Food Pantry. Each dollar given=2 cans of food. So... let's see how many cans we can donate by Souper Bowl Sunday, February 8th!

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, February 11th, 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, February 3rd, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 6 video is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/resilience-joy-identity.

Our next Idea Spring event is Social Media and Your Mental Health on Thursday, February 19th, at 5:00 PM. The location is TBD based on RSVPs. Alicia Mirabelli, one of PCHAS counselors at the Cypress office, will lead this adult/parent course. The program includes: Identifying how social media affects children and their mental health, how to help children identify and manage their emotions related to social media, and knowing when and what to do when your child's emotions need further assessment. Dinner will not be served this month, but there will be refreshments. Childcare will be provided by the Academy. Please RSVP in the Narthex, Church Office, or Academy Offices. Questions? Please email Ethan Mitchell at ideaspring@springbranchpres.org. We hope to see you there!

Feed My Starving Children – Join us as we support Pines Presbyterian Church in this annual act of mission. Kids and adults of all ages hand-pack **nutritious MannaPack® meals** specifically designed to assist in reversing and preventing undernutrition. You can sign up for a 2-hour time slot on **February 21st** from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM to go over with a group from SBPC. Please reach out to Patti Nanney to sign up with our group. You can also go to www.fmsc.org to register for a time to volunteer on your own at another time that day, or on February 20th.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: ...The peace of Christ be with you!

People: **And also with you.**

*GLORIA

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

GTG, No. 582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Mark

ANTHEM

"We Exalt Thee"

Choir

SERMON INTRO

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

Red Pew Bible NT 4

SERMON

"Living the Beatitudes"

Rev. Savannah Goodman

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"Blest Are They"

GTG, No. 172

*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

***OUR RESPONSE**

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" (v. 4)

GTG, No. 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(unison)*

Blessing God, receive these gifts and use them for the flourishing of your kingdom. As you bless the poor, the meek, and the peacemakers, make us partners in your mission of mercy. Shape our lives according to Christ's teaching, that we may be instruments of his grace in the world. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- The Invitation
- The Words of Institution
- Serving of the Elements
- Prayer of Thanksgiving

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, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

GTG, No. 546

***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.

Traditional Worship Service 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.

Stories & Songs: *Stories & Songs* occurs during Worship, with stories from *Growing in God's Love*, songs, coloring pages, and crafts. Pastor Savannah has chosen the stories to coincide with the Sermons. Children will leave the Sanctuary right after Children's Moment and be returned to their parents during the last hymn. This program is during the Worship Service for ages 3-6 years old.

Contemporary Worship Service

Join us for an exciting new contemporary worship service! Experience uplifting music and heartfelt messages in a welcoming environment. This is a great opportunity to connect with others and deepen your faith. Don't miss the chance to be part of this transformative journey. Bring your friends and family! Our next Contemporary Worship Service will be on **February 11th at 6:30 PM in the Gathering Place**. For more information, please visit: www.springbranchpres.org/contemporary-worship-service.

Sunday Morning Offerings at 9:30 am

Saints Under Construction: This class meets in Gathering Place Classroom No. 2. 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.

Calling All Youth: The Youth meet in the Youth Room for Bible Study, Fellowship, and Mission work with the Pastors. Meetings are at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Other volunteers for the program are Jordan Goodman, Carla Pace, and Riley Fairchild.



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