



# Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

## Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church  
 Pastor: Rev. Mark Plunkett  
 Administrator: Jorida Vakiari  
 Ministries Coordinator: C. Miguel Carlin  
 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: Jacquie Ballesteros  
 Congregation Leader: Kay Craig  
 Faith Development Leader: Kathryn Dethloff  
 Mission Leader:  
 Worship Leader: Donald McDaniel  
 Treasurer: Neal Dikeman

## The Session

Clerk: Elizabeth Powell

Moderator: Rev. Mark Plunkett

## Class of 2024

Charles Fairchild  
 Glenn Lanan  
 Donald McDaniel  
 Jennifer Miller

## Class of 2025

Jacquie Ballesteros  
 Kathryn Dethloff  
 Stephen Earnest

## Class of 2026

Kay Craig  
 Sarah Dikeman  
 Ethan Mitchell

## Academy Board

Laurie Mitchell  
 Jani Shepard

Jim Kunkel  
 Web Trevathan

Neal Dikeman  
 Ashley Powell

## Serving today in Worship:

**Liturgist:** Elizabeth Powell  
**Children's Moment:** Pastor Mark  
**Usher Captain:** Donald McDaniel  
**PowerPoint:** Ethan Mitchell

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# World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023

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10:50 AM

*\*Those who are able please stand*

### God's People Connect

#### **WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

*(Please sign the Friendship Book located in the pew rack next to the center aisle.)*

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS THE SANCTUARY**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: From north and south and east and west,

**People: All Creation sings forth your praises!**

Leader: The mountains and the hills burst into song.

**People: The trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

Leader: Your steadfast love never ceases.

**ALL: With joy and peace, let us worship God together.**

#### **\*HYMN**

*"I Come with Joy"*

GTG, No. 515

### Preparing for the Word

#### **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Leader: God's grace was given to us in Christ before the ages began. In spite of God's love for us and gift of love to us, we often act in destructive and hateful ways. Trusting in Christ's mercy that never ends, let us with honesty confess our sins before God and one another.

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

**Gracious Lord, you created the whole world and called it good, but we look out at your world and see division and suffering. You call us to maintain the unity of spirit in the bond of peace, but we choose division over diversity, confrontation over civility, and conflict over peace born from justice. You call us to love the least of those among us, but we hear the cries of the oppressed and choose our own comfort. Forgive us. Grant us fresh vision to see one another as siblings in Christ. Rekindle in us your gifts — the spirit of power, love and self-discipline — that with faith in Christ, we might be made new and be part of bringing forth your peaceable kingdom. Amen.**

#### **SILENT CONFESSION**

# Calendar of Events

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

#### **October 1 — World Communion Sunday**

##### **Families with Young Children Retreat**

9:15 am Church Nursery  
9:30 am Sunday School  
9:45 am Choir Practice (Choir Room)  
10:50 am Worship  
4:00 pm Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (GP 1 & 2)

#### **October 2 — Monday**

7:00 am Meet the Pastor (Foyer)  
6:00 pm PW Unwind: Niko Niko's!  
6:00 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball\* (GP)  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

#### **October 3 — Tuesday**

9:15 am Congregational Care Meeting (GP 2)  
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce Ball\* (Field)  
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)  
6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Wolf (GP 1 & 2)  
7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship\* (FH)

#### **October 4 — Wednesday**

9:30 am PW Moderator (CR)  
10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)  
3:30 pm WOW (S)  
6:00 pm WNS: Italian Sausage and Peppers!  
6:45 pm Worship Team Meeting (CR)

#### **October 5 — Thursday**

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce Ball\* (Field)  
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance\* (GP)

#### **October 6 — Friday**

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

#### **October 7 — 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

#### **October 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 (Choir Room)  
10:50 am Worship  
12:15 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration

#### **October 9 — Monday**

5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting (CR)  
6:00 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball\* (GP)  
6:30 pm Cub Scouts: Webelos II (GP 1 & 2)  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

#### **October 10 — Tuesday**

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce Ball\* (Field)  
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)  
6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Webelos (GP 1 & 2)  
6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting (CR)  
7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship\* (FH)

#### **October 11 — Wednesday**

9:30 am PW Circle (CR)  
10:00 am Staff Meeting (P)  
3:30 pm WOW (S)  
5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3)  
6:00 pm WNS: Hamburgers!

#### **October 12 — Thursday**

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce Ball\* (Field)  
6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Bear (GP 1)  
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance\* (GP)

#### **October 13 — Friday**

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

#### **October 14 — Saturday**

4:00 pm Wedding Reception\* (FH)  
6:00 pm CENTI Church Service\* (GP)



## Announcements & Events:

**The Flowers** for this morning are given by Jorida and Ruden Vakiari, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

**We would like for everyone to start wearing their nametags on Sunday mornings.** If your's has run away or is looking a little ragged, please see Linda Crawford and she will make a new one for you.

As the seasons start to change, so will our Church Office hours beginning tomorrow, Monday, October 2nd. **The Church Office will be open from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Monday-Friday, and from 9:00 AM-12:30 PM on Sunday.** We are trying this new schedule through the end of the year. We invite you to come see us!

**The Unwind Group is meeting for dinner at 6:00 PM on October 2nd at Niko Niko's** (1040 W. Sam Houston Parkway N. 77043). Hopefully we can sit outside! Please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114 or [jballesteros1103@gmail.com](mailto:jballesteros1103@gmail.com) only if you are attending. See you there!

**Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday,** October 4th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Laurie Mitchell & Kate Cross are making Italian Sausage and Peppers on a Bun. 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!

**During the month of October we're having a Diaper Drive to benefit the Mission of Yahweh.** They are in need of Newborn to 5 Toddler diapers for boys and girls. Donations may be brought to the church throughout the month of October.

**The PW Day Circle** will meet on Wednesday, October 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 Monday, October 16th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah or Ashley Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 2 video is available at the following link: [www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/sacred-encounters](http://www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/sacred-encounters).

**Idea Spring is kicking back off on Thursday, October 19th at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we are wowed by Mr. Magic himself, Scott Hollingsworth!** A pizza dinner will follow. All are welcome to attend! The Idea Spring Speaker Series was originally created as a free program for our community—it's family friendly and fun for all ages! Events have been planned for the entire school year. Questions or want to help coordinate? Email Ethan Mitchell at [ideaspring@springbranchpres.org](mailto:ideaspring@springbranchpres.org). We look forward to seeing you there!

**We have a church-wide retreat in the works for March 14th-17th at Mo-Ranch in Hunt, TX!** This is spring break week, so we're hopeful that we can have a big group go - including our families! This retreat will be Thursday-Sunday, with the option to stay with a small group into Monday. There will be lots of time for spiritual development, fellowship, recreation, worship, and good food! The total cost per person is \$185 for adults and \$120 for kids, for 3 nights, including all meals. We are asking those who would like to attend to please complete the registration form, reserve your room to secure the space you'd like, and pay \$75/person to the church. Copies of the registration form are available in the Narthex and in the Friday email. Please see Ethan Mitchell for any questions. We hope that you will join us!

**The Academy is hosting a Spooktacular Trunk or Treat in the parking lot on Tuesday, October 31st 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 27th. Please email questions to [academy@springbranchpres.org](mailto:academy@springbranchpres.org).

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We call to mind your promises and therefore we find hope. The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. God's mercies are new every morning. Believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

**\*GLORIA** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" GTG, No. 620

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*

### God's People Are Empowered

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Mark

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

**In the quietness of this hour, we wait for your Spirit. Tune our ears to hear the promise of your salvation. Incline our hearts toward your message of peace. Summon our will to respond to your Word with justice and love, that we might go forth with joy; through Christ. Amen.**

### ANTHEM

"The One"

Choir

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 21:23-32

Red Pew Bible NT 23

### MEDITATION

"Trick Questions"

Rev. Mark Plunkett

### Responding to the Word

### \*HYMN

"Seek Ye First"

GTG, No. 175

### \*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

