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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church
 Pastor: Rev. Mark Plunkett
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 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
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Class of 2025

Jacquie Ballesteros
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Class of 2026

Kay Craig
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 Ethan Mitchell

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Laurie Mitchell
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*A Service for Installation of
 Rev. Mark Plunkett as Senior Co-Pastor
 October 29, 2023*

A Service of Installation

October 29, 2023

3:00 PM

**Those who are able please stand*

God's People Connect

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Rev. Mark Plunkett

PRELUDE

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS THE SANCTUARY

Logan Plunkett

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Psalm 121)*

Ruling Elder Ethan Mitchell

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from?

People: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not let your foot slip; he who watches over you will not slumber.

People: The Lord watches over you; He is your shade at your right hand.

Leader: The Lord will keep you from all harm; he will watch over your life.

People: The Lord will watch over your coming and going, now and forever.

ALL: Let us worship our loving and faithful God!

***HYMN**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

GTG, No. 12

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Rev. Andy Gans

Leader: When the Lord calls, it is sometimes difficult to answer in a faithful way. Often, it is our own stubborn pride or willful actions that keep us from coming to the task at hand. We know that we are sinful in thought, word, and deed – as well as neglecting those things that need to be done. With a humble and contrite heart, let us honestly confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Rev. Andy Gans

Mighty and merciful God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us. Forgive our foolish and sinful ways. As you have chosen us, and claimed us in our baptisms, strengthen us anew to choose Christ's way in this world. Give us your Holy Spirit that each one in ministry may be provided with all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen!

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

October 29 — Reformation Sunday

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
9:45 am Choir Practice (Choir Room)
10:50 am Worship
3:00 pm Installation Service: Mark Plunkett

October 30 — Monday

9:30 am TGP Planning Meeting (CR)
6:00 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Recruiting Event
7:00 pm Session (CR)

October 31 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
5:30 pm Trunk or Treat (Parking Lot)
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

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HALLOWEEN

November 1 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Moderator (CR)
10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)
3:30 pm WOW (S)
6:00 pm WNS: Chicken Pot Pie!
6:45 pm Stewardship Presentation (CR)

November 2 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

November 3 — Friday

7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

November 4 — Saturday

6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

November 5 — Sunday

Daylight Savings Time Ends
9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Children's Sunday School (GP 3)
9:45 am Choir Practice (Choir Room)
10:50 am Worship
4:00 pm Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (GP 1 & 2)

November 6 — Monday

Book Fair Week
7:00 am Meet the Pastor (Foyer)
6:00 pm PW Unwind: Juarez!
6:00 pm PNC Meeting (CR)
6:00 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP)
7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (P)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

November 7 — Tuesday

Book Fair Week
9:15 am Congregational Care Meeting (GP 2)
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Wolf (GP 1 & 2)
7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

November 8 — Wednesday

Book Fair Week
9:30 am PW Circle (CR)
3:30 pm WOW (S)
5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3)
6:00 pm WNS: Cranberry Chicken!
6:45 pm Stewardship Presentation (CR)

November 9 — Thursday

Book Fair Week
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Bear (GP 1)
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

November 10 — Friday

Book Fair Week
Girl Scouts Campout
6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting* (CR)
7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

November 11 — Saturday

Girl Scouts Campout
6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

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, 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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Andy Gans
Leader: Each of us is called to serve and to share our faith. When we sometimes fail to do those things, we do not honor our faith in our Savior. However, because of his grace and love, we stand in love as forgiven people!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***GLORIA**

"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!*

God's People Are Empowered

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Deacon Miguel Carlin

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deacon Miguel Carlin

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Red Pew Bible OT 616

Psalms 121

Red Pew Bible OT 571

Matthew 28:19-20

Red Pew Bible NT 34

ANTHEM

"The Meditations of My Heart"

Choir

SERMON

Rev. Debbie Cenko

Responding to the Word

***HYMN**

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (v. 1, 4, 5)

GTG, No. 610

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(The offering will be used to provide financial assistance to pastoral seminarians.)

OFFERTORY

***OUR RESPONSE**

"You Are Holy"

GTG, No. 705

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

Jorida Vakiari

This day, Dear Lord, all of us assembled dedicate ourselves to serving you more faithfully, more consistently, and more lovingly. May this church support and work with Mark, as together we strive to continue creating the best church possible to serve this community. May your Spirit continue to bless us with imagination and inspiration. Amen!

INSTALLATION TO THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
AS SENIOR CO-PASTOR

Statement on Installation and Constitutional Questions

Moderator of New Covenant Presbytery, Rev. Becky Downs

Questions to the Congregation

Ruling Elder Shelley Hernandez

Laying On of Hands

Any and All Church Officers Who Are Present

Declaration of Installation and Welcome

Ruling Elder Shelley Hernandez

Charge to the Newly Installed Pastor

Rev. Brian Long

Presentation of Symbols of Ministry

Logan Plunkett

Charge to the Congregation

Rev. Greg McDonnell

Departing in Joy

***HYMN**

"Go to the World!"

GTG, No. 295

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Mark Plunkett

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

***POSTLUDE**



A special "THANK YOU" to the Administrative Commission members who served to make today's installation possible, and to the beloved of Spring Branch Presbyterian Church:

Miguel Carlin

Ministries Coordinator, Spring Branch Presbyterian Church
Deacon

Rev. Debbie Cenko

Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Wharton, TX

Rev. Becky Downs

Pastor, John Knox Presbyterian Church, Houston
Moderator of New Covenant Presbytery

Rev. Andy Gans

Pastor, Pines Presbyterian Church, Houston

Shelley Hernandez

Former Moderator of New Covenant Presbytery
Ruling Elder, Heritage Presbyterian Church

Rev. Brian Long

Pastor, New Hope Presbyterian Church, Katy, TX

Rev. Greg McDonnell

Former Pastor, St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Houston, TX
Former Co-Pastor, Central Presbyterian Church, Austin, TX
Honorably Retired

Ethan Mitchell

Director of Audio-Visual Resources & Administrative Assistant
Ruling Elder, Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Jorida Vakiari

Business Administrator, Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Please join us for a Reception in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the Service of Installation.