



# Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

## Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church  
Pastor: Rev. Mark Plunkett  
Administrator: Jorida Vakiari  
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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:** Miguel Carlin  
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## “Cleaning Out Your Church”

March 3, 2024

\*Those who are able please stand

Gathering in God’s Name

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: Come with us on this Lenten Journey to the Temple.  
People: The Temple is the great House of the Lord.  
Leader: But sometimes even greed and selfishness can enter the Temple.  
People: Be with us, Lord, as we enter this step.  
Leader: The Lord will be asking us to recognize our selfishness.  
ALL: Lord, hear the cries of all your people. Amen!

\*HYMN Sanctuary GTG, No. 701

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Christ calls us to live in harmony with our God and our neighbors. Yet even our best efforts fall short. How blessed are we that our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love! Trusting that abundant mercy, let us confess our sins together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Patient Lord, we have cluttered the “temples” of our lives with so many unnecessary things that they have blocked out your healing words of hope and mercy. We have been keenly aware of our economic situation, and have spent much time and energy worrying about these things. Forgive us when we have been so preoccupied that we have not listened to your words and followed your ways. Clear away our fears and frustrations. Give us clean hearts and spirits. Help us to be confident in your mercy and transformational love. These things we offer in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Rejoice! You are forgiven. Let the clutter of your life fall away and be replaced by the love of God in Christ Jesus. Amen!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

March 3 — 3rd Sunday in Lent

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

March 4 — Monday

7:00 am Meet the Pastor (Foyer)  
6:00 pm PW Unwind: Trinity Street Food!  
6:00 pm Special Olympics: Basketball\* (GP)  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

March 5 — Tuesday

9:15 am Congregational Care Meeting (GP 2)  
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)  
7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship\* (FH)

March 6 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Moderator (CR)  
10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)  
3:30 pm WOW (S)  
6:00 pm WNS: Spaghetti & Meatballs!

March 7 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance\* (GP)  
7:00 pm Cub Scouts: Webelos (GP 1)

March 8 — Friday

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

March 9 — 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

March 10 — 4th Sunday in Lent

Daylight Savings Time Begins

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  
12:00 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration  
12:15 pm Faith Development Meeting (P)  
5:00 pm Cub Scouts: Wolf (GP 1 & 2)

March 11 — Monday

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

March 12 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)  
6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting (CR)  
7:00 pm Horizon’s Bible Study on Zoom  
7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship\* (FH)

March 13 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Circle (CR)  
3:30 pm WOW (S)  
5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3)

March 14 — Thursday

Mo-Ranch Retreat

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

March 15 — Friday

Mo-Ranch Retreat

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

March 16 — Saturday

Mo-Ranch Retreat

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



# Announcements & Events:

**Our Mo-Ranch Retreat, “Adventure Is Out There!”, is just around the corner!** We will be going to the Texas Hill Country on March 14th-17th. 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. **Today is the last day to register to attend.** Please see Kay Craig or Laurie Mitchell this morning if you’d like to join us.

**Please join the Unwind Group for dinner at Trinity Street Thai Food** (5709 Woodway, 77057). This restaurant has come highly recommended by one of our members. Dinner is tomorrow night, March 4th, at 6:00 PM. Please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114 or [jballesteros1103@gmail.com](mailto:jballesteros1103@gmail.com) only if you plan to attend. See you there!

**Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday**, March 6th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Jan Fitts is making Spaghetti & Meatballs. 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!

**Don’t forget to spring forward!** Daylight savings time begins on Sunday, March 10th. Don’t forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night.

**Lenten Fish Frys** — In addition to St. Jerome, we have three other Catholic Churches in the Spring Branch area that host Friday Night Fish Fry’s. **St. Cecilia** at 11720 Joan of Arc (just south of I-10 off of Bunker Hill) serves from 5:30-8:00, and has a standard Fish Fry Plate (\$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$7 for kids under 10. Add shrimp for \$3/plate). **Our Lady of Czestochowa** at 1731 Blalock serves from 5:00-8:30 and has a Fish and Shrimp plate for \$15, with \$3 desserts. **St. John Vianney** at 175 Nottingham Oaks (west of Dairy Ashford off of Memorial) has various prices and meals. Their Shrimp Scampi is \$16 and is offered on March 22nd. You need to make a reservation online and pay online. There are a limited number of tickets at the door for \$20. They serve from 5:30-7:30. Some of the churches don’t serve their Fish Fry during Spring Break, March 15th.

**The PW Day Circle** will meet on Wednesday, March 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, March 12th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah or Ashely Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 7 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).

**Interested in helping restart Messy Church?** Check out the article in the March PresPress, or come learn more about Messy Church and what’s needed by joining us at the Messy Church table at WNS on March 20th, or by emailing me (Kate Cross) at [clayfriar@gmail.com](mailto:clayfriar@gmail.com).

**The ZIP Trip for March 20, 2024 is to the Sam Houston Heritage Park** for a docent led tour of the Historic Homes. The cost is \$12 per person. The tour will begin at 10:00 AM and last about 60-90 minutes. We will lunch at a nearby restaurant. Please contact Marguerite Priest at [mepriest@hotmail.com](mailto:mepriest@hotmail.com) or 281-435-3941 for a reservation. This trip is open to both the Women of the Church and the Men of the Church.

**We will have Easter Lilies again this year!** Place your order now through Friday, March 29th. You may order by using the form in the Narthex or Church Office. The cost is \$10 each, and the payment can be mailed to the church office or placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. The names of those being honored or remembered will be shared with the congregation on Easter Sunday morning.

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*GLORIA PATRI

GTG, No. 581

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

## God’s People Are Empowered

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Patti Nanney

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** *(unison)*  
**Loving God, as we draw closer to one another and hear your Word read and proclaimed, may our ears and our hearts be gentle and receptive to your message. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*“Give Me Jesus”*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 21:12-17, 23-27

Red Pew Bible NT 23

SERMON

*“Cleaning Out Your Church”*

Rev. Mark Plunkett

## Responding to the Word

\*HYMN

*“How Lovely, Lord”*

GTG, No. 402

- \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(unison)* *(The Ten Commandments)*

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.

2. You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God.

3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God.

5. Honor your father and your mother.

6. You shall not murder.

7. You shall not commit adultery.

8. You shall not steal.

9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

10. You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

## INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

- The Invitation
- The Words of Institution
- Prayer of Thanksgiving
- Breaking of the Bread
- Serving of the Elements
- Prayer After Receiving

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY GTG, No. 606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*  
God of grace, you provide for us in amazing ways. May our offerings provide for others and be used to further Christ’s ministry and mission. 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 “Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice” GTG, No. 163

\*BENEDICTION

\*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

\*POSTLUDE

Portions of today’s worship service are taken from [presoutlook.org](http://presoutlook.org) and [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com).

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 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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