



# 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: Jan Fitts

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

**PowerPoint:** Patty Blome

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## ***Palm Sunday*** April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

10:50 AM

\*Those who are able please stand

Gathering in God’s Name

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 118)  
Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;  
**People: God’s steadfast love endures forever!**  
Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.  
**People: This is the day that the Lord has made;**  
Leader: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
**People: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!**  
Leader: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**People: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;**  
**ALL: God’s steadfast love endures forever! Let us worship God!**

\*PROCESSIONAL

“Blessed is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord”  
SBPC Chancel Choir

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”  
(Refrain, 2, 1, 3, 4, Refrain) GTG, No. 196

WELCOME

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

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us now confess before God our tendency, like the Jerusalem crowds, to profess our faith in moments of enthusiasm and deny our faith in moments of fear and stress:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: We know that we have sinned against our friends.  
We know that we have sinned against God.  
**People: Our confession is from the depths of our souls.**  
Leader: We know that if we call on the name of the Lord...  
If only we call on the name of the Lord...  
**People: All who call on the Lord’s name will be saved!**  
Leader: We praise God for his steadfast mercy!  
We praise God for his everlasting love!  
**People: Lord, we confess our sins to you and ask your forgiveness.**

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

**April 13 — Palm Sunday**  
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 Monthly Birthday Celebration  
12:15 pm Congregational Care Meeting (CR)  
12:15 pm Handbell Choir (S)

**April 14 — Monday**  
5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting (CR)  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

**April 15 — 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)

**April 16 — Wednesday**  
3:30 pm WOW (S)

**April 17 — Maundy Thursday**  
1:00 pm Pastor Mark’s Bible Study (Zoom)  
6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Dinner (FH)  
6:45 pm Maundy Thursday Worship (FH)

**April 18 — Good Friday**  
**Academy Closed**  
2:00 pm Stations of the Cross (S)  
7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program\* (YR)

**April 19 — Holy Saturday**  
1:00 pm Great Easter Vigil  
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

**April 20 — Easter Sunday**  
**PresPress Articles Due**  
8:30 am Choir Practice (S)  
9:15 am Church Nursery  
9:30 am Easter Breakfast (FH)  
10:15 am Easter Egg Hunt (Playgrounds)  
10:50 am Worship



**April 21 — Easter Monday**  
**Church Office & Academy Closed**  
10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)  
7:00 pm Aggie Muster  
7:00 pm Mission Team Meeting (Zoom)

**April 22 — Tuesday**  
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)  
7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship\* (FH)  
7:00 pm Session (CR)

**April 23 — Wednesday**  
9:30 am Happy Hands (CR)  
3:30 pm WOW (S)  
5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)  
6:00 pm WNS: Hamburgers!

**April 24 — Thursday**  
12:00 pm PCHAS Luncheon (Lakeside CC)  
1:00 pm Pastor Mark’s Bible Study (Zoom)  
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance\* (GP)

**April 25 — Friday**  
6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting\* (FH)  
7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program\* (YR)

**April 26 — Saturday**  
11:00 am Hot Meals  
6:00 pm CENTI Church Service\* (GP)





## Announcements & Events:

**Today is known as Palm/Passion Sunday.** This begins the holiest week for the Christian Faith, which is why we call it "Holy Week." Today begins with the celebration of Jesus by the crowd when he enters Jerusalem. But we quickly go into the ever darkening events of this Holy week, ending in silence with the death of Jesus. May your heart be deeply touched anew by the passionate love of God for us, shown in the life and death of God's only begotten Son. It is through such love that death does not have the final answer. God does in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**The Flowers** for this morning are given by Marguerite Priest, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of Kylie Alderson's birthday.

**April Birthday Celebration** — Please join us after worship today for our church-wide monthly birthday celebration of friends born in the month of April. Light refreshments will add to the spirit of the day.

**On Easter morning, April 20<sup>th</sup>, after breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, we will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt** for all children who would like to participate. After church today, we will stuff the eggs for the Hunt. Many hands make light and quick work. Come to help if you can!

There will be no Wednesday Night Supper this week in observance of Holy Week. **Join us for our Maundy Thursday Worship & Dinner this Thursday, April 17th, in the Fellowship Hall.** Dinner will begin at 6:00 PM, followed by the Worship Service at 6:45 PM. On the menu is Mediterranean Chicken, Potatoes, and Greek Salad. Please RSVP to [kay@craig-heidt.com](mailto:kay@craig-heidt.com), or signup in the Narthex or Church Office.

**Please join us for our Good Friday Reformed Stations of the Cross Service on April 18th at 2:00 PM.** The Stations of the Cross is a special service designed for us to journey with Jesus through the events following the Last Supper in the Upper Room until he is laid in the tomb. At each station we will have a scripture reading, a reflection offered, prayer, followed by time for your own silent reflection and focus upon the illustration. As we journey, the sanctuary will grow darker and by the end, will be nearing complete darkness. Each station has chairs for those who need them.

**We will have Easter Lilies again this year!** Place your order now through this Friday, April 18th. 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.

**The Gathering Place will meet on Monday, April 21st, at 10:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. The theme for this month is *Texas, My Texas*. Please see Jacquie Ballesteros or Sarah Dikeman if you're interested in helping out.

**Happy Hands will meet on Wednesday, April 23rd, at 9:30 AM** in the Conference Room. We'll have pillows to stuff and close. If you have other handiwork to do, bring it along. Lots of good conversation. We hope to see you there!

## SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The one who rode into Jerusalem to cheering crowds knew the cross awaited. In this way, we might know the great love of God for us. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, has defeated sin forever.

**ALL: Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen!**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Knowing this peace and forgiveness, I invite you to stand and pass the peace with one another. 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

### \*HYMN

*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

GTG, No. 197

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

**Illuminating God, shine your light through the darkness of this world into every corner of our hearts. As we experience these special words of Scripture, may we recognize the presence of your one true Word, Jesus Christ, who bears your love into the world. Amen.**

## TESTIMONIES

***"Palm Sunday Voices from the Streets"***  
*(taken from all four Gospels)*

Matthew 21:1-11  
Mark 11:1-10  
Luke 19:28-40  
John 12:12-16

### Responding to the Word

## ANTHEM

*"Ride On, King Jesus"*

Sophia Saenz

**\*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.

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** *"Were You There?"*  
Joan Belk, Piano  
Jonathan Craft, Organ

**\*OUR RESPONSE** *"Great Are You, Lord"* GTG, No. 614  
  
*Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just; by your power we trust in your love.*  
*Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true; by your mercy you prove you are love.*  
*Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise!*  
*Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice:*  
*Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(unison)*  
God, giver of all good gifts, we thank you for all that you have graciously poured out on us. As we begin Holy Week and walk the final steps to the cross, we give you thanks for the greatest of all gifts — the gift of yourself to your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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** *"I Sing Praises to Your Name"* LUYH, No. 35  
**\*BENEDICTION**  
**\*POSTLUDE**



**MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 17th**



6:00 PM Dinner in the Fellowship Hall  
6:45 PM Worship in the Fellowship Hall  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Please RSVP to [kay@craig-heidt.com](mailto:kay@craig-heidt.com),  
or signup in the Church Office or Narthex.  
**Streaming Live on YouTube & Facebook**

**GOOD FRIDAY – April 18th**

2:00 PM Worship in the Sanctuary  
Reformed Stations of the Cross



**PRAYER VIGIL ON HOLY SATURDAY – April 19th**

During Holy Week this year, we are inviting the congregation to join us in a virtual Prayer Vigil on Easter Saturday. We will be coming together from 1:00-2:00 PM CST from our homes to pray for our neighbors, families, and communities around the world. The purpose of this vigil is to surround our church with prayer as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. We will be sending prayer aids for you and your family to use during our hour together. We also want to include your prayer requests in the materials that we send. Prayer requests can be sent to Ethan Mitchell at [ethan@springbranchpres.org](mailto:ethan@springbranchpres.org). We ask that they be submitted by Wednesday, April 16th, at 2:00 PM.



**EASTER – April 20th**

Easter Breakfast & Flowering the Cross at 9:30 AM  
Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15 AM  
A Celebration of the Resurrection at 10:50 AM  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
**Streaming Live on YouTube & Facebook**



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