



# 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:** Jan Fitts

**Children's Moment:** Pastor Savannah

**Usher Captain:** Donald McDaniel

**PowerPoint:** Patty Blome

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***“Doubting Everybody”***  
April 27, 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025 10:50 AM

\*Those who are able please stand

Gathering in God’s Name

PRELUDE “Seek Ye First” Handbells & Chimes

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 (based on Psalm 118:14-29)

Leader: God of peace, we enter this holy room knowing the Gospel’s cornerstones of grace and mercy are often rejected in our world.  
People: Yet we understand that rejection is not the end of the story.  
Leader: We know that those we have come to know as the builders and the rulers of the world do not have the final word.  
People: The Gospel of Grace is the Lord’s doing.  
Leader: Despite powers and principalities, despite the clamoring of meanness, evil, and cruelty...  
People: This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Leader: Grace is the ground upon which we walk.  
ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!

\*HYMN “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” GTG, No. 248

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)  
Holy God, we have found ourselves in fear, locked in rooms of inaction and indecision, unclear where we are called or what we could offer. We have lost ourselves in anxiety so loud we have not heard your voice. We have not recognized you on the move in the world, wounds in your side, and life in your lungs. We have believed in the finality of your death and assumed all is left to our own meager efforts. We have refused to see, so we might not have to believe the gospel and live our lives accordingly. God of new life, restore hope throughout our bodies. Help us to breathe again. Strengthen us for the joy that is before us. Grant us eyes to see your beloved people all around us, and ears to hear your good news through all the noise. Even as we have looked away, seek us out, call us forth from our locked rooms, and bring us out to walk with you in the world you so love. Amen.

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

April 27 — Sunday

9:00 am Young Adult Breakfast Club  
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  
12:15 pm Handbell Choir (S)  
12:15 pm PW Tea Planning Meeting (CR)  
5:00 pm BSA Committee Meeting (GP)  
6:00 pm New Elder Training (CR)  
7:00 pm BSA Planning Meeting (GP)

April 28 — Monday

7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

April 29 — 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 30 — Wednesday

3:30 pm WOW (S)  
6:00 pm WNS: Baked Potatoes!  
6:00 pm Girl Scouts\* (GP 1 & 2)

May 1 — 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)

May 2 — Friday

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

May 3 — Saturday

6:00 pm CENTI Church Service\* (GP)

May 4 — Sunday

9:15 am Church Nursery  
9:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Children’s Sunday School (GP 3)  
9:45 am Choir Practice (S)  
10:50 am Worship  
12:15 pm Family Picnic (FH)  
4:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 552 Graduation (FH)

May 5 — Monday

6:00 pm PW Unwind: Dish Society!  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

May 6 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)  
6:00 pm New Elder Training (CR)  
7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship\* (FH)

May 7 — Wednesday

10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)  
3:30 pm WOW (S)  
6:00 pm WNS!

May 8 — Thursday

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

May 9 — Friday

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

May 10 — 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



# Announcements & Events:

**The Flowers** for this morning are given by Patti and Steve Nanney, to the Glory of God, and are in loving memory of Laverne Collier’s April 29th birthday.

**There will be a PW Welcoming Tea planning meeting immediately after church today in the Conference Room.** Anyone who is interested in planning the PW Welcoming Tea is welcome to attend. Many hands are needed, so if you cannot attend but are willing to help, please let Luna Lassiter or Sarah Dikeman know.

**Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday,** April 30th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Presbyterian Women are making Baked Potatoes. All proceeds will benefit the mission/scholarship fund! 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!

**Join us for Messy Church this Thursday, May 1st, at 5:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Our theme this month is *Rainbow Connection*. Play Games. Enjoy Crafts. A free pizza dinner will be served about 6:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

**Scholarship Applications are available for interested students.** Completed applications are due this Thursday, May 1st, and should be turned in to Sarah Dikeman for the Women’s Scholarship and Ken Crawford for the Men’s Scholarship.

**May Picnic Outreach Opportunity** — We are collecting “filler” to assemble toiletries and snacks into gallon ziplocks for our members to take in their cars to hand out to those we see in need around Houston. If you are interested in providing socks, water bottles, nonperishable snacks, toiletries, or bags, please let Laurie Mitchell know. We are hoping to have enough materials to pack about 25 bags at the picnic after church on Sunday, May 4th.

**The Unwind Group will meet for dinner on Monday, May 5th, at 6:00 PM at Dish Society** (12525 Memorial Dr). Please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114, only if you wish to attend.

**SBPC Hot Meals on Weekends** – The 4th Saturday of each month we look for individuals to deliver meals to shut-ins. We have 2 routes, so we usually need a total of 4 volunteers each month. Please contact Lu Taylor if you are interested in volunteering to deliver meals one month. You can now sign-up online too at this Sign-Up Genius [LINK](#)!

Would you like to beautify the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings while honoring a loved one or commemorating a special occasion? **The 2025 Flower Sign-Up Calendar is located in the Narthex!** The cost per arrangement is \$65.00. Checks should be written to SBPC and mailed to the Church Office or placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

**Pastor Mark has begun facilitating a Zoom Bible Study** on the Gospel of Luke on Thursdays at 1:00 PM. The Zoom information is available in the Friday email if you are interested in giving it a try over your lunch hour. If you wish to receive the Zoom invite every week, please email Mark to get on his list.

## SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The God of truth is present to us in the speaking of truth. The Spirit of grace is present to us in the sharing of grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: As forgiven servants of God, let us turn in peace and love to those around us and wish them the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you!

**People: And also with you.**

<b>*GLORIA</b>	<i>“In My Life”</i>	GTG, No. 468
	<i>In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified. In my life, Lord, be glorified today.</i>	
	<i>In our song, Lord, be glorified; be glorified. In our song, Lord, be glorified today.</i>	
	<i>In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified. In your church, Lord, be glorified today.</i>	
	<i>In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified. In your world, Lord, be glorified today.</i>	

### God’s People Are Empowered

<b>CHILDREN’S MOMENT</b>	Pastor Savannah
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### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

**Holy God, we have come here for a word of life. As we seek you in your Word, meet us here. Grant us your wisdom and your hope. Amen!**

<b>SCRIPTURE LESSON</b>	John 20:19-31	Red Pew Bible NT 115
<b>ANTHEM</b>	<i>“Be Thou My Vision”</i>	Gabe Perez
<b>SERMON</b>	<i>“Doubting Everybody”</i> Rev. Mark Plunkett	

### Responding to the Word

<b>*HYMN</b>	<i>“Thine Is the Glory”</i>	GTG, No. 238
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**\*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** *"Now Thank We All Our God" (v. 3)* GTG, No. 643

*All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,  
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,  
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(unison)*  
God of abundance, take these gifts, which were already yours, and use them to knit us closer to each other and closer to the world you so love. 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** *"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"* GTG, No. 541

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**\*POSTLUDE**



**Join us after worship on  
May 4th for a picnic lunch  
in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Sandwiches, veggies & drinks  
will be provided.**

**Please bring a salad, dessert,  
chips or dip.**

**There will be some games,  
but you are welcome to bring  
your own to share.**



**We will also be working on a special mission project.**

**Come join the fun and get to know some  
people you may not know yet!**



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](http://www.springbranchpres.org/give).