



# 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  
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## 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:** Donald McDaniel  
**Children's Moment:** Pastor Mark  
**Usher Captain:** Marguerite Priest  
**PowerPoint:** Patti Nanney

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***“What If...?”***  
May 25, 2025

6th Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

10:50 AM

\*Those who are able please stand

Gathering in God’s Name

PRELUDE

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 67)

Leader: May God be gracious to us; may God bless us.  
People: We gather in worship, knowing God is here.  
Leader: May God’s face shine upon us.  
People: May God call us into the joyful work of creating peace.  
ALL: Let us worship our God in praise!

\*HYMN “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” GTG, No. 39

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: We come to God as we are: messy, joyful, imperfect, guilty, righteous. But most of all, we come to God as ourselves, human, in need of proclaiming, confessing, forgiving, in need of community. Let us come to God with all we are:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of grace, mercy, and love: you call us to come to you in the world, but we disobey you. We choose power and profit over the acts of love that you exemplify for us again and again. We are content to work within systems that oppress instead of working to change things. We forget that everything comes from you, and that we are just stewards of what you have given. Forgive us Lord, for the times that we forget your call to fully follow your example in the world. Embolden us to live fully in your call to love our neighbor. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God blesses us, again and again, despite the times that we mess up, despite us ignoring God. Friends, know and believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar



May 25 — 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  
12:15 pm Handbells

May 26 — Monday  
Church & Academy Closed



May 27 — 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)  
7:00 pm Session (CR)

May 28 — Wednesday  
9:30 am Happy Hands (CR)  
5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)

May 29 — Thursday  
Ascension of the Lord  
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
1:00 pm Pastor Mark’s Bible Study (Zoom)  
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance\* (GP)

May 30 — Friday  
Academy Closed (Teacher Workday)  
7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program\* (YR)

May 31 — Saturday  
8:00 am Cheerful Clown Alley (GP)  
11:00 am Memorial Service: Dick Slover  
6:00 pm CENTI Church Service\* (GP)

June 1 — Sunday  
Ordination & Installation of Officers  
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 Handbells  
3:00 pm BSA Planning Meeting (GP)

June 2 — Monday  
6:00 pm PW Unwind: Longhorn Steakhouse!  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

June 3 — Tuesday  
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)  
7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship\* (FH)

June 4 — Wednesday

June 5 — Thursday  
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
1:00 pm Pastor Mark’s Bible Study (Zoom)  
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance\* (GP)

June 6 — Friday  
7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program\* (YR)

June 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

Announcements & Events:

The Flowers for this morning are given by Bill Bryant, to the Glory of God, and are in remembrance of our fallen heroes.

The Church and Academy will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 26th, in observance of Memorial Day.

Happy Hands will meet on Wednesday, May 28th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Join us for stuffing, stitching, other hand work, and/or great conversation. Hope to see you there!

Join us on Sunday, June 1st, for the Ordination and Installation of the Ruling Elders for the Class of 2028 (Jim Kunkel, Betty Magnuson, and Sarah Powell)!

The Unwind Group is meeting for dinner on Monday, June 2, 2025 at 6:00 PM at Longhorn Steakhouse (9401 Katy Freeway). Please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114 or [jballesteros1103@gmail.com](mailto:jballesteros1103@gmail.com) if you would like to join us.

Save-the-Date for Magnified Vacation Bible School! VBS will be held June 9th-13th from 9:00 AM-11:30 AM in the Gathering Place. A time of worship, music, crafts, recreation, mission, science, and fellowship is being planned. We welcome any individuals who would like to participate or volunteer to please let Pastor Savannah or Jacquie Ballesteros know. Registration forms can be accessed here: [www.springbranchpres.org/vbs](http://www.springbranchpres.org/vbs).

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](#)!

Pastor Mark has begun facilitating a Zoom Bible Study on the Book of Exodus 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.

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.

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: ...The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you.

\*GLORIA

"Hear the Good News of Salvation"

GTG, No. 441

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.  
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring.  
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Mark

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God, speak loudly through your text. May we hear your truth, especially when it challenges us. Be the loud voice of love that we need to hear. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 16:9-15

Red Pew Bible NT 136

ANTHEM

"Amazing Grace"

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 5:1-18

Red Pew Bible NT 96

SERMON

"What If...?"

Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

\*HYMN

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

GTG, No. 792

\*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                      *“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”*                      GTG, No. 645

*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:  
To God all praise and glory!*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(unison)*  
**Lord our God, we appreciate the many blessings that you have provided us with. Empower us to bless others through our actions, words, and resources, so that we may support and love others as you have loved us, so we can truly be your people in the city. May we use this offering to reflect you in our world. Amen!**

A SPECIAL TIME TO HONOR OUR FALLEN MILITARY

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 Have Decided to Follow Jesus”*                                      (insert)

\*BENEDICTION

\*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

\*POSTLUDE

***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, Pastor Savannah, 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.

***Stories & Songs:*** *Stories & Songs* occurs during Worship, with stories from *Growing in God’s Love*, songs, coloring pages, and crafts. Pastor Savannah has chosen the stories to coincide with the Sermons. Children will leave the Sanctuary right after Children’s Moment and be returned to their parents during the last hymn. This program is during the Worship Service for ages 3-6 years old.

***Sunday Morning Offerings at 9:30 am***

**Saints Under Construction:** This class meets in Gathering Place Classroom No. 2. 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.

**Calling All Youth:** The Youth meet in the Youth Room for Bible Study, Fellowship, and Mission work with the Pastors. Meetings are at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Other volunteers for the program are Jordan Goodman, Carla Pace, and Riley Fairchild.



*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).*