



# 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  
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## Serving today in Worship:

**Liturgist:** Elizabeth Powell  
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***“Do You Love Me?”***  
May 4, 2025

\*Those who are able please stand

Gathering in God’s Name

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To the fisherman, Jesus said:

People: Follow me.

Leader: To all of the disciples, Jesus said:

People: Follow me.

Leader: To you and to me and to all of us, Jesus said:

People: Follow me.

ALL: Let us worship God together!

\*HYMN

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

GTG, No. 267

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Risen Christ, you meet us in the ordinary places — on familiar shores and in daily routines — but too often, we do not recognize you. You call to us with kindness, but we are slow to respond. You offer abundance, but we cling to scarcity. You prepare a place for us, but we hesitate to draw near. Like Peter, we have denied you — in our words, in our silence, in the ways we live and the ways we fail to love. You ask us, again and again, “Do you love me?” And we confess: our love has been half-hearted, our following uncertain. Forgive us, Lord. Restore us by your grace. Teach us to feed your sheep, tend your flock, and follow you with courage and joy. In your mercy, meet us again on the shoreline of our lives, and lead us into the life you have prepared for us. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear the good news: the same Jesus who called out to the disciples from the shore calls out to us still — with grace, not condemnation. Just as he restored Peter with love and trust, so he restores us. In Jesus Christ, we are met with forgiveness, renewed by grace, and invited once again to follow. Believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

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: Lasagna!
- 6:30 pm The Connect Crew Meeting (CR)

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

May 11 — Sunday

- Mother’s Day*
- 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 Handbells

May 12 — Monday

- 5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting (CR)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

May 13 — Tuesday

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

May 14 — Wednesday

- 9:30 am PW Circle (CR)
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Chicken Fried Steak!

May 15 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 1:00 pm Pastor Mark’s Bible Study (Zoom)
- 5:00 pm Idea Spring: Club SciKidz! (FH)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance\* (GP)

May 16 — Friday

- 11:30 am Pre-K Graduation (S)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program\* (YR)

May 17 — Saturday

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



Announcements & Events:

The Flowers for this morning are given by Daniel, Sarah, Clayton, and Charlie Powell. "May the faith be with you!"

Join us after Worship today for a family picnic in the Fellowship Hall! Sandwiches, veggies, and drinks will be provided. There will also be some games to play, and a special mission project to participate in! Come join the fun and get to know someone that you may not know yet!

The Unwind Group will meet for dinner tomorrow, 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. Please come join us!

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, May 7th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Laurie Mitchell is making Lasagna! 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!

The Connection Crew — Do you like making new friends and welcoming people? If so, we have a very important job for you! We are excited to introduce The Connect Crew — a group that is focused on welcoming and connecting visitors and new members to our church family. If you have a warm smile, a heart for hospitality, and a desire to help others feel at home, we invite you to attend a 30 minute informational and brainstorming meeting on Wednesday, 5/7 at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room. Please join us to learn more! If you have any questions and/or plan to attend, please email Pastor Savannah ([savannah@springbranchpres.org](mailto:savannah@springbranchpres.org)) or Pastor Mark ([mark@springbranchpres.org](mailto:mark@springbranchpres.org)).

Celebrate our May Birthdays — Join friends and congregation members in the Breezeway on Sunday, May 11th, as we celebrate folks born during the month of May. Fellowship and light refreshments will be available immediately following worship.

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, May 14th, 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, May 13th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah or Ashely Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 9 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).

Please join us for the last Idea Spring of the school year on Thursday, May 15th, at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be welcoming Club SciKidz Houston! A free pizza dinner will follow. We hope to see you there!

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](#)!

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).

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

\*GLORIA

"To God be the Glory"

GTG, No. 634

To God be the glory; great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Mark

ANTHEM

"In Remembrance of Me"

Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 21:1-19

Red Pew Bible NT 115

SERMON

"Do You Love Me?"

Rev. Savannah Goodman

Responding to the Word

\*HYMN

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

GTG, No. 721

\*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)*  
**Lord Jesus, we receive abundance from your hand, and we present a portion of that abundance for your worship. Be present among us as we share with others, that all your people may be provided for and your blessing may be revealed to everyone. We pray in your holy name. Amen.**

- SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**
- The Invitation
  - The Words of Institution
  - Serving of the Elements
  - Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

*“Jesus Calls Us”*

GTG, No. 720

\*BENEDICTION

\*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).*