



# 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:** Elizabeth Powell  
**Children's Moment:** Pastor Mark  
**Usher Captain:** Donald McDaniel  
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***“Picking Up the Mantle”***  
June 1, 2025

7th Sunday of Easter

June 1, 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

Leader: God calls us to a journey in faith, even when the path is unclear.  
People: Like Elisha, we follow, seeking God’s presence and power.  
Leader: The Spirit moves, and the waters part before us.  
People: A mantle is passed; a new day begins.  
Leader: Come, let us watch for God's glory.  
ALL: Let us worship God together!

\*HYMN “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” (v. 1, 2, 5) GTG, No. 298

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Like Elisha watching Elijah ascend, we stand in awe of God’s power — yet too often we doubt, hesitate, or hold back from the call. Let us come before God with honesty and hope, trusting in the Holy Spirit who equips us for every step of the journey. Let us confess our sins together. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)  
Gracious God, you call us to follow, yet we cling to what is familiar. You offer us your Spirit, but we struggle to trust your power. Like Elisha, we watch as your glory moves before us — but we are slow to take up the mantle you lay at our feet. Forgive us for our fear, our hesitation, and our lack of faith. Clothe us with your Spirit, that we might walk boldly in your name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Just as the Holy Spirit did not leave Elisha, God does not abandon us in our weakness. By the grace of Jesus Christ, the mantle of mercy is laid upon us, and the Holy Spirit empowers us to begin again. Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

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  
12:00 pm New Elder Reception (Breezeway)  
12:15 pm Handbells  
1:00 pm Cub Scout Planning Meeting (CR)  
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\* (FH)



\*Outside SBPC Reservations & Events  
(CR) Conference Room  
(FH) Fellowship Hall  
(GP) Gathering Place  
(L) Library  
(P) Parlor  
(S) Sanctuary

June 8 — Pentecost 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 Handbells



June 9 — Monday  
Vacation Bible School (9:00-11:30 AM)  
5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting (CR)  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

June 10 — Tuesday  
Vacation Bible School (9:00-11:30 AM)  
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
10:30 am Staff Meeting (P)  
7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship\* (FH)

June 11 — Wednesday  
Vacation Bible School (9:00-11:30 AM)  
5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)

June 12 — Thursday  
Vacation Bible School (9:00-11:30 AM)  
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
1:00 pm Pastor Mark’s Bible Study (Zoom)  
5:30 pm VBS Closing Celebration (FH)



June 13 — Friday  
Vacation Bible School (9:00-11:30 AM)  
6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting\* (CR)  
7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program\* (YR)

June 14 — Saturday  
6:00 pm CENTI Church Service\* (GP)

Announcements & Events:

Today we celebrate the Ordination and Installation of the Ruling Elders for the Class of 2028! We give thanks to God that Jim Kunkel, Betty Magnuson, and Sarah Powell have accepted the call to serve in leadership at Spring Branch. We also give thanks for the work of our outgoing Elders: Jacquie Ballesteros, Stephen Earnest, and Laurie Mitchell. Please join us for a reception in the Breezeway immediately following Worship today.

The Unwind Group is meeting for dinner tomorrow, 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. We hope to see you there!

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).

Join in the Pentecost Celebration next Sunday, June 8th, as we celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church. Don't forget to wear red!

Please join us for a reception in the breezeway immediately following worship on Sunday, June 8th. We will be celebrating those born in the month of June!

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	"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!	
	God's People Are Empowered	
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Pastor Mark
ANTHEM	"Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace"	Choir
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		
SCRIPTURE LESSON	2 Kings 2:1-15	Red Pew Bible OT 332
SERMON	"Picking Up the Mantle"	Rev. Savannah Goodman
	Responding to the Word	
*HYMN	"Come, Great God of All the Ages"	GTG, No. 309
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP		
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
OFFERTORY		
*OUR RESPONSE	"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" (v. 4)	GTG, No. 1
	Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!	
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)		
	Faithful God, as Elisha received the mantle and stepped forward in faith, we offer these gifts and our lives to your service. By your Holy Spirit, strengthen our hands and hearts to continue Christ's work with courage, trusting that you go before us. Amen.	

**Ordination and Installation of New Elders**

**REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

**Leader:** Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**People: We do.**

**Leader:** Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

**People: We do.**

**Leader:** Will each of you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

**People: We will.**

**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.**

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS (Class of 2028)**  
Jim Kunkel, Betty Magnuson, Sarah Powell

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

**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** *“We Are Called”* GTG, No. 749

**\*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).*