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# Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

**Who's Who:**

Minister: All Members of the Church  
 Co-Pastor: Rev. Mark Plunkett  
 Co-Pastor: Rev. Savannah Goodman  
 Business 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: Jim Kunkel  
 Sarah Powell  
 Mission Leader: Joel Alegria  
 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 2026**

Kay Craig  
 Sarah Dikeman  
 Ethan Mitchell

**Class of 2027**

Joel Alegria  
 Beth Mizwa  
 Nina Rach

**Class of 2028**

Jim Kunkel  
 Betty Magnuson  
 Sarah Powell

**Academy Board**

Neal Dikeman  
 Ashley Powell  
 Carla Pace  
 Jorida Vakiari  
 Lee Dudinsky  
 Lauren Tacchi

**Serving today in Worship:**

**Liturgists:** Choir Members  
**Usher Captain:** Donald McDaniel  
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## ***“Won’t You Be My Love”***

Choir Cantata  
 December 7, 2025

## 2nd Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

10:50 AM

*\*Those who are able please stand*

### Gathering in God's Name

#### PRELUDE

#### THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS THE SANCTUARY

#### WELCOME

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

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE (PEACE)**

Worship Ministry Team

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who brings peace to troubled hearts.

**People: In a world marked by division and unrest, God draws near.**

Leader: Like John the Baptist, we are called to prepare the way with courage and clarity.

**People: Peace is coming — peace that calms our fear and guides our steps.**

Leader: Emmanuel — God with us — speaks stillness into our striving and hope into our discord.

**People: Come, let us worship the God who brings peace.**

**ALL: Let us worship God together!**

### Hearing and Responding to the Word

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

**Dear God, please help us make room in our hearts for you. Please open our hearts to your words and move our hands and feet to not only make a place for you in this world, but also to make a place for all who belong to you, especially those who feel cast out or abandoned by the world right now. Help us to make room. Amen.**

*"Make Room"*

Keith Trimble

#### HOPE

Romans 15:7-13

Red Pew Bible NT 163

*"Hope Has A Name"* Rachael Castillo and Sophia Saenz

#### PRAYER

Leader: For the homeless man on the street corner begging for money...

**People: Let us be your hope.**

Leader: For the woman in prison who has broken the law and is away from her family during the holidays...

## Calendar of Events

[www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar](http://www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar)

#### December 7 — 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:15 am Church Nursery  
9:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Children's Sunday School (GP 3)  
9:30 am Youth Sunday School (YR)  
9:45 am Choir Practice  
10:50 am Worship  
12:15 pm Handbells (S)  
4:00 pm Cub Scouts: Webelos (GP 1 & 2)  
5:00 pm BSA Committee Meeting (GP)

#### December 8 — Monday

10:30 am Staff Meeting (P)  
5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting (CR)  
5:30 pm Special Olympics\* (GP)  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

#### December 9 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
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

#### December 10 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Circle (Sarah Dikeman's House)  
5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)  
5:30 pm Academy Christmas Pageant (S)  
6:00 pm WNS: Carnitas!  
6:30 pm Contemporary Worship Service (GP)

#### December 11 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)  
5:30 pm Girl Scouts\* (FH)  
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance\* (GP)

#### December 12 — Friday

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

#### December 13 — Saturday

3:00 pm Fairbees Christmas Party\* (FH)  
6:00 pm CENTI Church Service\* (GP)

#### December 14 — 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:15 am Church Nursery  
9:30 am Sunday School  
9:45 am Choir Practice  
10:50 am Worship  
12:00 pm Called Congregational Meeting  
12:15 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration  
12:15 pm Congregational Care Meeting (CR)  
12:15 pm Handbells (S)  
3:00 pm Youth Christmas Party (GP)  
6:00 pm BSA Court of Honor (FH)

#### December 15 — Monday

10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)  
5:30 pm Special Olympics\* (GP)  
6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Bear (GP 1 & 2)  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

#### December 16 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)  
6:15 pm Cub Scouts: Wolf (GP 1 & 2)  
7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship\* (FH)

#### December 17 — Wednesday

3:30 pm WOW (S)  
6:00 pm Advent Party: Ham, Mac & Cheese!  
6:30 pm Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (GP 1 & 2)

#### December 18 — Thursday

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

#### December 19 — Friday

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

#### December 20 — Saturday

##### **PresPress Articles Due**

8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)  
1:00 pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor (S & FH)  
6:00 pm CENTI Church Service\* (GP)



## Announcements & Events:

**The Flowers** for this morning are given by Lu Taylor, to the Glory of God, and are in memory of her mother, Ann Dikeman.

**Dust off your halos—It's Angel Tree time again!** Tags are available today, December 7th. Be sure to pick up one or two! The deadline for returning gifts is Sunday, December 14th. In addition to the gifts, each family receives a basket of food. Please pick up some kid friendly, non-perishable food items from the store the next few weeks and we will begin to set it aside for our Angel Tree families.

One of our long-time Missions in December is the **PCHAS Ornament Tree**. During Advent time, we hang ornaments on a Christmas tree. Each of the ornaments has a PCHAS tag attached with a suggested donation amount. You take the ornament home with you and leave the donation in the basket provided. *(If you pay by check, please make checks payable to SBPC and put "PCHAS Ornament Tree" in the memo line.)*

**Advent in a Bag** — This Advent, we prepare for Christ's coming not only by waiting and watching, but by living out Christ's love in action. This year, the Faith Development Team decided to make Advent in a Bag kits for families with children and/or youth to really explore Christ's love in action and prepare for Christmas together as a family. Each week includes a short story from Scripture, a hands-on activity, and a simple mission project that helps us follow Christ's example of hope, peace, joy, and love as we journey through Christmas together. These bags are available for pick up in the Narthex (one per family please). Questions? Please email Pastor Savannah ([savannah@springbranchpres.org](mailto:savannah@springbranchpres.org)).

**The Academy Christmas Pageant is this Wednesday, December 10th**, at 5:30 PM in the Sanctuary. All are invited to attend!

**Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday**, December 10th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Kay Craig and Betty Magnuson are making Carnitas. 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 PW Day Circle** will meet on Wednesday, December 10th, at 9:30 AM at Sarah Dikeman's House (11414 S. Chestwood, 77024). Please contact Patti Nanney if you'd like to attend via Zoom. **The Evening Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday, December 9th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 4 video is available at the following link: [www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/resilience-joy-identity](http://www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/resilience-joy-identity).

**There will be a Called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 14th, immediately following the 10:50 AM Worship Service.** The purpose of the meeting is to elect the 2026 Nominating Committee. Nominees are: Kay Craig and Sarah Dikeman (from Session); Ben Dethloff from Administration Team; Lu Taylor from Congregation Team; Theresa Dunlap from Faith Development Team; Patti Nanney from Mission Team; Donald McDaniel from Worship Team. The Nominating Committee will have 7 members. Further nominations may be presented from the floor at the meeting.

**Please join us for the annual Advent Party on Wednesday, December 17th**, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. There will be singing, games, crafts, great food, and more! On the menu is a Ham and Mac and Cheese. Wear your Christmas best—we will have lots of photo opportunities! Bring a can of food for Fair Haven or our Angel Tree Families. We hope to see you there!

**Poinsettias are available for purchase again this year.** A sign-up sheet is located in the Church Office & Narthex to place your order until Monday, December 22nd. Remember to indicate who you are honoring, and/or remembering, with your payment of \$10 to SBPC, which you can drop off in the Church Office, or during Worship in the offering plate.

**People: Let us be your hope.**  
Leader: For the child who is in a group home because his parents are not there...  
**People: Let us be your hope.**  
Leader: For the teenager who is sleeping on a friend's couch because her parents kicked her out for who she is...

**People: Let us be your hope.**  
Leader: For the immigrant who is scared and afraid because of what they hear in the news...

**People: Let us be your hope.**  
Leader: For all of those who you would have served,  
**People: Let us serve them too. Let us be Your hope.**

### PEACE

Matthew 5:3-10

Red Pew Bible NT 4

*"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"*

Choir

### PRAYER

Leader: For the homeless man on the street corner begging for money...

**People: Let us be your peace.**

Leader: For the woman in prison who has broken the law and is away from her family during the holidays...

**People: Let us be your peace.**

Leader: For the child who is in a group home because his parents are not there...

**People: Let us be your peace.**

Leader: For the teenager who is sleeping on a friend's couch because her parents kicked her out for who she is...

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### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: Holy One, this Advent season we wait in peace,

**People: and we give in peace.**

Leader: A peace deeper than our anxiety and fear.

**People: A peace growing from our trust in your loving power.**

Leader: Receive these generous offerings,

**People: And use them to bring your peace to our world. Amen.**

## JOY

Luke 1:46-55

Red Pew Bible NT 57

*"Joy to the World/Joy Unspeakable Joy"*  
Rachael Castillo, Sophia Saenz, Keith Trimble

### PRAYER

Leader: For the homeless man on the street corner begging for money...

**People: Let us be your joy.**

Leader: For the woman in prison who has broken the law and is away from her family during the holidays...

**People: Let us be your joy.**

Leader: For the child who is in a group home because his parents are not there...

**People: Let us be your joy**

Leader: For the teenager who is sleeping on a friend's couch because her parents kicked her out for who she is...

**People: Let us be your joy.**

Leader: For the immigrant who is scared and afraid because of what they hear in the news...

**People: Let us be your joy.**

Leader: For all of those who you would have served,

**People: Let us serve them too. Let us be Your joy.**

## LOVE

John 4:16-21

Red Pew Bible NT 95

*"Low How A Rose/The Rose"*

Choir

### PRAYER

Leader: For the homeless man on the street corner begging for money...

**People: Let us be your love.**

Leader: For the woman in prison who has broken the law and is away from her family during the holidays...

**People: Let us be your love.**

Leader: For the child who is in a group home because his parents are not there...

**People: Let us be your love**

Leader: For the teenager who is sleeping on a friend's couch because her parents kicked her out for who she is...

**People: Let us be your love.**

Leader: For the immigrant who is scared and afraid because of what they hear in the news...

**People: Let us be your love.**

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**People: Let us serve them too. Let us be Your love.**

*"Won't You Be My Love"*  
Rachael Castillo, Sophia Saenz, Keith Trimble

## Spring Branch Presbyterian Church Celebrate Advent and Christmas with Us!



**Sunday, November 30, 10:50 am**

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Worship*

*"Christ in Action: Two Disciples Discuss Jesus' End Time Message"*

**Thursday, December 4, 5:00 pm**

*"A Stable for a Savior" Messy Church*

*Come for games, crafts, music, and activities.*

**Sunday, December 7, 10:50 am**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Worship*

*"Won't You Be My Love?"*

*Choir Cantata*

**Wednesday, December 10, 5:30 pm**

*Academy Christmas Pageant in the Sanctuary*

**Wednesday, December 10, 6:30 pm**

*Contemporary Worship Service in the Gathering Place*

*"Christ in Action: The Gifts We Give"*

**Sunday, December 14, 10:50 am**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Worship*

*"Christ in Action: The Baptist Sends Messengers"*

**Sunday, December 14, 3:00 pm**

*Youth Christmas Party in the Gathering Place*

**Wednesday, December 17, 6:00 pm**

*Advent Party in the Fellowship Hall*

*Come for food, fellowship, music, and crafts!*

**Sunday, December 21, 10:50 am**

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Worship*

*"Christ in Action: When Love Stays"*

**Wednesday, December 24, 6:00 pm**

*Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve Service*

*Cookies & Hot Chocolate in the Breezeway at 5:30 pm*

*"Christ in Action: Two Disciples Tell the Same Story"*

