



# 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  
Director of Operations & Technology:  
Ethan Mitchell  
Director of Music: Gabriel Perez  
Accompanist: Jonathan Craft  
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:

**Liturgist:** Marguerite Priest  
**Children's Moment:** Pastor Savannah  
**Usher Captain:** Donald McDaniel  
**PowerPoint:** Megan Hogg

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***“Granted Second Chances:  
Remade By Love”***  
March 1, 2026

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

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.)*

**MOMENT FOR MISSION**

Kayla Mizwa, HISD Sunrise Center

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, all who seek new life,

**People: We gather, hoping for grace.**

Leader: Come, all who long to see God's kingdom,

**People: We come, ready to be born again.**

Leader: Let us worship the One who grants second chances,

**People: Let us open our hearts to God's unfailing love.**

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

**\*HYMN**

*"Blessed Assurance"*

GTG, No. 839

Preparing for the Word

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Leader: If God's love can reach Nicodemus in the dark of night, surely it reaches us. Let us confess our sins, trusting in God's mercy to give us second chances.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(unison)*

**Merciful God, we confess that we often cling to what we know, afraid to be born anew. We turn away from your Spirit, settling for comfort over courage. Forgive us, we pray, and open our hearts to the new life you offer through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Hear the good news: God so loved the world that nothing, not even our failures, can separate us from this love. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and given new life. Thanks be to God! Amen!

# Calendar of Events

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

**March 1 — 2nd Sunday in Lent**

- 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
- 10:30 am Called Session Meeting (P)
- 10:50 am Worship
- 5:00 pm BSA Committee Meeting (GP)



**March 8 — 3rd Sunday in Lent**

- Daylight Savings Time Starts**
- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Choir Practice
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:00 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration

**March 9 — Monday**

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

**March 10 — Tuesday**

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting (CR)

**March 11 — Wednesday**

- 9:30 am PW Circle (CR)
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)

**March 12 — Thursday**

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

**March 13 — Friday**

- 6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting\* (CR)

**March 14 — Saturday**

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

**March 2 — Monday**

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (P)
- 6:00 pm PW Unwind: Sylvia's Enchilada Kitchen
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

**March 3 — Tuesday**

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 7:00 pm Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom

**March 4 — Wednesday**

- 9:30 am PW Moderators (CR)
- 10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Hamburgers!
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (GP 1 & 2)

**March 5 — 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)

**March 6 — Friday**

**March 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 Marguerite Priest, to the Glory of God, and are in loving memory of Robert Joseph Priest.

**This Lent, come along with us as we read I Wonder about the Last Days of Jesus' Life.** This story is voiced by members of the church. Your child can enjoy the story being read to them. Part 2 of this story will be available for pick up in the Narthex and Education Building Foyer starting on Sunday, 3/1. Questions? Please email Pastor Savannah ([savannah@springbranchpres.org](mailto:savannah@springbranchpres.org)).

**Volunteers needed for HISD Marian Park & Baker Ripley Sunrise Centers!** Sunrise Centers are one-stop social service hubs where HISD students and their families can get support with everyday needs. We're here to connect families to helpful services that support child well-being and success in and out of school. We need volunteers for routine pantry organization, routine storage organization, scout projects, diaper and formula donations, and routine help unloading food pallets before our food distribution. Please contact Kayla Mizwa at [kayla.mizwa@houstonisd.org](mailto:kayla.mizwa@houstonisd.org) for time and dates.

**Please join the Unwind Group for dinner tomorrow, Monday, March 2nd at 6:00 PM at Sylvia's Enchilada Kitchen** (1140 Eldridge Parkway, 77077). Sylvia serves food from different regions of Mexico and also Tex-Mex. Please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114, only if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there!

**Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday,** March 4th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Don and Barbara Tremble are making Hamburgers. 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 on Thursday, March 5th, at 5:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to join us! Our theme this month is *STEM*. Come for games, crafts, music, and activities. A free pizza dinner will be served about 5:45 PM. We hope to see you there!

**The PW Day Circle** will meet on Wednesday, March 11th, 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, March 3rd, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 7 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).

**Don't forget to spring forward!** Daylight savings time begins on Sunday, March 8th. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night.

**Scholarship Applications are now available for interested students.** Completed applications are due by May 1st for the year applying, and should be turned in to Sarah Dikeman for the Women's Scholarship and Ken Crawford for the Men's Scholarship.

Would you like to beautify the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings while honoring a loved one or commemorating a special occasion? **The 2026 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 PATRI

GTG, No. 581

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

### God's People Are Empowered

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Savannah

### ANTHEM

*"God So Loved the World"*

Choir

### SERMON INTRO

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:1-17

Red Pew Bible NT 93

### SERMON

*"Granted Second Chances: Remade By Love"*  
Rev. Savannah Goodman

### Responding to the Word

### \*HYMN

*"Lift High the Cross"* (v. 1 & 3)

GTG, No. 826

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Lee Matthews

**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

**\*DOXOLOGY**

GTG, No. 607

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(unison)*

**Gracious God, we dedicate these offerings and our lives to you. Use them to bring hope where there is despair, to offer forgiveness where there is pain, and to reveal your kingdom to all people. May we live as witnesses of your second chances, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE 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**

*“To God Be the Glory”*

GTG, No. 634

**\*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.

***Traditional Worship Service 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.

***Contemporary Worship Service***

Join us for an exciting new contemporary worship service! Experience uplifting music and heartfelt messages in a welcoming environment. This is a great opportunity to connect with others and deepen your faith. Don't miss the chance to be part of this transformative journey. Bring your friends and family! Our next Contemporary Worship Service will be on **March 18th at 6:30 PM in the Gathering Place**. For more information, please visit: [www.springbranchpres.org/contemporary-worship-service](http://www.springbranchpres.org/contemporary-worship-service).

***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.

**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.



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