



# Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

## Who's Who:

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Co-Pastor: Rev. Savannah Goodman  
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Ethan Mitchell  
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Accompanist: Jonathan Craft  
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## 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  
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## 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  
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## Serving today in Worship:

**Liturgist:** Donald McDaniel  
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**“Granted Second Chances:  
Having Open Eyes”**  
March 15, 2026

## 4th Sunday in Lent

March 15, 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.)*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all who walk in darkness,

**People: and behold the light of Christ.**

Leader: Come, all who have stumbled,

**People: and be renewed by God's mercy.**

Leader: Come, for the One who gives sight to the blind

**People: calls us to see the world with love and grace.**

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

#### \*HYMN

*"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

GTG, No. 610

### Preparing for the Word

#### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: God offers second chances to all, yet we cling to old ways. Let us open our hearts and confess our sins, trusting in God's mercy. Let us pray:

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

**Merciful God, we confess that we fail to see your work in our lives. We judge others hastily, ignore those in need, and cling to our own understanding. Forgive us for the times we have hidden our eyes from your truth. Open our hearts to your mercy, that we may follow Jesus faithfully, and offer second chances to others as freely as you offer them to us. Amen.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The One who gave sight to the blind has opened our eyes to grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and granted a second chance. Thanks be to God! Amen!

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

**People: And also with you.**

# Calendar of Events

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

#### March 15 — 4th 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  
10:50 am Worship  
12:15 pm Congregational Care Meeting (CR)

#### March 16 — Monday

10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)  
10:30 am Staff Meeting (P)  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

#### March 17 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)  
7:00 pm Faith Development Meeting (Zoom)

#### March 18 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW ZIP Trip: Blue Bell Creamery  
3:30 pm WOW (S)  
5:45 pm WNS: Salsa Chicken Soft Tacos!  
6:30 pm Contemporary Worship Service (GP)  
6:30 pm Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (Scout Hut)

#### March 19 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)  
5:00 pm Idea Spring: Cool Chemistry! (FH)  
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance\* (GP)

#### March 20 — Friday *PresPress Articles Due* *Girl Scout Campout*

#### March 21 — Saturday *Girl Scout Campout*

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

#### March 22 — 5th Sunday in Lent

9:15 am Church Nursery  
9:30 am Sunday School  
9:45 am Choir Practice  
10:50 am Worship  
5:00 pm BSA Committee Meeting (GP)

#### March 23 — Monday

5:30 pm Academy Pre-K Open House  
6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Bear (GP 1 & 2)  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

#### March 24 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)  
6:15 pm Cub Scouts: Wolf (GP 1 & 2)  
7:00 pm Session (CR)

#### March 25 — Wednesday

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

#### March 26 — Thursday

##### *Academy Picture Day (Parlor)*

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 27 — Friday

##### *Academy Picture Day (Parlor)*

6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting\* (FH)

#### March 28 — Saturday

11:00 am Hot Meals  
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 Gathering Place will meet tomorrow, Monday, March 16th, at 10:00 AM!** The theme for this month is *St. Patrick's Day!* Please see Jacquie Ballesteros or Sarah Dikeman if you are interested in helping out.

**The Presbyterian Women plan to ZIP to the Blue Bell Creamery on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.** This is an open trip, so invite your friends, husbands, and grands! Please contact Marguerite Priest at [mepriest@hotmail.com](mailto:mepriest@hotmail.com) or 281-435-3941 for more information. We hope you will join us!

**Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, March 18th,** at 5:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Jan Fitts is making Salsa Chicken Soft Tacos (flour and/or corn tortillas), Charro Beans, Cole Slaw, Fruit, and Chocolate Cake & Cookies. We will serve dinner at 5:45 PM this week for anyone who would like to attend the Contemporary Worship Service at 6:30 PM. 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!

**Our next Idea Spring event is just around the corner — “Cool Chemistry” presented by the Houston Museum of Natural Science.** Join us at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall on March 19th for this free, family friendly program. A free pizza dinner will follow. We hope to see you there!

**We will have Easter Lilies again this year!** Place your order now through Friday, April 3rd. You may order by using the form in the Narthex or Church Office. The cost is \$10 each, and the payment can be mailed to the church office or placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. The names of those being honored or remembered will be shared with the congregation on Easter Sunday morning.

**Happy Hands will meet on Wednesday, March 25th, from 9:30-11:00 AM in the Conference Room.** Bring your projects, needle and thread, and/or fingers for stuffing and stitching. See you then!

**Join us for Messy Church on Thursday, March 26th, at 5:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to join us! Our theme this month is *Jesus in the Storm*. Come for games, crafts, music, and activities. A free pizza dinner will be served about 5:45 PM. We hope to see you there!

**Save-the-Date for the March Blood Drive** — SBPC will have a Blood Drive on Sunday, March 29th, from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Ashley Powell at [ashleycrawford161@gmail.com](mailto:ashleycrawford161@gmail.com) if you would like to donate. Share the gift of life!

One of our church's favorite events is back! **PCHAS** is hosting **The Annual Fundraising Luncheon on Thursday, April 16th**, which will showcase the life-changing work we are doing in our community. Our church will have four Table Hosts – Sarah Dikeman, Marguerite Priest, Jeannie Stockton, and Patti Nanney. One of these individuals will probably be contacting you to see if you would like to attend the luncheon, but feel free to contact them first. We always have so much fun, great fellowship, good food, and supporting a great charity. We hope that you will join us!

**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.

**\*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**

*"Shine On Us"*

Choir

**SERMON INTRO**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

John 9:1-34

Red Pew Bible NT 102

**SERMON**

*"Granted Second Chances: Having Open Eyes"*  
Rev. Savannah Goodman

### Responding to the Word

**\*HYMN**

*"Lord of the Dance"*

GTG, No. 157

**\*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**

**\*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 our gifts and lives to you. Use them to open eyes, heal hearts, and grant second chances to all in need. May our hands serve your kingdom, our voices proclaim your mercy, and our lives reflect the light of Christ in this world. Amen.**

**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**

*"Just as I Am, without One Plea"*

GTG, No. 442

**\*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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