



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church
 Co-Pastor: Rev. Mark Plunkett
 Co-Pastor: Rev. Savannah Goodman
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 Ethan Mitchell
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Administration Leader: Ethan Mitchell
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 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
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Class of 2027

Joel Alegria
 Beth Mizwa
 Nina Rach

Class of 2028

Jim Kunkel
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 Sarah Powell

Academy Board

Neal Dikeman
 Ashley Powell
 Carla Pace
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Serving today in Worship:

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**“Coloring Outside the
 Lines: Part One”**

March 8, 2026

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 8, 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** *(from Psalm 95)*

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great ruler above all gods. In God's hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are God's also.

People: The sea is the Lord's, for God made it, and the dry land, which God's hands have formed.

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

ALL: For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand.

***HYMN**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

GTG, No. 611

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: As we wander through the wilderness of Lent, we come closer and closer to confronting human sin, both our own sin, and our collective sin. It is with honesty about how we have hurt others, and hurt ourselves, that we can move closer to the healing that God wills for us. Confession allows us to exercise such honesty, knowing that the God who hears us is the God who already loves us. Therefore, we need not fear confession, but draw near to the love that is God, in honesty and candor:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**God of endless renewal,
God who calls us to lives restored,
God who rescues the lost and saves the afflicted:**

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

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

- 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

- 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 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: Chicken!
- 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)



*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 the Auld, Ballesteros, and Earnest families, to the Glory of God, and are in memory of Jay W. Auld on what would've been his 100th birthday, a proud veteran of the US Navy.

March Birthday Celebration — Join church members and friends immediately after Worship today as we gather to celebrate those among us born in March. Sweet treats and snacks will add to the festive spirit of the day.

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 3 of this story will be available for pick up in the Narthex and Education Building Foyer starting on Sunday, 3/8. Questions? Please email Pastor Savannah (savannah@springbranchpres.org).

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 Lesson 7 video is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/resilience-joy-identity.

There will be no Wednesday Night Supper this week, March 11th, in observance of Spring Break. Please join us when we resume on March 18th for Chicken!

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.

The Gathering Place will meet on 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 or 281-435-3941 for more information. We hope you will join us!

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!

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 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!

There are times when our way grows confused. We struggle to know what to do. Or worse, we know what needs to be done and find it easier to stay on the wrong path. Forgive us for failing to heed opportunities to follow a better way. Remind us that you stand more ready to forgive than we are to confess those aspects of our lives that stand in need of your grace. And thus forgiven, help us to lean in to what you would teach us about how we are to be. We pray all these things in Jesus' name, and for His sake... Amen!

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Believe the promise of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: ...The peace of the Lord 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 Mark

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Lord, as your ancient Word falls fresh on our ears and heart today, may we be changed, inspired, and energized by it. May our hearts be moved to action and love. And may our eyes be even more focused on what you would have us learn today. Amen!

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 5:1-11

Red Pew Bible NT 155

ANTHEM

“Amazing Grace”

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 4:1-42

Red Pew Bible NT 94

SERMON

“Coloring Outside the Lines: Part One”

Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

GTG, No. 216

***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)*

Holy God, from abundance upon abundance, you have said that we may freely take, and freely share. As we return to you what is already your own, we ask that you would bless these gifts and multiply them. May we, in turn, be blessed, as we see your reign unfolding before us, through Christ our Lord, 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

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

GTG, No. 523

*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.

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 1st and 3rd 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 1st and 3rd 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.