



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:

Liturgists: SBPC Youth
Children's Moment: Pastor Savannah
Usher Captain: Donald McDaniel
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Youth Sunday | Senior Sunday

April 26, 2026

4th Sunday of Easter

April 26, 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: We come as people pressed on every side, yet held by grace.

People: We gather as those sustained by God's mercy.

Leader: In our confusion, God is our clarity; in our trials, God is our strength.

People: We are struck down, but not destroyed, for Christ lives in us.

Leader: The life of Jesus is made visible even in our weakness.

People: Let us worship the God who brings hope through hardship.

ALL: Let us worship God together!

***HYMN**

"God Is Here!"

GTG, No. 409

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Trusting that God's power is made perfect in weakness, let us come honestly before God. We do not need to hide our struggles or pretend strength. In Christ, we are invited to lay down all that burdens us and receive mercy. So, let us confess our sins together. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Gracious God, we confess that we often lose heart. When we are pressed, we forget your presence. When we are perplexed, we rely on our own understanding. When we are struck down, we doubt your sustaining grace. We confess that we try to carry life on our own terms, fearing weakness and resisting your transforming power.

Forgive us, O God. Renew us by your Spirit, that the life of Jesus may be revealed in us. Teach us to trust your strength in our weakness, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: though we carry death in our bodies, the life of Jesus is also at work within us. In Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and made new. God's grace sustains us, and nothing can separate us from that love. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar



April 26 — Youth Sunday/Senior Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Choir Practice
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:00 pm Graduation Reception (Breezeway)

April 27 — Monday

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (P)
- 5:30 pm Girl Scout April Summit* (GP)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

April 28 — Tuesday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 7:00 pm Session (CR)

April 29 — Wednesday

- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Baked Potatoes!

April 30 — Thursday

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

May 1 — Friday

Scholarship Applications Due

May 2 — Saturday

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

May 3 — Sunday

- 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 VBS Planning Meeting (CR)
- 4:00 pm Cub Scout Pack Graduation (FH)

May 4 — Monday

- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Bear (GP 1 & 2)
- 6:00 pm PW Unwind!
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

May 5 — Tuesday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

May 6 — 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)

May 7 — 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)

May 8 — Friday

Muffins for Mom (Foyer)
6:00 pm SBM/Arc Meeting* (CR)

May 9 — 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:

During the month of April, we're having a Diaper and Formula Drive to benefit the HISD Marian Park & BakerRipley Sunrise Centers. The needs are: any size of diapers (adult, child, baby sizes) and any type of formula. Donations may be brought to the church. For questions or more information, please contact Kayla Mizwa at (832) 851-7040 or kayla.mizwa@houstonisd.org.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, April 29th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Presbyterian Women are making Baked Potatoes. All proceeds will benefit the Mission/Scholarship Fund! Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

Did you take any pictures on Easter Sunday? There will be a collage of pictures in the May PresPress of the Celebration of the Resurrection. These can be pictures of any of the festivities on Easter weekend at the church, or Easter traditions with your families at home. Please submit pictures to Ethan Mitchell (ethan@springbranchpres.org).

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

Join us for Messy Church on Thursday, May 7th, at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to join us! Our theme this month is *Jesus Speaks My Language*. 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, May 13th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Please contact Patti Nanney if you'd like to attend via Zoom. A salad luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a salad to share. **The Evening Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday, May 12th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 9 video is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/resilience-joy-identity.

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.

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 is facilitating a Zoom Bible Study on the 12 Minor Prophets of the Old Testament 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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

*GLORIA

"Glory"

LUYH, No. 148

*Glory, glory in the highest. Glory to the Almighty.
Glory to the Lamb of God, and glory to the living Word, glory to the Lamb!
We give glory, glory, glory, glory, glory, glory to the Lamb!
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God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Savannah

ANTHEM

"Go Light Your World"

Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:8-12

Red Pew Bible NT 180

SENIOR SERMON INTRO

SENIOR SERMON

Dylan Mancilla

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"Here in This Place" (v. 1, 2, 4)

GTG, No. 401

*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

***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*)

Generous God, we offer these gifts as signs of our lives given to you. Use them to reveal the life of Jesus in this world — in places of need, in moments of despair, and in communities longing for hope. Take what we have given and multiply it by your grace, that your power may be made known through our weakness. In Christ's name we pray. 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** *"Go to the World!"* (v. 2, 3, 4) GTG, No. 295

*PRAYER AND 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 **May 13th 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.