

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church



EASTER SUNDAY

April 5, 2026

10:50 AM

**Those who are able please stand*

Gathering in God's Name

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS THE SANCTUARY

EASTER FANFARE

"Resurrection Hymn"

Choir

WELCOME

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: HE IS RISEN!

People: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Leader: The tomb could not hold Him!

People: The grave could not overcome Him!

Leader: HE IS RISEN!

People: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Leader: Our Lord is alive! Alive forever and ever!

People: Praise his power, his holiness, and his love!

Leader: HE IS RISEN!

People: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

ALL: Let us all joyfully worship our risen Savior, Jesus Christ!

*HYMN

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

GTG, No. 245

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: The joy of this Easter Sunday reminds us of God's resurrecting power. Let us confess all that turns us toward death, so we can know the grace of new life through Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Savior God, forgive our life-alienating ways; our exclusion and judgment of others; the way we evaluate and compare instead of love as you commanded us. Forgive our habits that demean and degrade, our addiction to dismissive and destructive behavior. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for a life in You. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: "Jesus Christ is risen today. By the pains which he endured, our salvation have procured." In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you!

*GLORIA *"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (v. 1, 2, 4)* GTG, No. 240

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Savannah

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Divine Redeemer, bearer of life, open us to the wisdom of your Word today and enlighten us with your truth. Liberate us from all that distracts us and turns us from your path. Guide us and ground us in Christ's everlasting hope. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 20:11-18 Red Pew Bible NT 114

ANTHEM *"To the Lamb on the Throne"* Choir

SERMON *"Tell The Story"* Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

*HYMN *"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"* GTG, No. 248

A LITANY FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Teddy and Coco Gino (children of Megan and Jake Gino, grandchildren of Pastor Mark and Jeanne Plunkett)

*HYMN *"We Know That Christ Is Raised"* GTG, No. 485

*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

*RESPONSE *"Holy, Holy, Holy!" (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)*

God of the empty tomb, your grace astounds us, your generosity fills us to overflowing. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on Christ's behalf. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by Christ's spirit. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation

The Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Serving of the Elements

Prayer After Receiving

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Departing in Joy

*HYMN *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* GTG, No. 268

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

April 5 — Easter Sunday

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Easter Breakfast (FH)
10:15 am Easter Egg Hunt
10:50 am Worship
11:00 am CENTI Easter Retreat* (GP)



April 6 — Easter Monday Church & Academy Closed

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

April 7 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
6:00 pm New Elder Training (CR)

April 8 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Circle (CR)
3:30 pm WOW (S)
5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)
5:45 pm WNS: Hamburgers!
6:30 pm Contemporary Worship Service (GP)

April 9 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)
5:30 pm Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

April 10 — Friday

6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting* (CR)

April 11 — Saturday

PW Spring Gathering (St. Phillip's PC)
6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

Serving today in Worship:

Liturgist: Daniel Powell
Children's Moment: Pastor Savannah
Usher Captain: Donald McDaniel
PowerPoint: Ethan Mitchell

Brass Players:

Trumpet: Christian Aretaga
Trumpet: George Gehring
French Horn: Vincent Calpito
Trombone: Jose Hernandez
Euphonium: Crawford Howell

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Announcements & Events:

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering continues today. When you give, you are joining with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Please use the offering envelopes in your Bulletin, make checks payable to "SBPC", and write "One Great Hour of Sharing" in the memo line.

The Church & Academy will be closed tomorrow, Monday, April 6th, in observance of the Easter Holiday.

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.

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, April 8th, 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, April 14th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 8 video is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/resilience-joy-identity.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, April 8th, at 5:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Laurie Mitchell is making Hamburgers! 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 to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

April Birthday Celebration — Join us for our church-wide monthly birthday celebration of friends born in the month of April. Light refreshments will be served in the Breezeway, weather permitting, following Worship on Sunday, April 12th.

Please join us for Unwind in April at Loves Dumpling House (8408 Katy Freeway, in Spring Valley). Jeannie Stockton highly recommends, and the prices are reasonable. This month we will be meeting on April 13th at 6:00 PM. This is the 2nd Monday of the month, as the organizers have a conflict for the first Monday. Please adjust your calendars and make plans to join us. We hope to see you there!

One of our church's favorite events is back! **PCHAS** is hosting **The Annual Fundraising Luncheon on Thursday, April 16th at 12:00 PM**, 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!

Join us for the final Idea Spring event of the school year on Thursday, April 16th, at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be joined by The Creature Teacher! A free pizza dinner will follow. Questions? Please contact Ethan Mitchell at ideaspring@springbranchpres.org. We hope to see you there!

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.



Joan Belk

In Memory of Joe H. Belk, Sr.

Matt and Sarah Dikeman

*In Memory of Sally and Ray Woolrich
In Memory of Ann and Matt Dikeman, Sr.
In Memory of Wix and Ferrell Thorpe*

Jan and Gerald Fitts

*In Memory of Boots and Joyce Allen
In Memory of Grady and Amelia Fitts*

Savannah and Jordan Goodman

*In Memory of Grandpa Goodman, Nana Ovalline,
and Papa Shivers*

Betty Magnuson

In Memory of Leo Caesar III

The Mitchell and Turner Family

*In Memory of Harold and Virginia Miller
In Memory of Dorothy Mitchell*

Patti and Steve Nanney

*In Memory of Bob and Laverne Collier
In Memory of Todd and Christine Nanney
In Memory of Troy and Lorene Carr*

Delia Nix

*In Memory of the Ferrel Family
In Memory of the Nix family
In Honor of Ali and Jacqueline Nix*

Sarah Powell

Mark and Jeanne Plunkett

In Honor of Their Three Grandchildren

Marguerite Priest

*In Honor of Jeremy Alderson
In Honor of Matthew Alderson
In Honor of Wyatt Alderson
In Honor of Samuel Bryan Evenson*

Nina Rach

*In Memory of Edward Rach
In Memory of David Edward Rach*

Victoria Segovia

In Memory of Gilberto Rodriguez

Curtis and Jeannie Stockton

*In Memory of Norma Lynn Mund
In Memory of Mary Helen Stockton*

Lu Taylor

*In Memory of Ann Dikeman
In Memory of Cotton Warren*