



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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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
 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
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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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“NOT Left Behind”
 May 17, 2026

7th Sunday of Easter

May 17, 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 68:7-10, 32)*

Leader: O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

People: The earth quaked and the mountains trembled;

Leader: The heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,

People: At the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Leader: Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad;

People: You restored your heritage when it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it;

Leader: In your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

ALL: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord!

***HYMN**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (v. 1, 2, 4)

GTG, No. 275

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Too often in the season following Easter, we are quick to roll the stone back over the entrance to the tomb. Our hallelujahs are robust and loud on Easter Sunday, but a few weeks in, we begin to mistrust the promises of the resurrection. Nonetheless, God stands always ready to restore us to wholeness. With the confidence of God's beloved, let us confess our sins, knowing that the God who hears us, loves us, and will forgive and renew us. Let us confess together — first in unison and then in silence.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Eternal God, you have loved us from generation to generation. You have shown your faithfulness more often than we can recall. The Bible tells us of your steadfast mercy. You even pray for us. Yet we live holding on to past hurts; we are not open to your new creation. We prefer the safety of what we know to the excitement of discipleship. Forgive us, we pray, and make us again as you would have us be. We make all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

May 17 — 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
- 12:00 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration
- 12:15 pm Congregational Care Meeting (CR)
- 2:00 pm Youth Swim Party (Earnest's House)
- 5:30 pm Cub Scout Planning Meeting (CR)
- 6:00 pm BSA Court of Honor (FH)

May 18 — Monday

- 10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)
- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts: Bear (GP 1 & 2)
- 6:00 pm Girl Scouts* (FH)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

May 19 — Tuesday

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

May 20 — Wednesday

PresPress Articles Due

- 9:30 am PW ZIP Trip: Brookwood
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Smorgasbord Buffet!
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (GP 1 & 2)

May 21 — Thursday

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

May 22 — Friday

- 6:00 pm SBM/Arc Meeting* (FH)

May 23 — Saturday

- 8:00 am Cheerful Clown Alley* (GP)
- 11:00 am Hot Meals
- 12:00 pm Memorial Gathering: Linda Villegas
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

May 24 — Pentecost Sunday

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Choir Practice
- 10:50 am Worship

May 25 — Monday

Church & Academy Closed



May 26 — Tuesday

Academy Closed (Teacher Workday)

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

May 27 — Wednesday

First Day of Academy Summer Camp!

- 9:30 am Happy Hands (CR)
- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)

May 28 — Thursday

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

May 29 — Friday

- 5:00 pm Cub Scouts: Pool Party (Dad's Club)

May 30 — 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 Nina Rach, to the Glory of God, and are in honor of Caroline Bik's birthday.

Celebrate our May Birthdays — Join friends and congregation members in the Breezeway immediately after Worship today as we celebrate folks born during the month of May. Fellowship and light refreshments will be available following worship.

The Gathering Place will meet tomorrow, Monday, May 18th, at 10:00 AM! The theme for this month is *Red, White, and Blue!* Please see Jacquie Ballesteros or Sarah Dikeman if you are interested in helping out.

The Presbyterian Women will ZIP to Brookwood on Wednesday, May 20th, for the final ZIP of this season. Please RSVP to Marguerite Priest at mepriest@hotmail.com. Reservations are very important at Brookwood for lunch. We hope you can join us!

Join us for the last Wednesday Night Supper of the school year, this Wednesday, May 20th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. On the menu is a Smorgasbord Buffet! Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

Join in the Pentecost Celebration next Sunday, May 24th, as we celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church. Don't forget to wear red!

Happy Hands will meet on Wednesday, May 27th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Join us throughout the summer as we continue to stuff and close pillows for hospital patients and others who need a hug. We will meet each month throughout the summer.

Join us on Sunday, June 7th, for the Ordination and Installation of the Ruling Elders for the Class of 2029 (Neal Dikeman, Theresa Dunlap, and Donald McDaniel)!

Save-the-Date for Snowball Mountain Challenge Vacation Bible School! VBS will be held June 8th-12th from 9:00 AM-11:30 AM in the Gathering Place. A time of worship, music, crafts, recreation, mission, science, and fellowship is being planned. We welcome any individuals who would like to participate or volunteer to please let Pastor Savannah, Jacquie Ballesteros, or Pastor Mark know. Registration forms can be accessed here: www.springbranchpres.org/vbs.

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.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from 2 Corinthians 4:14-15)*

Leader: We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. Believe the promise of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: ...May the peace of the Lord be with you always!

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!
We give glory to the Lamb!*

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God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Mark

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

May the words that we read and hear today land fresh upon our hearts and minds, this day and always. Amen!

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Red Pew Bible NT 235

ANTHEM

"Day By Day"

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 1:6-14

Red Pew Bible NT 118

SERMON

"NOT Left Behind"

Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

PRESENTATION OF CHURCH SCHOLARSHIPS

Sarah Dikeman & Donald McDaniel

***HYMN**

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

GTG, No. 839

***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)*

With abundance upon abundance, Almighty God, you have seen to our needs. We return this portion of our wealth, we offer these prayers, and we remember the gift of time you have given us as tokens of our commitment to know you, to love you, and to serve you. Bless these gifts, multiply and use them, and may we be blessed ourselves as we see your work in our midst. 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**

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

GTG, No. 546

***BENEDICTION**

***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 **June 10th 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.



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