



# 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  
Academy Assistant Director: Nikki Childs

## Ministry Teams:

Administration Leader: Ethan Mitchell  
Congregation Leader: Kay Craig  
Faith Development Leaders: 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:

**Liturgist:** Jan Fitts  
**Children's Moment:** Pastor Savannah  
**Usher Captain:** Donald McDaniel  
**PowerPoint:** Ethan Mitchell

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**“Being the Church Together”**  
May 24, 2026

## Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 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: When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

**People: And suddenly, the Holy Spirit came like a rushing wind.**

Leader: Dividing flames rested on each one gathered.

**People: The Holy Spirit filled them and gave them voice.**

Leader: People of all ages were called to speak.

**People: Come, Holy Spirit — fill us again.**

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

#### \*HYMN

*"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*

GTG, No. 286

### Preparing for the Word

#### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: The Holy Spirit poured out at Pentecost reveals God's nearness and also God's truth. In the light of the Holy Spirit, we see both the gifts we have received and the ways we have resisted God's work among us. Trusting in God's mercy and grace, let us confess our sin together. Let us pray:

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

**Holy God, you poured out your Spirit on all flesh, yet we confess that we limit where your Spirit may move. We cling to fear instead of faith, silence instead of witness, comfort instead of courage. Forgive us for the times we resist your call to speak justice, to love boldly, and to welcome those different from ourselves. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, so that our lives may proclaim your mighty deeds. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: God says, "I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh." In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and empowered. By the Holy Spirit's power, our sins are forgiven and our lives made new. Thanks be to God. Amen!

## Calendar of Events

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

#### 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)  
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)

#### May 31 — Trinity Sunday

9:15 am Church Nursery  
9:30 am Sunday School  
9:45 am Choir Practice  
10:50 am Worship  
12:30 pm Baby Sprinkle: Ashley Powell (FH)  
4:00 pm BSA Planning Meeting (GP)

#### June 1 — Monday

6:00 pm PW Unwind: Chavez!  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

#### June 2 — Tuesday

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

#### June 3 — Wednesday

7:30 pm PM Sports Fellowship (CR)

#### June 4 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

#### June 5 — Friday

#### June 6 — 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 Marguerite Priest, to the Glory of God, and are in remembrance of all who gave their all for our country.

**The Church & Academy will be closed tomorrow**, Monday, May 25th, in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

**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.

### 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](http://www.springbranchpres.org/vbs).



**Please join the Unwind Group on Monday, June 1st, at 6:00 PM for dinner at Chavez Mexican Café** (2557 Gessner, 77080). Please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114, only if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there!

**We will be offering a new opportunity for fellowship and friendship among all the Men of the Church, featuring NBA Finals watch parties.** Join us for Game 1 on June 3rd at 7:30 PM and Game 4 on June 10th at 7:30 PM! The games will be shown on the TV in the Conference Room. Feel free to bring snacks, dinner, and nonalcoholic beverages of your choice. It will be come and go, so don't feel obligated to stay the whole time. We hope to see you there!

**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)!

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.

### \*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

*"O Thou Who Camest from Above"*

Choir

### SERMON INTRO

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

Red Pew Bible NT 119

### SERMON

*"Being the Church Together"*

Rev. Savannah Goodman

### Responding to the Word

### \*HYMN

*"Spirt of the Living God"*

GTG, No. 288

### \*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 dedicate these gifts to you, grateful for the outpouring of your Spirit among us. Use what we offer to continue your work of renewal and hope. May these gifts bear witness to your mighty deeds until your Spirit is poured out anew on all the earth. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. 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**      *“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”*      GTG, No. 291

### \*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 **June 10th 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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