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# Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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Minister: All Members of the Church  
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Administration Leader:  
Congregation Leader: Kay Craig  
Faith Development Leader:  
Mission Leaders: Jacquie Ballesteros & Laurie Mitchell  
Worship Leader: Donald McDaniel  
Treasurer: Neal Dikeman

## The Session

Clerk: Elizabeth Powell

Moderator: Rev. Mark Plunkett

## Class of 2024

Charles Fairchild  
Glenn Lanan  
Donald McDaniel  
Jennifer Miller

## Class of 2025

Jacquie Ballesteros  
Stephen Earnest  
Laurie Mitchell

## Class of 2026

Kay Craig  
Sarah Dikeman  
Ethan Mitchell

## Academy Board

Laurie Mitchell  
Jani Shepard

Jim Kunkel

Neal Dikeman  
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## Serving today in Worship:

**Liturgist:** Donald McDaniel  
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**“Sent”**  
May 26th, 2024

Trinity Sunday

May 26, 2024

10:50 AM

*\*Those who are able please stand*

Gathering in God's Name

**WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

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

**PRELUDE**

**THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS THE SANCTUARY**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God our Creator, we call You Father, Mother, Almighty, Author of Life;

**People: Draw us closer to You, O God.**

Leader: Christ our Savior, we call You the Son, the Messiah, the One who Saves;

**People: Draw us closer to You, O God.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, we call You the Advocate, the Inspirer, Breath and Wind of God;

**People: Draw us closer to You, O God.**

Leader: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty; Heaven and earth are full of Your glory;

**People: Draw us closer to You, O God.**

**ALL: Draw us in, Spirit, Christ and Creator, that we might journey with You more fully and deeply, in this life and beyond. Amen!**

**\*HYMN**

*"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"*

GTG, No. 1

Preparing for the Word

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION** *(from Joel 2:28-29)*

Leader: We turn to God in prayer - not because we are compelled - but because God invites us. We come to God - not because of our righteousness - but because of God's grace. In that spirit, we offer this prayer of confession and unburdening:

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

**Holy and triune God, You alone live in perfect relationship, One God in three persons, mutual and loving, ever seeking reconciliation and unity. You have called us to live in Your completion, yet we confess that our relationships are imperfect and we are incomplete without You. We have allowed sin to drive us apart from one another - and apart from You. Forgive us and restore us, draw us close and bind us together in Your mercy. May we long for wholeness and peace, may we strive toward gratitude and grace in the saving name of Your son, Jesus Christ, by the working power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**Calendar of Events**

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

**May 26 — Trinity Sunday**

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children's Chime Choir (S)
- 9:45 am Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- 10:50 am Worship

**May 27 — Monday**  
**Church & Academy Closed**



**May 28 — Tuesday**

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 5:00 pm Special Olympics\* (Field)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship\* (FH)
- 7:00 pm Session (CR)

**May 29 — Wednesday**

- 9:30 am ZIP Trip: Evelyn's Park Conservancy!
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)

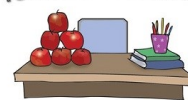
**May 30 — Thursday**

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 11:30 am Pre-K Graduation
- 5:00 pm Special Olympics\* (Field)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance\* (GP)

**May 31 — Friday**  
**Academy Closed**

- 7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program\* (YR)

**Teacher Workday**



**June 1 — Saturday**

- 8:00 am Cheerful Clown Alley\* (FH)
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service\* (GP)

**June 2 — Sunday**

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School (GP 3)
- 10:50 am Worship

**June 3 — Monday**

- 7:00 am Coffee with the Pastor (Foyer)
- 6:00 pm PW Unwind: Goode Co. Barbeque!
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

**June 4 — Tuesday**

- 9:15 am Congregational Care Meeting (GP 2)
- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship\* (FH)

**June 5 — Wednesday**

**June 6 — Thursday**

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance\* (GP)

**June 7 — Friday**

- 7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program\* (YR)

**June 8 — Saturday**

- 8:00 am Cheerful Clown Alley\* (FH)
- 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 memory of all of the fallen soldiers who died to protect our country.

**The Church & Academy will be closed tomorrow**, Monday, May 27th, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

**The Presbyterian Women will ZIP to Evelyn's Park Conservancy, and lunch at Betsy's Café this Wednesday, May 29th.** We will leave from the church at 9:30 AM. If you're interested in going, please let Marguerite Priest know.

**Come celebrate Charlie Craig's 95th Birthday!** Sunday, June 2 at Kay's house, 1748 Pine Village Dr. Drop in for snacks & fellowship, 2 to 4 PM. No gifts please. Cards are welcome. Contact Kay with any questions, or to let her know you're coming (713-248-4138).

**Please plan to join the Unwind Group for dinner at Goode Co. Barbeque** on Monday, June 3, 2024, at 6:00 PM. The restaurant is located at 8911 Katy Freeway. As usual, please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114, only if you plan to attend.

**Save-the-Date for Camp Firelight Vacation Bible School!** VBS will be held June 11th-14th from 9:00 AM-11:30 AM in the Gathering Place. A time of music, worship, crafts, recreation, and fellowship is being planned. We welcome any individuals that would like to participate or volunteer to please let Miguel know in the church office. Registration forms can be accessed here: [www.springbranchpres.org/vbs](http://www.springbranchpres.org/vbs), or picked up in the Church Office on the credenza. Please return all forms to Miguel by Tuesday, June 4th.

**Task Force Needed!** - The Academy Board has set aside \$250,000 to remodel the hallways, classrooms, and bathrooms in the Education Building. We would like to form a task force as we begin to plan for what work we might have done to our facilities. If you are interested in joining this task force, please contact Ethan Mitchell ([ethan@springbranchpres.org](mailto:ethan@springbranchpres.org)). We are especially interested in having any members join that have served on the Academy Board, are currently or have been an Academy parent, or have worked in early childhood education before. But of course, anyone is welcome to join!

Would you like to beautify the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings while honoring a loved one or commemorating a special occasion? **The 2024 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.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear this great good news: God continually shows us another way. God's mercy is as wide as the ocean. God's desire to forgive is as strong as the mighty wind. So let your hearts receive the outpouring of God's love through the Holy Spirit. Amen!

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### \*GLORIA

*"My Life Is in You, Lord"*

*My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;  
My hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.  
My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;  
My hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.*

*I will praise you with all of my life,  
I will praise you with all of my strength;  
With all of my life, with all of my strength.  
All of my hope is in you.*

*My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;  
My hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.  
My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;  
My hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you, in you.*

## God's People Are Empowered

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Patti Nanney

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

**O God Three in One, draw us into your community of love with people across the ages and around the world. With the same Spirit that binds us together, speak to us as we read and ponder your Word to us this day; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:12-17

Red Pew Bible NT 158

## ANTHEM

*"Witness"*

Choir

## SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:1-17

Red Pew Bible NT 93

## SERMON

*"Sent"*

Rev. Mark Plunkett

## Responding to the Word

### \*HYMN

*"To God Be the Glory"*

GTG, No. 634

**\*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** GTG, No. 616  
*"Our God Is an Awesome God"*  
  
*Our God is an awesome God  
who reigns from heaven above  
with wisdom, power, and love;  
our God is an awesome God!*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*unison*)  
**Good and gracious God, just as You poured out the power of Your Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, pour out Your power upon these gifts and the very lives that we offer to Your purposes. Teach and inspire our young people to dream dreams and follow those dreams in serving You. May all that we offer in Your name bring about a vision of Your gracious and sovereign realm of love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## **A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE ON MEMORIAL DAY**

## **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** GTG, No. 826  
*"Lift High the Cross"*

## **\*BENEDICTION**

## **\*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD**

## **\*POSTLUDE**

*Portions of today's worship service are taken from re-worship.blogspot.com.*

### ***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, 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.

### ***Worship 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.

### ***Sunday Morning Offerings at 9:30 am***

**Saints Under Construction:** This class meets in the Sanctuary in the Garden Room. 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.



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