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# Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

## Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church  
Pastor: Rev. Mark Plunkett  
Administrator: Jorida Vakiari  
Ministries Coordinator: C. Miguel Carlin  
Administrative Assistant: Ethan Mitchell  
Music Director: Gabriel Perez  
Accompanist: Jonathan Craft  
AV Director: Ethan Mitchell  
AV Technician: Ben Dethloff  
Academy Director: Renee Henry

## Ministry Teams:

Administration Leader: Ethan Mitchell  
Congregation Leader: Kay Craig  
Faith Development Leader: Jacquie Ballesteros  
Mission Leaders: 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  
Ashley Powell

## Serving today in Worship:

**Liturgist:** Elizabeth Powell  
**Children's Moment:** Pastor Mark  
**Usher Captain:** Donald McDaniel  
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*Voices from the Old Testament: Esther*  
June 2, 2024

2nd Sunday After Pentecost

June 2, 2024

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 together to observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

**People: Renew us by Your Spirit, Lord.**

Leader: We come together to praise God with festive songs and shouts of joy!

**People: Renew us by Your Spirit, Lord.**

Leader: We come together to hear the voice of our Savior calling us to compassion.

**People: Renew us by Your Spirit, Lord.**

Leader: We come together to experience the abundance of God's grace.

**ALL: Let us worship the Lord who renews us by His Spirit!!**

**\*HYMN**

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

GTG, No. 307

Preparing for the Word

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Leader: In the midst of busy lives, our time of corporate confession gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect on how we spend our time. Have we dedicated ourselves to loving others? Have we spent our energy on things that bring life to us and those around us? Christ invites us to bring our best and worst to him in prayer, that he might offer us his healing and his peace. Let us pray together...

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

**Lord of Life, You call us to rest, but we are too busy working. You call us to offer rest to others, but we are too busy demanding. You call us to remember that You are always at work in our lives, but we are too busy worrying. Forgive our constant striving and our obsession with work. Remind us that our value comes from You, not from anything we produce or how productive we appear to others. Teach us the rhythms of your grace, and grant us rest for our weary souls. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

# Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

**June 2 — Sunday**

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School (GP 3)
- 10:30 am Called Session Meeting (P)
- 10:50 am Worship
- 2:30 pm Cub Scout Planning Meeting (CR)



**June 9 — Sunday**

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children's Chime Choir (S)
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:00 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration
- 5:30 pm Eagle Scout Ceremony (S)

**June 3 — Monday**

- 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)
- 5:30 pm CPP Training (CR)
- 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)

**June 10 — Monday**

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (P)
- 5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting (CR)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

**June 11 — Tuesday**

- Vacation Bible School (GP), 9:00-11:30 AM**
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting (CR)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship\* (FH)

**June 12 — Wednesday**

- Vacation Bible School (GP), 9:00-11:30 AM**
- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3)

**June 13 — Thursday**

- Vacation Bible School (GP), 9:00-11:30 AM**
- 5:30 pm VBS Closing Celebration (FH)

**June 14 — Friday**

- Vacation Bible School (GP), 9:00-11:30 AM**
- 6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting\* (CR)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program\* (YR)

**June 15 — Saturday**

- 8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)
- 1:30 pm SBM Arc General Meeting\* (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:

**Today we welcome Evelyn Louise Clark and her family as Evelyn's parents are bringing her to be baptized.** Pastor Mark knew this family during his time at Heritage PC, and they do not currently have a pastor there who can do this for her.

**Come celebrate Charlie Craig's 95th Birthday!** Today, 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** tomorrow, 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.

**Join us 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.

**Please join us for a reception in the breezeway immediately following worship on Sunday, June 9th.** We will be celebrating those born in the month of June!

**On Saturday, June 22nd, the youth of CENTI Church will be holding a car wash fundraiser** in our parking lot from 10AM until noon. Bring your dirty cars and a \$5 donation per vehicle, and let's help them raise funds to be used by their youth group!

**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: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Christ lifts the heavy burdens of sin and frees us for new life in his name. Trust that you are forgiven, and be at peace. Amen!

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### \*GLORIA

*"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"*

GTG, No. 591

*Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

## God's People Are Empowered

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Mark

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

**Holy God, as a deep breath fills our lungs with air, so fill us with Your Spirit as we hear Your Word this day. Ground us in Your love, convict us with Your truth, and move us to respond, that we may embody Your good news in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Red Pew Bible OT 616

### ANTHEM

*"For Such a Time as This"*

Sophia Saenz

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Esther 4:1-17

Red Pew Bible OT 446

### SERMON

*"For Such a Time as This"*

Rev. Mark Plunkett

## Responding to the Word

### \*HYMN

*"How Great Thou Art"*

GTG, No. 625

## THE SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Evelyn Louise Clark

### \*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

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation  
The Words of Institution  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Breaking of the Bread  
Serving of the Elements  
Prayer After Receiving

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

#### \*RESPONSE

*"Give Thanks"*

GTG, No. 647

*Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.  
Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.*

*And now let the weak say, "We are strong";  
let the poor say, "We are rich  
because of what the Lord has done for us!"  
And now let the weak say, "We are strong";  
let the poor say, "We are rich  
because of what the Lord has done for us!"*

*Give thanks. Give thanks.*

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

**Provider God, we give You thanks for all Your good gifts to us: for work and rest, for creativity and play, for this community in which to practice our faith together. Take these offerings we bring today and use them to meet the needs of those around us. May our work and witness reflect our belief in Your compassionate care for us and for all You have created. 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 With God"*

LUYH, No. 138

#### \*BENEDICTION

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

#### \*POSTLUDE

*Portions of today's worship service are taken from pres-outlook.org.*

#### *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.