



# Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

## Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church  
 Pastor: Rev. Mark Plunkett  
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 Administrative Assistant: Ethan Mitchell  
 Music Director: Gabriel Perez  
 Accompanist: Jonathan Craft  
 AV Director: Ethan Mitchell  
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 Academy Director: Renee Henry

## Ministry Teams:

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

Jan Fitts  
 Jim Kunkel

Neal Dikeman  
 Ashley Powell

## Serving today in Worship:

**Liturgist:** Jan Fitts  
**Children's Moment:** Jan Fitts  
**Usher Captain:** Donald McDaniel  
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*Voices from the Old Testament: Job*  
 June 23, 2024

5th Sunday After Pentecost

June 23, 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: In the midst of life's storms, God is there.

**People: What have we to fear?**

Leader: In the darkness and terror, God is with us.

**People: Of whom shall we be afraid?**

Leader: Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved.

**ALL: Thanks be to God who cares deeply for us. AMEN!**

**\*HYMN**

*"How Firm A Foundation"*

GTG, No. 463

Preparing for the Word

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Leader: We come to the table of our Lord recognizing our need for divine grace. In humility, let us confess our sins before God and one another:

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

**God of love and power, we listen to the stories of miracles and doubt that these things can happen today. We look at the waves of misfortune, distress, misery, distrust, and anger, and wonder how we can still those waves. We feel the pressures of power and fear flooding into our lives, threatening to drown us and wonder where You are. Forgive us for the littleness of our faith. Forgive us for our doubts. Help us to place our trust in You, Lord Jesus. Help us to fix our eyes on You and on the ministries to which You have called us. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Fear not! God is with us, stilling the storms and raging fears in our lives. Place your trust in God always and know you are forgiven. Amen!

# Calendar of Events

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

**June 23 — Sunday**

**Ordination & Installation**

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

**June 24 — Monday**

- 9:30 am WOW (S)
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (P)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

**June 25 — Tuesday**

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

**June 26 — Wednesday**

- 9:30 am Happy Hands (CR)

**June 27 — Thursday**

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

**June 28 — Friday**

- 5:45 pm Family Movie Night (GP)
- 6:30 pm SBM Arc Meeting\* (FH)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program\* (YR)

**June 29 — Saturday**

- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service\* (GP)

**June 30 — Sunday**

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

**July 1 — Monday**

**Rev. Savannah Goodman's first day!**

- 7:00 am Coffee with the Pastor (Foyer)
- 9:30 am WOW (S)
- 6:00 pm PW Unwind: North China Restaurant!
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

**July 2 — Tuesday**

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

**July 3 — Wednesday**

- 6:00 pm July 4th Party (FH)

**July 4 — Thursday**

**Church & Academy Closed**



**July 5 — Friday**

**Church & Academy Closed**

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

**July 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:

**Today we celebrate the Ordination and Installation of the Ruling Elders for the Class of 2027.** We give thanks to God that Joel Alegria, Beth Mizwa, and Nina Rach have accepted the call to serve in leadership at Spring Branch. We also give thanks for the work of our outgoing Elders: Charlie Fairchild, Glenn Lanan, Donald McDaniel, and Jennifer Miller.

**Happy Hands will meet this Wednesday, June 26th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room** to stuff and stitch the heart shaped pillows. In the summer, many events stop, but we'll still be there. It's a great time to come and taste the fellowship. We hope to see you then!

**On Monday, July 1st, the Unwind Group is going to North China Restaurant for dinner at 6:00 PM.** This restaurant is an old favorite. It's located at 14525 Katy Freeway, 77079. As usual, please let Jacquie Ballesteros know at 713-305-1114, only if you plan to attend.

**Join us for a God Bless America Party** in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, July 3rd, at 6:00 PM. We will be having hamburgers, watermelon, ice cream, and much more! There will be a patriotic sing-a-long. Wear your red, white, and blue, and come join the party!

**The Church & Academy will be closed on July 4th & 5th, in observance of Independence Day.**

**Save-the-Date for our July Blood Drive** — SBPC will have a Blood Drive on Sunday, July 21st, from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Ashley Powell at 972-571-2499 or [ashleycrawford161@gmail.com](mailto:ashleycrawford161@gmail.com) if you would like to donate. Share the gift of life!

**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 want to 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.

## \*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

Jan Fitts

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

**Speak to us, O Lord, as you open to us the Scriptures and interpret them to us for this day. Amen.**

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Job 38:1-11

Red Pew Bible OT 484

### ANTHEM

*"His Eye is on the Sparrow"*

Rachael Castillo

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 4:35-41

Red Pew Bible NT 39

### SERMON

*"Stormy Weather"*

Rev. Mark Plunkett

### ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS (Class of 2027)

Joel Alegria, Beth Mizwa, Nina Rach

## Responding to the Word

### \*HYMN

*"How Can I Keep From Singing?"*

GTG, No. 821

### \*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

*"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)*

**Take our gifts today, Holy Father, and use them to work Your will. May each of us realize and embrace the opportunities to give and support one another and Your work in the world. 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

*"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

GTG, No. 353

### \*BENEDICTION

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

### \*POSTLUDE

*Portions of today's worship service are taken from [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com),  
[thepastorsworkshop.com](http://thepastorsworkshop.com), and [umcdiscipleship.org](http://umcdiscipleship.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.

**Children's Chime Choir:** The Chime Choir meets in the Sanctuary on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. This is a chance for elementary aged children to get to ring chimes as part of Worship. We are excited to continue this new adventure! Megan Hogg leads the Chime Choir.

**Other Faith Development Opportunities:** Watch the monthly PresPress, weekly church-wide emails, and the worship bulletin for other opportunities throughout the year. It may be a short-term Special Topic or book discussions on Sunday mornings, a week night book study, or retreat.



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