



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church
 Co-Pastor: Rev. Mark Plunkett
 Co-Pastor: Rev. Savannah Goodman
 Administrator: Jorida Vakiari
 Administrative Assistant: Ethan Mitchell
 Music Director: Gabriel Perez
 Accompanist: Jonathan Craft
 AV Director: Ethan Mitchell
 AV Technician: Ben Dethloff
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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: Co-Pastor, Rev. Mark Plunkett
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Class of 2025

Jacquie Ballesteros
 Stephen Earnest
 Laurie Mitchell

Class of 2026

Kay Craig
 Sarah Dikeman
 Ethan Mitchell

Class of 2027

Joel Alegria
 Beth Mizwa
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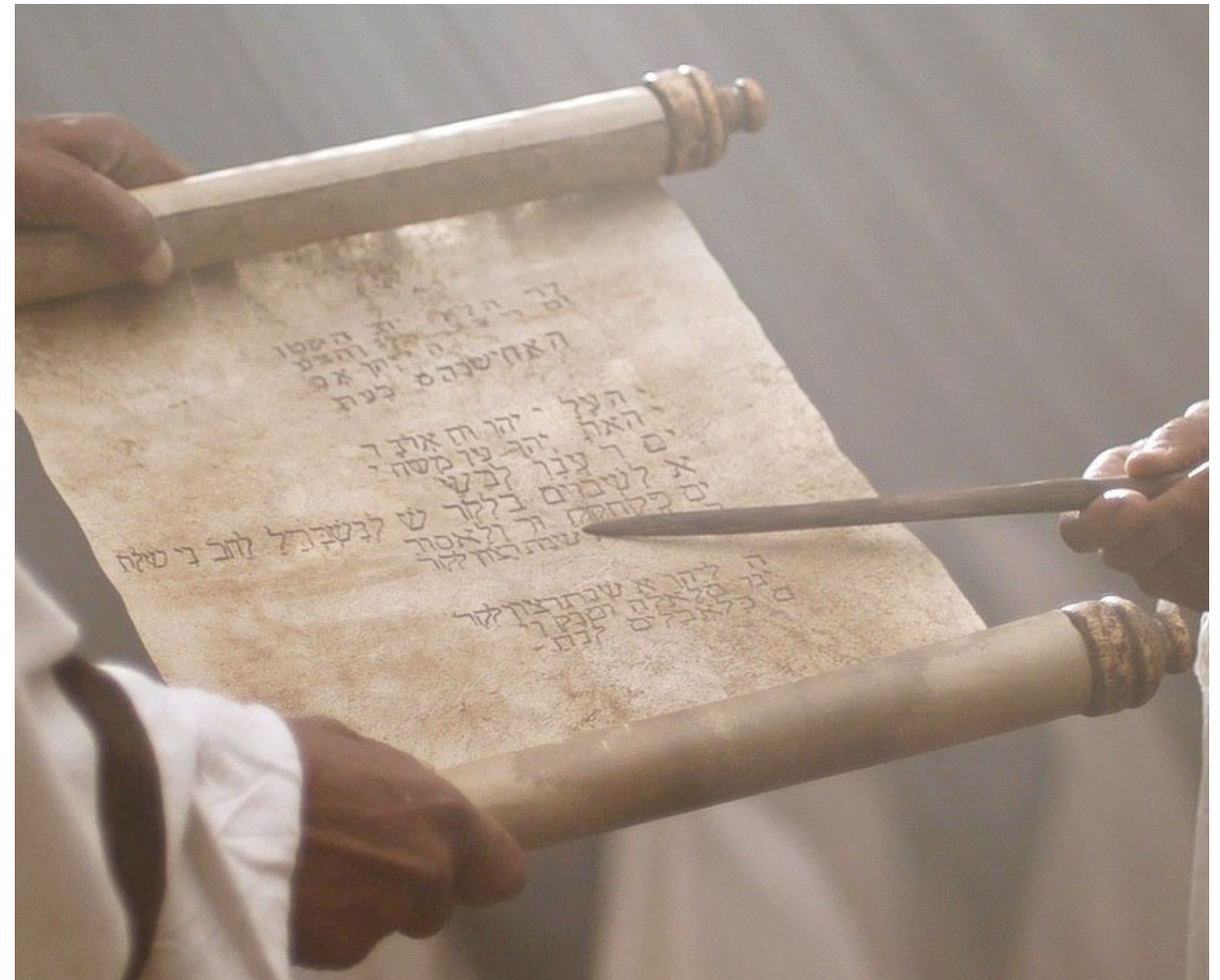
Neal Dikeman
 Ashley Powell

Carla Pace
 Jorida Vakiari

Serving today in Worship:

Liturgist: Sarah Powell
Children's Moment: Pastor Mark
Usher Captain: Donald McDaniel
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“Part One”
 January 26, 2025

3rd Sunday After Epiphany

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

January 26, 2025

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: The Spirit of God is upon us.

People: We are called to be God's people.

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People: We are called to be the body of Christ.

Leader: Come let us worship God, who binds us together in love and service.

ALL: Let us worship our God, who loves us and calls us to His service.

***HYMN**

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

GTG, No. 286

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: When we gather as a church, as a group of believers, we also gather with our collective gifts and burdens. Carrying burdens is never what the Lord calls us to do. Instead, let us unbind ourselves from those thoughts and deeds that bring us down, and confess our sins together as sisters and brothers in Christ. Let us pray together...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Holy One, you call us to be your presence, your body in this world, but too often we get caught up in being a hand or a foot - and lose sight of the overarching mission you set before us. We fracture into pieces. We go our separate ways, forgetting we need each other to be whole. You have given us your law to be our guide, but we turn our backs on what we see as only rules and restrictions, fearful that we will not live up to your expectations. Help us see with new eyes, and hear with the ears of our heart, the liberating spirit of the law that strengthens and revives and enables us to be and do all you call us to be and do. O God of liberation and justice, help us be faithful witnesses to your law of love and unity. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

January 26 — Sunday

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Children's Chime Choir (S)
9:45 am Choir Practice (S)
10:50 am Worship
2:00 pm BSA Committee Meeting (GP)
6:00 pm BSA Court of Honor (FH)

January 27 — Monday

6:00 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

January 28 — Tuesday

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

January 29 — Wednesday

3:30 pm WOW (S)
6:00 pm WNS: PW Taco Soup!
7:00 pm Handbell Choir (S)

January 30 — Thursday

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

January 31 — Friday

7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (FH)

February 1 — Saturday

8:00 am TXPWA Conference* (GP)
6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (FH)

February 2 — Sunday

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Children's Sunday School (GP 3)
9:45 am Choir Practice (S)
10:50 am Worship

February 3 — Monday

6:00 pm PW Unwind: SB Ragin' Cajun!
6:00 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

February 4 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
10:30 am Staff Meeting (P)
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

February 5 — Wednesday

10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)
3:30 pm WOW (S)
6:00 pm WNS: Pulled Pork Sandwiches!
7:00 pm Handbell Choir (S)

February 6 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)
5:00 pm Messy Church (FH)
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

February 7 — Friday

7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

February 8 — 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 loving memory of Robert J. Priest and Joy Stennis Purfurst, and in celebration of granddaughter Rosailee Greeley's 14th birthday.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, January 29th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Presbyterian Women are making Taco Soup. All proceeds will benefit the Scholarship/Mission Fund! Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

The Unwind Group is meeting for dinner at 6:00 PM on Monday, February 3rd, at the Spring Branch Ragin' Cajun (located at 1725 Wirt Road). Please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at jballesteros1103@gmail.com or text to 713-305-1114, only if you have questions or plan to attend. Time for some crayfish!

Messy Church returns on Thursday, February 6th, at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to join us! Our theme this month is *God is Love*. Come for games, crafts, music, and activities. A free pizza dinner will be served about 6:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

Spring Branch Presbyterian is participating in the annual Souper Bowl of Caring, which culminates on February 9th. All funds and cans collected will benefit the Fair Haven Food Pantry. Each dollar given=2 cans of food. So... let's see how many cans we can donate by Souper Bowl Sunday, February 9th!

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, February 12th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Please contact Patti Nanney if you'd like to attend via Zoom. The **Evening Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday, February 11th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 6 video is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/let-justice-roll-down.

Save-the-Date for our February Blood Drive — SBPC will have a Blood Drive on Sunday, February 16th, from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Ashley Powell at 972-571-2499 or ashleycrawford161@gmail.com if you would like to donate. Share the gift of life!

Pastor Mark has begun facilitating a Zoom Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke on Thursdays at 1:00 PM. The Zoom information is available in the Friday email if you are interested in giving it a try over your lunch hour. If you wish to receive the Zoom invite every week, please email Mark to get on his list.

Would you like to beautify the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings while honoring a loved one or commemorating a special occasion? **The 2025 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.

Scholarship Applications are now available for interested students. Completed applications are due by May 1st for the year applying, and should be turned in to Sarah Dikeman for the Women's Scholarship and Ken Crawford for the Men's Scholarship.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Spirit of God is upon us. God has called us to bring good news and liberation to the poor, to the marginalized, and to all who are in need anywhere. God's joy is our strength. Through God we can do all things. God's Spirit surrounds us with forgiveness and love. Know that you are loved and forgiven. Alleluia! Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: ...May the peace of Christ be with you all!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us pass the peace to our brothers and sisters in Christ!

*GLORIA

"Great Are You, Lord"

GTG, No. 614

*Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just; by your power we trust in your love.
Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true; by your mercy you prove you are love.
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise!
Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice:
Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!*

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Mark

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

O Lord, through your holy words, may our hearts be softened, our minds informed, and our spirits uplifted. Amen!

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Red Pew Bible NT 174

ANTHEM

"O Love"

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4:14-21

Red Pew Bible NT 61

SERMON

"Part One"

Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

GTG, No. 366

*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

*In Loving Memory of John Bradberry
7/29/1953 – 1/19/2025*

***RESPONSE** *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"* (v. 1) GTG, No. 1

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

Gracious Lord, help us who have received so freely from you to give as freely in our turn, and so have the pleasure of giving as well as the happiness of receiving. 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** *"We Are Called"* GTG, No. 749

*BENEDICTION

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

*POSTLUDE

Portions of today's Worship Service are taken from ministrymatters.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, 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.

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 Gathering Place Classroom No. 1. 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.

Children's Chime Choir: The Chime Choir meets in the Sanctuary on the 2nd and 4th 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.



SBPC offers the option to give a gift to the church using your laptop or any mobile device. Please see the "Giving" card in your pew for details and information on how to support the missions and ministries of SBPC from anywhere at anytime, or visit www.springbranchpres.org/give.