



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
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: Co-Pastor, Rev. Mark Plunkett
Moderator: Co-Pastor, Rev. Savannah Goodman

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
Nina Rach

Academy Board

Jan Fitts
Jim Kunkel

Neal Dikeman
Ashley Powell

Carla Pace
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Serving today in Worship:

Liturgist: Jan Fitts

Children's Moment: Patti Nanney

Usher Captain: Donald McDaniel

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“The Great Do-Over”
January 5, 2025

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 5, 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: Come, let us praise our God and Creator,

People: Who has given us every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Leader: Come, let us praise Christ our savior,

People: Who has redeemed us by the riches of God's grace.

Leader: Come, let us praise the Spirit, who marks us as beloved heirs of God.

People: Come with wisdom and understanding;

Leader: Let us hope in Christ together

People: And let us praise God forever. Amen.

***HYMN**

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

GTG, No. 151

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace. Confident of God's love for us, let us offer our prayers:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ. We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who are not like us. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love. We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more loving way of living, so we ask you to do that. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen!

SILENT CONFESSION

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

January 5 — 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



January 6 — Monday

- 6:00 pm PW Unwind: Potluck at Kay Craig's!
- 6:00 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)



January 7 — 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)

January 8 — Wednesday

- 9:30 am PW Circle (CR)
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Spaghetti & Meatballs!
- 7:00 pm Handbell Choir (S)

January 9 — Thursday

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

January 10 — Friday

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

January 11 — Saturday

- 8:00 am Pinewood Derby Build Workshop
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

January 12 — Sunday

- Baptism of the Lord**
- 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
- 12:00 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration
- 12:15 pm Undecorating the Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (Zoom)

January 13 — Monday

- 5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting (CR)
- 6:00 pm Special Olympics: Volleyball* (GP)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

January 14 — Tuesday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
- 6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting (CR)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)
- 7:00 pm Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom

January 15 — Wednesday

- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Hamburgers!
- 7:00 pm Handbell Choir (S)

January 16 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 5:00 pm Idea Spring: Crocodile Encounter!
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

January 17 — Friday

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

January 18 — Saturday

- 8:00 am Pinewood Derby Build Workshop
- 8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)
- 6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)



Announcements & Events:

Please join us for Unwind in January on the 6th at 6:00 PM for a Potluck Dinner at Kay Craig's house (1748 Pine Village, 77080). Please RSVP only if you plan to attend, and send me (Jacquie Ballesteros, jballesteros1103@gmail.com), an idea of what you plan to bring. Iced tea and water will be provided. Please join us!

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, January 8th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Nina Rach is making Spaghetti and Meatballs. Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, January 8th, 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, January 14th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 5 video is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/let-justice-roll-down.

The 2025 Offering Envelope Books are now available in the Narthex. Please sign your name by the number that corresponds to your book number. If you already have a book of offering envelopes, you can continue to use it since it doesn't correspond to specific dates. Thank you for your continued commitment!

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.

Please don't forget to turn in your Pledge Card and Time & Talent Pledge. You can find blank copies in the Narthex, Church Office, or Parlor. There is a box in the Narthex for submitting cards. Cards can also be mailed to the Church Office, to the attention of Jorida. Thank you for your continued commitment!

Un-Decorating the Sanctuary: The Worship Team is seeking volunteers to help remove the Greens from the Sanctuary on January 12, 2025, immediately after the Worship Service. As usual, many hands make for light work. Pizza will be provided for volunteers. So that lunch can be planned, please contact Donald McDaniel at dmcddan77007@sbcglobal.net or 713-294-4005 to sign up.

Idea Spring returns on Thursday, January 16th, at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for The Crocodile Encounter. A free pizza dinner will follow. We hope to see you there!

Attention all young adults! You are invited to the Young Adult Breakfast Club with Pastor Savannah Goodman at **7 Taco** (9109 Long Point Rd, 77055) on **Sunday, 1/19, at 9:00 AM**. The Young Adult Breakfast Club will meet monthly for a time of fellowship and connection. Childcare is available at the church. We will meet at the church at **9:00 AM** to carpool. Bring \$5 and the church will cover the rest! We look forward to connecting with you then! Please email **Pastor Savannah Goodman** (savannah@springbranchpres.org) with any questions.

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: Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. 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 sisters and brothers in Christ!

*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Patti Nanney

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

O God, through your mighty acts, we receive grace upon grace. From your fullness, feed us with your life-giving Word, that our lives, like bread, may feed a hungry world. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Red Pew Bible OT 734

ANTHEM

"Arise, Shine"

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

Red Pew Bible NT 2

SERMON

"The Great Do-Over"

Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"I Come with Joy" (v. 1, 2, 5)

GTG, No. 515

*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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation
The Words of Institution
Serving of the Elements
Prayer of Thanksgiving

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Lord, you are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings we pray, that through them we may do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our Sovereign and our God. 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

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

GTG, No. 546

*BENEDICTION

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

*POSTLUDE

Portions of today's Worship Service are taken from calltoworshipjournal.org and holdfasttowhatisgood.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 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 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.