



# 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: Jan Fitts

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  
 Jorida Vakiari

## Serving today in Worship:

**Liturgist:** Elizabeth Powell  
**Children's Moment:** Patti Nanney  
**Usher Captain:** Donald McDaniel  
**PowerPoint:** Patty Blome

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***“Part Two”***  
 February 2, 2025

## 4th Sunday After Epiphany

February 2, 2025

10:50 AM

*\*Those who are able please stand*

### Gathering in God's Name

#### PRELUDE

#### 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: Love is patient.

**People: Love is kind.**

Leader: Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

**People: Love does not insist on its own way.**

Leader: Love is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs;

**People: Love does not rejoice in wrongdoing; love rejoices in the truth.**

Leader: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**People: Love never ends. Love never fails!**

**ALL: Let us worship the Lord who loves us without boundaries.**

#### \*HYMN

*"The Gift of Love"*

GTG, No. 693

### Preparing for the Word

#### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: The Lord is our hope and our trust, our refuge and our fortress. With confidence born out of faith in God's power to save and deliver us, let us confess our sin together as a family of God:

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

**Lord, we confess that we doubt your capacity to work through us. We hold on to fears that we are unworthy to speak your words, so we stay silent even as your Spirit pulls at our tongues. We struggle to fathom the wholeness of your claim over us, so we ignore the light of your love as it emerges in the dark places of our lives. We seek refuge in temporary towers, and are numb to the grasp of cruelty. Forgive us. Help us to trust you, to lean upon you, to speak your Word to a weary world and accept the completeness of your loving claim on our lives. Amen.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. We know this love through Jesus Christ, and by this love, we know that we are forgiven! God has poured out love upon us, and we have received forgiveness for our sins. We can now live in peace! May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance. Amen!

# Calendar of Events

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

#### 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

#### February 9 — Souper Bowl 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  
12:00 pm Annual Congregational Meeting  
12:15 pm Monthly Birthday Celebration

#### February 10 — Monday

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

#### February 11 — 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

#### February 12 — 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: Chicken Pot Pies!  
7:00 pm Handbell Choir (S)

#### February 13 — Thursday

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

#### February 14 — Friday

6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting\* (CR)  
7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program\* (YR)

#### February 15 — Saturday

8:00 am Presbyterian Men  
6:00 pm CENTI Church Service\* (GP)

*Portions of today's Worship Service are taken from pres-outlook.org.*

## Announcements & Events:

**The Flowers** for this morning are given by Sarah and Matt Dikeman, to the Glory of God, and are in honor of Clara Dikeman's 10th Birthday.

**Stories & Songs begins today, Sunday, February 2nd**, with stories from *Growing in God's Love*, songs, coloring pages, and crafts. Pastor Savannah has chosen the stories to coincide with the Sermons. This program is during the Worship Service for ages 3-6 years old. Children will leave the Sanctuary after Children's Moment and will be returned to their parents during the last hymn. Volunteers are needed weekly to help with this program. Please call Pastor Savannah in the church office, or Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114.

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

**Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday**, February 5th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Jeannie Stockton is making Pulled Pork Sandwiches. Please email Kay Craig at [kay@craig-heidt.com](mailto:kay@craig-heidt.com) to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

**Messy Church returns this 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!

**Save-the-Date for our Annual Congregational Meeting, immediately following Worship next Sunday, February 9th.** The purpose of the meeting is to present the 2025 Budget, as approved by Session; to receive a State of the Church with presentations from the five Ministry Teams; Approve the changes to the Terms of Call for Pastor Mark Plunkett; to Elect the Ruling Elders for the Class of 2028 (Jim Kunkel, Betty Magnuson, Sarah Powell); and to present the Class of 2028 Academy Board Members, as approved by Session (Lee Dudinsky and Lauren Tacchi).

**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](http://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](mailto:ashleycrawford161@gmail.com) if you would like to donate. Share the gift of life!

**Attention all young adults!** You are invited to the Young Adult Breakfast Club with Pastor Savannah Goodman at **La Peep** (9807 Katy Freeway, 77024) on **Sunday, 2/16, 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](mailto:savannah@springbranchpres.org)) with any questions.

**Feed My Starving Children** – We would like to help support Pines Presbyterian again this year in this wonderful act of mission. Kids and adults of all ages hand-pack nutritious MannaPack® meals specifically designed to assist in reversing and preventing undernutrition. You can sign up for a 2-hour time slot on the following days: February 21st & February 22nd. See Laurie Mitchell to sign up for a time slot on the 22nd to go over with a group from SBPC. You can also go to [www.fmcs.org](http://www.fmcs.org) to register for time to volunteer on your own.

### \*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

Patti Nanney

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

**God of all days holy, may your Spirit emerge through our hearts to assess these readings. In hearing these words, may we be transformed by your loving presence and reminded that we are your people. Amen.**

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Red Pew Bible NT 175

### ANTHEM

*"Love Never Ends"*

Choir

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4:21-30

Red Pew Bible NT 61

### SERMON

*"Part Two"*

Rev. Mark Plunkett

### Responding to the Word

### \*HYMN

*"Help Us Accept Each Other"*

GTG, No. 754

### \*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

**\*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)*

**Holy One, you are the giver of our lives. You know us completely, and you accept from us no weak excuses. Take these gifts, offered from our labors, our commitments, and our collections of interest. Transform them from temporal potential into your love at work in this tired world that thirsts for your Word. 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**                                      *"Here I Am, Lord"*                                      GTG, No. 69

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**\*POSTLUDE**

### *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. 2. 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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