



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
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Academy Board

Jan Fitts
 Jim Kunkel

Neal Dikeman
 Ashley Powell

Carla Pace
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Serving today in Worship:

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Children's Moment: Pastor Savannah
Usher Captain: Donald McDaniel
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“Learning Experiences”
 February 23, 2025

7th Sunday After Epiphany

February 23, 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: God calls us to worship, and we come,

People: with our joys and praises, our concerns and sorrows.

Leader: God calls us to worship, and we come,

People: with our truths and knowledge, our doubts and questions.

Leader: God calls us to worship, and we come,

People: with our lived experiences and our whole selves.

ALL: Let us worship God together!

***HYMN**

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

GTG, No. 35

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes that we make, and about how we treat others. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear this good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life. So, know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar



February 23 — 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 Young Adults: US Golf & Games

February 24 — Monday

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

February 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)

February 26 — Wednesday

- 9:30 am Happy Hands (CR)
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 5:00 pm Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3, 4)
- 6:00 pm WNS: BBQ!
- 7:00 pm Handbell Choir (S)

February 27 — Thursday

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)
- 6:30 pm SBISD Pre-UIL Concert* (S)

February 28 — Friday

- 6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting* (FH)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

March 1 — Saturday

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

March 2 — Sunday

Transfiguration of the Lord

- 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

March 3 — Monday

- 6:00 pm PW Unwind: Chicken Salad Chick!
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

March 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)

March 5 — Ash Wednesday

- 7:00 am Ash Wed. Service (Foyer)
- 10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)
- 12:00 pm Ash Wed. Service (S)
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 6:00 pm WNS: Red Beans & Rice!
- 6:45 pm Ash Wed. Service (S)

March 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 Cub Scouts Blue & Gold (VOE)
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

March 7 — Friday

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

March 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:

Attention all young adults! You are invited to Young Adult Fellowship with Pastor Savannah Goodman at **US Golf and Games** (10106 Thermon, 77075) **TODAY, Sunday, 2/23, at 2:00 PM.** The church will cover the price of your first game of mini golf and/or your first go kart ride. Bring money for food and drinks. We look forward to connecting with you then! Please see **Pastor Savannah Goodman** with any questions or to RSVP.

Happy Hands will meet on Wednesday, February 26th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Join the group for great fellowship, stuffing and stitching pillows, knitting, crocheting, and just hanging out. All are welcome!

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, February 26th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Jim Kunkel and Lu Taylor are making BBQ. 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 a casual dinner at Chicken Salad Chick (9406 Gaylord, 77024) on Monday, March 3rd, at 6:00 PM. CSC has soups, sandwiches, and sides at a great price! Recommended to us by Betty Magnuson. Please RSVP, only if you plan to attend, to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114.

Join us for our Ash Wednesday Services on March 5th. There are three service opportunities as we begin our Lenten Season together. There will be two brief services for those who are unable to attend in the evening (7:00 AM & 12:00 PM). We will have Wednesday Night Supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM, and then our evening Ash Wednesday Service will be at 6:45 PM in the Sanctuary. The evening service will be streamed live to both Facebook and YouTube.

Join us for Messy Church on Thursday, March 6th, at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to join us! Our theme this month is *Put on 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!

The PW Day Circle will meet on Wednesday, March 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, March 11th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 7 video is available at the following link: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/let-justice-roll-down.

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Knowing this peace and forgiveness, I invite you to stand and pass the peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you.

*GLORIA

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

GTG, No. 582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

God's People Are Empowered

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Savannah

ANTHEM

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"
Rachael Castillo & Sophia Saenz

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Red Pew Bible OT 42

SERMON

"Learning Experiences"

Rev. Savannah Goodman

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"Give to the Winds Thy Fears"

GTG, No. 815

*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

***DOXOLOGY**

GTG, No. 609

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(unison)*

God, you've given each one of us unique gifts and abilities. Just as you used Joseph's abilities to fulfil your purposes in Egypt long ago, we pray that you would use us, too. Take our gifts, our time, and our resources. Use them, and us, as you see fit so that, through us, your Kingdom might come and your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. 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**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

GTG, No. 643

***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.

Stories & Songs: *Stories & Songs* occurs during Worship, with stories from *Growing in God's Love*, songs, coloring pages, and crafts. Pastor Savannah has chosen the stories to coincide with the Sermons. Children will leave the Sanctuary right after Children's Moment and be returned to their parents during the last hymn. This program is during the Worship Service for ages 3-6 years old.

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 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.

Calling All Youth: The Youth meet in the Youth Room for Bible Study, Fellowship, and Mission work with the Pastors. Meetings are at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Other volunteers for the program are Jordan Goodman, Carla Pace, and Riley Fairchild.



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.