



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
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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: Jan Fitts

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
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Academy Board

Jan Fitts
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Neal Dikeman
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Serving today in Worship:

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**“Call Me If You Need Me... But
Only If You REALLY Need Me”**
February 9, 2025

5th Sunday After Epiphany

February 9, 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: Jesus promises that when we gather, God is present.

People: God is with us here. God is with us today.

Leader: Let us praise our Creator, the Alpha and Omega, the Almighty saying,

People: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

Leader: The Lord of hosts is here with us today.

ALL: Let us ground ourselves in worship.

*HYMN

"Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord"

GTG, No. 452

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Worship begins each week with a communal acknowledgement that we have fallen short of the task set before us. God calls us to live our lives in the way of Jesus, who humbly and justly loved God and neighbor. We are called to set ourselves aside, to make the world a better place. Yet, because the salvation of the world is ongoing, we fall short. Let us confess our sins before our just and merciful Creator, so that we may be free to live into our purpose again.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Lord of hosts, Jesus of Galilee, Holy Spirit, forgive us for the ways we have fallen short. You ask us to look to the margins and care for the lost; we center ourselves. You ask us to give away; we grab for more. You ask us to love one another; we cannot see beyond our divisions. Forgive us. Help us. We call on you, our beloved, our help, our God, our hope. Hear our silent confessions now...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Beloved, God hears us when we cry out. God knows our hearts, despite our failures, and treasures the beings that we are. You are forgiven. We are forgiven. You are loved. We are loved. Let us live in this peace and find the courage to try again to bring God's kingdom into being, knowing that we will fail again, but we are transformed by our small acts of trying.

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

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 (CR)
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 16 — Sunday

8:30 am Blood Drive (FH)
9:00 am Young Adult Breakfast Club (Le Peep)
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
12:15 pm Congregational Care Meeting (CR)
7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (Zoom)

February 17 — Monday

10:00 am The Gathering Place (FH)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)
7:00 pm Mission Team Meeting (Zoom)

February 18 — 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 19 — Wednesday

9:00 am PW ZIP Trip: Freeport Museum
3:30 pm WOW (S)
6:00 pm WNS: Chili Cook-Off!
7:00 pm Handbell Choir (S)

February 20 — Thursday

PresPress Articles Due
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)
5:00 pm Idea Spring: Parent Course
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

February 21 — Friday

Feed My Starving Children (Pines PC)
7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

February 22 — Saturday

Feed My Starving Children (Pines PC)
11:00 am Hot Meals
6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

Announcements & Events:

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church is participating in the annual Souper Bowl of Caring today! You are invited to drop off your canned food items or cash/check donations in the Narthex before or after Worship. All donations that are collected will benefit the Fair Haven Food Pantry!

Our Annual Congregational Meeting be held immediately following Worship today. 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).

February Birthday Celebration — Linger for conversation, fellowship, and light snacks immediately following Worship today as we celebrate those born in the month of February.

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.

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, February 12th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Jennifer Miller is making Chicken Pot Pies. Please email Kay Craig at kay@craig-heidt.com to place your dinner order. We hope to see you there!

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!

Attention all young adults! You are invited to the Young Adult Breakfast Club with Pastor Savannah Goodman at **Le 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) with any questions.

SBPC Cowboy Chili Dinner — Once again we are having our "occasionally-annual" Chili Dinner. Cook up your best chili and bring a pot to share for dinner on Wednesday, February 19th. The Fellowship Group Wranglers will provide crackers, Fritos, grated cheese, chopped onions, salad, dessert, and drinks. Even if you don't make a chili, put on your best western duds and come join in the fun & fellowship! If you are bringing chili, please email or call Kay Craig and let her know about how much you will be bringing so we know we have enough for everyone.

The Presbyterian Women will ZIP to the Freeport Historical Museum on Wednesday, February 19th. We will leave the church by 9:00 AM, carpooling to the museum with lunch after the tour. The cost for the museum is \$3.00 for seniors/children/active military, \$5.00 for all others. Lunch location to be determined. Presbyterian Men are also invited on this trip! Please contact Marguerite Priest to RSVP.

Our next Idea Spring event is Self-Care for Parents and Caregivers on Thursday, February 20th at 5:00 PM. The location is TBD based on RSVPs. Alanis Olivarez, Family Services Outreach Coordinator from the DePelchin Children's Center, will lead this adult/parent class. Dinner will not be served this month, but there will be refreshments. Childcare will be provided by the Academy. Please RSVP in the Narthex, Church or Academy Offices. Questions? Please email Ethan Mitchell at ideaspring@springbranchpres.org. We hope to see you there!

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.fmsc.org to register for time to volunteer on your own.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: ...May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

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

Todd Miller

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Lord, as we hear your Words and listen to your teaching, may it fall fresh and gently upon our hearts today and always. In your name, we pray, Amen!

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-13

Red Pew OT 635

ANTHEM

"Hush, Somebody's Calling My Name"

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 5:1-11

Red Pew Bible NT 62

SERMON

"Call Me If You Need Me... But Only If You REALLY Need Me"
Rev. Mark Plunkett

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

GTG, No. 721

*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)*

Lord, we thank you for the untold blessings you have bestowed upon us. May we never forget - even for a moment - that we owe everything in our lives to you. Let each of us dedicate our lives and our work today to serving you more completely. 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

"O Jesus, I Have Promised" (v. 1, 4)

GTG, No. 724

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*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.