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# 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  
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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  
Nina Rach

## Academy Board

Jan Fitts  
Jim Kunkel

Neal Dikeman  
Ashley Powell

Carla Pace  
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## Serving today in Worship:

**Liturgist:** Sarah Powell  
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***“The Unexpected Role”***  
March 16, 2025

## 2nd Sunday in Lent

March 16, 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: We journey through this season of Lent

**People: with the unexpected Messiah as our guide.**

Leader: We walk with Jesus wherever he leads us.

**People: We bring our questions and our doubts; our learnings and our triumphs.**

Leader: We strive to follow God who surprises us

**People: and sends us Jesus as our king and our guide.**

**ALL: Let us worship God together!**

#### \*HYMN

*"How Firm a Foundation"*

GTG, No. 463

### Preparing for the Word

#### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Remember that our Lord, Jesus Christ, is able to sympathize with us in our weaknesses. In every respect, he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins to Almighty God. Let us pray:

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

**Covenant-making God, you call us by name, transforming our past into your future. We confess that sometimes we laugh at your call, believing it to be impossible. We protest, insisting that you should conform to our way. We ignore your voice, refusing to admit to anyone what we have heard, instead going about our lives as if we heard nothing. Forgive us, O God, and speak our names once again. Change our hearts and our lives, until we are able to trust your promise. We pray in the name of the One whose name is above all names, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

# Calendar of Events

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

#### March 16 — 2nd Sunday in Lent

9:00 am Young Adult Breakfast Club  
9:15 am Church Nursery  
9:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Children's Sunday School (S)  
9:45 am Choir Practice (S)  
10:50 am Worship  
12:15 pm Congregational Care Meeting (CR)  
5:00 pm BSA Committee Meeting (GP)

#### March 17 — Monday

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

#### March 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)

#### March 19 — Wednesday

1:00 pm Memorial Service: Patti Walsh  
3:30 pm WOW (S)  
6:00 pm WNS: Tacos!  
6:30 pm Book Exchange (FH)  
7:00 pm Handbell Choir (S)

#### March 20 — Thursday

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

#### March 21 — Friday

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

#### March 22 — Saturday

11:00 am Hot Meals  
2:00 pm Memorial Service: Leo Caesar  
6:00 pm CENTI Church Service\* (GP)

#### March 23 — 3rd Sunday in Lent

##### **Scout 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

#### March 24 — Monday

7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

#### March 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)

#### March 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: Beef & Noodles!  
6:30 pm Book Exchange (FH)  
7:00 pm Handbell Choir (S)

#### March 27 — Thursday

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

#### March 28 — Friday

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

#### March 29 — 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 Matt and Sarah Dikeman, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of Piper Dikeman's 12th birthday.

**The Gathering Place will meet tomorrow, Monday, March 17th, at 10:00 AM!** The theme for this month is *St. Patrick's Day!* Please see Jacquie Ballesteros or Sarah Dikeman if you are interested in helping out.

**Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday,** March 19th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Trembles are making Tacos. 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!

**The Fellowship Group will have a Book, Audio, and Video Exchange in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, March 19th & 26th.** As you do your spring cleanup, set aside all your books, CD's, movies (DVD or VHS), and magazines to exchange with others. Cookbooks are especially popular! Everything must be appropriate for ALL ages as there will be children and youth choosing books. You may bring your items the first evening and leave them until the next week.

**The PW ZIP Trip to the Blue Bell Creamery on March 19th has been cancelled.** Our next ZIP Trip will be on April 24th to the Lakeside Country Club for the annual PCHAS Luncheon.

**Articles for the April 2025 edition of the PresPress are due this Thursday, March 20th.** Please submit articles to [ethan@springbranchpres.org](mailto:ethan@springbranchpres.org).

**Happy Hands will meet on Wednesday, March 26th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room.** We have pillows to stuff and stitch, or bring your own project. The fellowship is great! We hope to see you there!

**We will have Easter Lilies again this year!** Place your order now through Friday, April 18th. You may order by using the form in the Narthex or Church Office. The cost is \$10 each, and the payment can be mailed to the church office or placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. The names of those being honored or remembered will be shared with the congregation on Easter Sunday morning.

**SBPC Hot Meals on Weekends** – The 4th Saturday of each month we look for individuals to deliver meals to shut-ins. We have 2 routes, so we usually need a total of 4 volunteers each month. Please contact Lu Taylor if you are interested in volunteering to deliver meals one month. You can now sign-up online too at this Sign-Up Genius [LINK!](#)

**Our next Family Movie Night will be on April 4th at 6:00 PM in the Gathering Place.** We will be watching the movie, *"Ooops! Noah is Gone..."* Please feel free to bring a camping chair or blanket to sit on during the movie. We hope you will join us for fun and pizza, too!

**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.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Jesus said: Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen!

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: ...The peace of Christ be with you!

**People: And also with you.**

## \*GLORIA PATRI

GTG, No. 581

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

## God's People Are Empowered

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Mark

## ANTHEM

*"In the Shadow of Your Wings"*

Choir

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 13:31-35

Red Pew Bible NT 77

## SERMON

*"The Unexpected Role"*

Rev. Savannah Goodman

## Responding to the Word

## \*HYMN

*"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

GTG, No. 829

## \*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. 606

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

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

**Gracious God, you have looked with favor upon us and provided us with everything we need. We gratefully return this portion of your gifts to you, celebrating your enduring faithfulness to your promise, in Jesus' name. 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

*"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

GTG, No. 735

## \*BENEDICTION

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

## \*POSTLUDE

*Save  
the  
Date!*



### *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 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.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.springbranchpres.org/give).