



# Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

## Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church  
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 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  
 Jorida Vakiari

## Serving today in Worship:

**Liturgists:** Boy Scout Troop 478  
**Acolytes & Ushers:** Cub Scout Pack 552  
**Children's Moment:** Pastor Savannah  
**Usher Captain:** Donald McDaniel  
**PowerPoint:** Ethan Mitchell

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**Scout Sunday**  
 March 23, 2025

**3rd Sunday in Lent**

March 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.)*

**\*POSTING OF THE COLORS**

Cub Scout Pack 552

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from the Scout Law)*

Leader: When cheating is easy...

**People: I will be Trustworthy.**

Leader: When bullying presents itself...

**People: I will be Loyal.**

Leader: When a hand can be offered...

**People: I will be Helpful.**

Leader: In the face of difficult tasks...

**People: I will be Cheerful.**

Leader: As God is present...

**ALL: I will be Reverent.**

**\*HYMN**

*"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

GTG, No. 65

**Preparing for the Word**

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Leader: One point of the Scout Law deals with scouts being honest. If we are honest to ourselves, we must admit that we often fall short of what God would have us do and say. Let us honestly and openly join together as we say our Prayer of Confession for today:

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

**Lord, we have been focused on the daily business of our lives, and have failed to notice the many ways in which you bless us. We have taken credit for the gifts you give us, as if they were by our own efforts. We have ignored the miracles in our midst. Help us, dear Lord, to be a people with eyes to see and ears to hear you at work, in our own hearts, and in your world. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

# Calendar of Events

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

**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
- 12:15 pm Handbell Choir (S)
- 6:00 pm Lent/Holy Week Planning (Zoom)

**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)

**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 Fish Fry (Our Lady of Czestochowa)
- 6:00 pm SBM Arc Meeting\* (FH)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program\* (YR)

**March 29 — Saturday**

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

**March 30 — 4th Sunday in Lent**

- 9:15 am Church Nursery
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Choir Practice (S)
- 10:50 am Worship
- 12:15 pm Handbell Choir (S)

**March 31 — Monday**

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

**April 1 — 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)

**April 2 — Wednesday**

- 10:15 am PW Board Meeting (CR)
- 3:30 pm WOW (S)
- 6:00 pm WNS!

**April 3 — 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)

**April 4 — Friday**

- 5:45 pm Family Movie Night (GP)
- 7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program\* (YR)

**April 5 — Saturday**

- 9:30 am PW Spring Gathering (St. Philip)
- 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 Betty Magnuson, to the Glory of God, and are in memory of her brother, Leo Caesar.

**Today is Scout Sunday!** We are being led in Worship by members of Boy Scout Troop 478 and Cub Scout Pack 552. We will have a Girl Scout Sunday in the fall. Troop 478 meets every Monday at 7:00 PM at the Scout Hut. Pack 552 is made up of 5 Dens, all which typically meet 2 times a month in the Gathering Place. Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to attend! For more information, please contact [boyscouts@springbranchpres.org](mailto:boyscouts@springbranchpres.org) or [cubscouts@springbranchpres.org](mailto:cubscouts@springbranchpres.org).

**Happy Hands will meet this 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!

**Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday, March 26th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.** Silvia Argyriou is making Beef & Noodles. 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 is continuing the Book, Audio, and Video Exchange in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM this Wednesday, March 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.

**Join SBPC friends and others for the Ecumenical Lenten Fish Fry** at Our Lady of Czestochowa Catholic Church on March 28th at 6:00 PM. The \$15 plates include fish, shrimp, fries, coleslaw, and corn. Questions? Contact Kate Cross at 713-419-1823.

**Join us for Messy Church on Thursday, April 3rd, at 5:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Our theme this month is *Miracles of Jesus*. Come for games, crafts, music, and activities. A free pizza dinner will be served about 6:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

**Calling all Young Adults! You are invited to a nature hike with Pastor Savannah Goodman at the Houston Arboretum and Nature Center** (4501 Woodway Dr, 77024) on **Sunday, 4/6 at 2:00 PM.** If you need childcare, please email Pastor Savannah Goodman by Sunday, 3/30 at 5:00 PM, so she can make the necessary childcare arrangements with the Academy. Also, please email Pastor Savannah Goodman ([savannah@springbranchpres.org](mailto:savannah@springbranchpres.org)) to RSVP. We look forward to connecting with you then!

**The Unwind Group will meet for dinner at Chavez Mexican Café** (2557 Gessner Rd, 77080) on Monday, April 7th, at 6:00 PM. Please Contact Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114 if you wish to attend. We have been to Chavez before and it is always excellent. We hope you can join us!

**Idea Spring returns on Thursday, April 10th, at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.** The Creature Teacher will be presenting *"The Wonders Down Under."* This program is an exciting look at some of Australia's most interesting creatures like the blue tongued skink, bearded dragon, sugar glider, wallaby, and Jaxx, the big red kangaroo. A free dinner of dinosaur chicken nuggets and french fries will follow. Questions? Please contact Ethan Mitchell at [ideaspring@springbranchpres.org](mailto:ideaspring@springbranchpres.org). 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.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**People: Thanks be to God who gives us life. 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 Savannah

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

**Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

## FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Red Pew Bible NT 172

## ANTHEM

*"And Can It Be"*

Choir

## SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 13:1-17

Red Pew Bible NT 76

## SERMON

*"Give Me Just One More Chance!"*

Rev. Mark Plunkett

## Responding to the Word

## \*HYMN

*"Sometimes a Light Surprises"*

GTG, No. 800

## \*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)*

**In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we offer ourselves as a living sacrifice to be your tools to shape the character of our children, our Church, and our nation. Accept, we pray, these tokens of our commitment to the mission of establishing your kingdom on earth. 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

*"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"*

GTG, No. 442

### \*BENEDICTION

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

### \*POSTLUDE



*Portions of today's worship service are taken from  
[www.presbyterianscouters.org/scout-sunday-service](http://www.presbyterianscouters.org/scout-sunday-service).*

### *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.



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