



# 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:** Donald McDaniel  
**Children's Moment:** Pastor Mark  
**Usher Captain:** Marguerite Priest  
**PowerPoint:** Ethan Mitchell

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***“The Unexpected Outcome”***  
March 30, 2025

4th Sunday in Lent

March 30, 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 Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**People: We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.**

Leader: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

**People: We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**People: We praise God for the grace that has saved us.**

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

**\*HYMN**

*"You Are My All in All"*

GTG, No. 519

Preparing for the Word

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Leader: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.  
Let us pray.

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

**O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being; teach us wisdom in our heart. Send out your light, send out your truth, and let them lead us to our home. Take from us the weight of our sin, that room might be made for the spirit of truth. If we prepare a dwelling place, that spirit will abide within us, and the truth will set our spirits free. Then shall we love in deed and in truth, and by this know that our service is faithful. O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being; teach us wisdom in our heart. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

# Calendar of Events

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



**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)
- 12:15 pm VBS Planning Meeting (CR)

**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: Chicken Sandwiches!

**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)

**April 6 — 5th Sunday in Lent**

- 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 Handbell Choir (S)
- 2:00 pm Young Adults: Houston Arboretum

**April 7 — Monday**

- 6:00 pm PW Unwind: Chavez Mexican Café
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

**April 8 — 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

**April 9 — 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: Hot Dogs!

**April 10 — Thursday**

- 10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
- 1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 5:00 pm Idea Spring: The Creature Teacher
- 6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance\* (GP)
- 6:00 pm New Elder Training (CR)

**April 11 — Friday**

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

**April 12 — 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 Marguerite Priest, to the Glory of God, and are in celebration of her grandson's birthday, Nathaniel Robert Fowler, on March 23rd.

**Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday**, April 2nd, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Kay & Betty are making Chicken Sandwiches, Coleslaw, and Baked Beans. 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!

**Join us for Messy Church this 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.

**On Easter morning, April 20<sup>th</sup>, after breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, we will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt** for all children who would like to participate. We need donations of the following: small, individually wrapped candies, small toys, stickers, and plastic eggs. Please bring these to the church office. After church on Palm Sunday, April 13th, we will stuff the eggs for the Hunt. Many hands make light and quick work. Come to help if you can! Some volunteers last year stuffed eggs at home and brought them to the office the week before. That is a great idea as well and thank you all for your help in making this a success!

One of our church's favorite events is back! **PCHAS** is hosting **The Annual Fundraising Luncheon on Thursday, April 24th**, that will showcase the life-changing work we are doing in our community. Our church will have three Table Hosts – Sarah Dikeman, Marguerite Priest, and Patti Nanney. One of these individuals will probably be contacting you to see if you would like to attend the luncheon, but feel free to contact them first. We always have so much fun, great fellowship, good food, and supporting a great charity. We hope that you will join us!

**The PW Day Circle** will meet on Wednesday, April 9th, 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, April 8th, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please contact Sarah Powell if you are interested in attending. The Lesson 8 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).

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

## \*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 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

*"And the Father Will Dance"*

Choir

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 15:1-3; 11-32

Red Pew Bible NT 78

## SERMON

*"The Unexpected Outcome"*

Rev. Savannah Goodman

## Responding to the Word

## \*HYMN

*"Lord of All Hopefulness"*

GTG, No. 683

## \*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)**

**Almighty God, you overwhelm us with your great mercy. At the time of our greatest need, you surprised us with your wondrous love. As you draw us into this renewing relationship of love, may we respond with gratitude as we offer the substance of our souls to continue the ministry of Christ. For his name and glory we pray and present our gifts. 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**

*"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"*

GTG, No. 418

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**\*POSTLUDE**



**PALM SUNDAY – April 13th**

*Worship Service at 10:50 AM  
Streaming Live on YouTube & Facebook*



**MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 17th**

*6:00 PM Dinner in the Fellowship Hall  
6:45 PM Worship in the Fellowship Hall  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Please RSVP to [kay@craig-heidt.com](mailto:kay@craig-heidt.com),  
or signup in the Church Office or Narthex.  
Streaming Live on YouTube & Facebook*



**GOOD FRIDAY – April 18th**

*2:00 PM Worship in the Sanctuary  
Reformed Stations of the Cross*



**PRAYER VIGIL ON HOLY SATURDAY – April 19th**

*During Holy Week this year, we are inviting the congregation to join us in a virtual Prayer Vigil on Easter Saturday. We will be coming together from 1:00-2:00 PM CST from our homes to pray for our neighbors, families, and communities around the world. The purpose of this vigil is to surround our church with prayer as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. We will be sending prayer aids for you and your family to use during our hour together. We also want to include your prayer requests in the materials that we send. Prayer requests can be sent to Ethan Mitchell at [ethan@springbranchpres.org](mailto:ethan@springbranchpres.org). We ask that they be submitted by Wednesday, April 16th, at 2:00 PM.*



**EASTER – April 20th**

*Easter Breakfast & Flowering the Cross at 9:30 AM  
Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15 AM  
A Celebration of the Resurrection at 10:50 AM  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Streaming Live on YouTube & Facebook*

