



# 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:** Elizabeth Powell  
**Children's Moment:** Pastor Mark  
**Usher Captain:** Donald McDaniel  
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***“Glimpses of the Unexpected  
Messiah”***

April 6, 2025

## 5th Sunday in Lent

April 6, 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 come to worship God,

**People: and catch glimpses of the unexpected Messiah.**

Leader: We come to worship God,

**People: and learn more about the Kingdom of God.**

Leader: We come to worship God,

**People: with our open minds and our open hearts.**

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

#### \*HYMN

*"More Love to Thee, O Christ"*

GTG, No. 828

### Preparing for the Word

#### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: We are human. We are not perfect. We mess up and we sin. God knows this and God loves us anyway. God knows this and God still wants a relationship with each of us. A relationship where we can come to God, confess our sins, and seek forgiveness. So, before God and with the people of God, let us confess our sins together. Let us pray.

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

**Dear God, sometimes, we struggle to see you and the work that you are doing in each of our lives. We want to see you, but sometimes we are too afraid to ask for help. We want to see you, but we aren't sure if those people should be allowed to come too. We want to see you, but we don't love the way you talk about sacrifice and death, or about outcasts and sinners. We want to see you, but we also want to know how it'll go first. Forgive us. Fill us with courage to step forward and seek, with vision to see your big picture, and with trust to follow you. Amen.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

# Calendar of Events

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

#### 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)

#### April 12 — Saturday

#### April 13 — Palm 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 Monthly Birthday Celebration  
12:15 pm Congregational Care Meeting (CR)  
12:15 pm Handbell Choir (S)

#### April 14 — Monday

5:30 pm Academy Board Meeting (CR)  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

#### April 15 — 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 16 — Wednesday

3:30 pm WOW (S)

#### April 17 — Maundy Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
1:00 pm Pastor Mark's Bible Study (Zoom)  
6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Dinner (FH)  
6:45 pm Maundy Thursday Worship (FH)

#### April 18 — Good Friday

**Academy Closed**  
2:00 pm Stations of the Cross (S)  
7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program\* (YR)

#### April 19 — Holy Saturday

1:00 pm Great Easter Vigil  
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:

**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) **TODAY, Sunday, 4/6, at 2:00 PM.** We look forward to connecting with you then!

**The Unwind Group will meet for dinner at Chavez Mexican Café** (2557 Gessner Rd, 77080) tomorrow, 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!

**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).

**Join us for Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday,** April 9th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Jan Fitts is making Hot Dogs. 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!

**Idea Spring returns this 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!

**April Birthday Celebration** — Join us for our church-wide monthly birthday celebration of friends born in the month of April. Light refreshments will be served in the Breezeway, weather permitting, following our Palm Sunday Worship Service on Sunday, April 13th.

**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!

**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!](#)

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(based on Ephesians 2:4-5)*

Leader: We may not always see God, but God always sees us. God will always seek us out and God will always love us, no matter what. God is with us and God supports us. We are enveloped in God's love, grace, and mercy. So, know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen!

### **\*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**

*"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"*

Choir

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

John 12:1-8

Red Pew Bible NT 106

### **SERMON**

*"Glimpses of the Unexpected Messiah"*  
Rev. Savannah Goodman

### **Responding to the Word**

### **\*HYMN**

*"Cry of My Heart"*

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### **\*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)*

**Extravagant God, as you have placed your generosity in our hearts, we pray now for the blessing of pouring it out for others. May our gifts be of use in your kingdom. May these tokens of our gratitude serve as a sign that shows your glory, until all come to see your gracious love. May we be instruments of peace and love in the world today. Amen.**

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation  
The Words of Institution  
Serving of the Elements  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

### 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

*"When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise"*

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### \*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

