



*We are a body of believers
located in northern Harris County
called by the Holy Spirit and
transformed by the Gospel to glorify and enjoy God
as we proclaim the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ.*

Sunday, July 16, 2023

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Janice Bradshaw

PRELUDE

Brooke Lewis

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Brooke Lewis

*Worship begins
where spiritual
life begins - with
God's call.
Appropriately,
we respond with
prayers and
songs of
adoration.*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on I Kings 8:56,*

*"Blessed be the Lord who has given rest to
his people Israel, according to all that he promised.
Not one word has failed of all his good promise,
which he spoke by Moses his servant."*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

Psalms 117:1-2

Leader: Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

People: **For great is his steadfast love towards us,**

Leader: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

All: **Praise the LORD!**

✦ SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

All Creatures of Our God and King (Hymn #115, vs. 1, 2, 4, and 5)
(Francis of Assisi, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*)

How Firm a Foundation (Hymn #94, vs. 1, 2, 4, and 6)
(Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787, Traditional American melody)

*"Give me
understanding
that I may keep
your law and
observe it with
my whole heart."
Psalm 119:34*

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Erik Haaland

James 1:13-14

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God,"
for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

But each person is tempted when he is lured
and enticed by his own desire.

✦ Please stand if able

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Erik Haaland

Leader: Almighty God, we often blame you and others
for our sins and shortcomings.

People: **However, you tempt no person, and our sinful actions
and decisions are ours alone.**

Leader: Father, forgive us for casting the blame for our sinful
and rebellious actions on you or other people.
Cause us to turn towards you in faith, love, and obedience.
Hear now our silent prayers of personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

...amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Erik Haaland

1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with
one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Erik Haaland

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

(Robinson, Thompson, Farren)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Jakob Basham

OFFERTORY

O for a Thousand Tongues

(Wesley, Gläser; arr. Smith, Hustad)

Janice Bradshaw

Brooke Lewis

✦ SONG OF PRAISE

The Doxology (Hymn #731)

(Ken, Bourgeois)

Congregation

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

Pastor Ben

*After the blessing you are welcome to send your children ages 4-8 to Children's Worship
or they may remain with you. Children will be returned to the Sanctuary after the sermon.*

*God's law
reveals God's
righteous
requirement. We
confess our
failure to keep
God's law, and
joyfully receive
the good news
of what God has
done for us in
Christ.*

*"Let your
steadfast love
come to me, O
LORD, your
salvation
according to
your promise."
Psalm 119:41*

*We are called to
be faithful
stewards of
God's Word.
Therefore, we
eagerly and
unashamedly
read and
proclaim the
whole counsel of
Scripture.*

*Having received
God's blessing,
we depart
blessing the
name of the
Lord.*

SCRIPTURE TEXT	Matthew 13:1-23	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
SERMON	<i>Parables and Their Purpose</i>	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
✦SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness</i> (Getty/Townsend)	<i>Congregation</i>
✦BENEDICTION		<i>Pastor Ben</i>
✦SONG OF BLESSING	<i>Gloria Patri</i> (Hymn #735) (Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)	<i>Congregation</i>
POSTLUDE		<i>Janice Bradshaw</i>

Announcements

Monday, July 17	
Session Meeting Pastor's Office	7:00pm
Tuesday, July 18	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Men's Bible Study Room 118	7:00pm
Wednesday, July 19	
Youth Gathering	6:15pm
Thursday, July 20	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, July 21	
Saturday, July 22	
Youth Pool Party	4:00pm
Sunday, July 23	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am

Hymn Sing

TODAY, 6pm, Sanctuary

Join us for hymn singing, prayer, and worship! Pastor Ben will also share highlights from the 2023 PCA General Assembly he attended in Memphis earlier this month.

Thank you to all the Purpose Week Volunteers!

Praise God for a wonderfully successful week of CFAP and BFAP! Thank you Amy and Erik Haaland and the over 50 volunteers who demonstrated God's love to the over 95 children who were taught that they are *Created* and *Built* for a Purpose!

Female Volunteer Needed to Help with our Youth Ministry

Contact: Felix

We are in need of a female volunteer to work with our Junior and Senior High students on Wednesday evenings, Sunday mornings, and at occasional special events. This is an excellent opportunity to mentor and guide the next generation of church leaders! Contact Felix for more information.

Youth Group Wednesday Night Gathering

Wednesday, July 19, 6:15pm

Contact: Felix

Junior and Senior High students, join us **this Wednesday** evening for a time of food, worship, study, and fun!

Youth Pool Party

Saturday, July 22, 4-8pm, Esteves' home

Contact: Felix

Junior and Senior High students, let's celebrate summer with a pool party **this Saturday!** Bring a friend, your bathing suit, and towel for an evening of fun!

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Pray for our Young Children - Pray that they grow in their love for Jesus as we partner with their parents to nurture them in the Lord.

Pray for Our Congregation

Erin Burnett - Pray for healing of her back and wrist injuries due to a recent accident.

Hannah Byerly - Pray for good prognosis from recent testing to determine the extent of her health complications. Pray for strength for Laurie and Michael to handle whatever comes their way.

Joyce Hill - Pray for complete healing of broken ankle.

Jeanne Maddy - Pray for continued healing and pain management.

Raquel Reenders - Pray for complete healing following surgery for a broken elbow.

Ongoing health concerns: *René & Clairice Chapelle, Jeff Kuhn, Barbara Langford, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, Katie Medeiros, John Morrison, Mark Morrow, Mary Spiritosanto.*

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Washington

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Chris Dietz, Navy Reserves, Texas

Joshua Duncan, Army, North Carolina

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Jessy Wykes, Army, Kentucky

Pray for Our College Students

Claire Achterkirch, Samford University

Rebekah Duncan, Blinn College

Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Jenna Haaland, Samford University

Rebekah Kooiman, Abilene Christian University

Aiden Steagall, Lone Star College

Izzy Tousha, Lone Star College

Pray for Our Friends & Family

David & Linda Farmer's son-in-law *Russell* - Russell is now in hospice care. Pray for comfort and peace for Russell and Kristina and their entire family.

Patrick Burton's daughter *Sabrina* - Pray for complete healing following a vehicle accident.

Vincent & Eleanor Tracey's grandson *Elijah* - PRAISE - his spinal fluid is clear of cancer! Pray that the analysis of his tumor remains in the "average" classification and that his therapies produce regaining function/motor skills.

Heather Burch's sister *Kerri* - Pray for comfort following a miscarriage.

Pray for Our Expectant Mother

Carrington Jones due in November.

Praise with & Pray for Joe & Felicity Congdon, *Missions to the World, Tokyo, Japan*

- **Praise** God for a great and gifted team of Americans and Japanese that we have working with us.
- **Pray** for a permanent space to use for Sunday worship. We are ready to rent or buy a place but there are very few spaces in our target area big enough. We need the Lord to work a miracle and to provide a space.
- **Praise** God for blessing two Japanese in our ministry with saving faith in Christ. Pray for Kaori and Mimi as we walk through baptism class with them. Pray that the Lord would protect their young faith and give them a continued love for His Word.
- **Pray** for the Japanese seekers that attend one of the three community groups our church plant offers. Community groups are our primary means for evangelism and discipleship, and right now most attendees are non-Christians. Pray especially for the salvation of Ryuji, Yuka, Riona, Keiko, Shin, Iro, Shiho, Rino, Kentarou, Nisshi, Satou, Yusuke, and Inoue.

General Information

To our visitors:

Welcome, we're so glad you're here today!

- Stop by the Visitor's Center in the Narthex for a free gift!
- Please complete a connect/prayer card if you want us to be in touch, and so we know how we can pray for you.
- If you do not have a Bible of your own, please take one of the pew Bibles home with you today.

To learn more about us and our ministries, visit our website, springcypresschurch.com

To see how our church participates in the global cause for Christ, check out the touch-screen monitor in the Narthex

Like and follow us on Facebook:
Spring Cypress Church

Restrooms are located in the Narthex.

Parents of Young Children:

- Nursery is available in the Children's Wing for children 4 years and younger.
- A cry room, located on the piano side of the sanctuary, is available for parents with young children.
- Children ages 4-8 are welcome to go to Children's Worship prior to the sermon, and they are returned to the Sanctuary near the end of the service. On Communion Sundays (first of each month), children will remain with their families so that they regularly participate in corporate worship with our entire church family!

Giving at SCPC:

We present our offerings as an act of worship, expressing our thankfulness for God's provision, our trust for God to meet all our needs, and our desire to be used of God for the furtherance of His kingdom on earth.

You may place your gift in the offering plate, mail a check to the church office, or give online at springcypresschurch.com/give.

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