



*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, April 2, 2023

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Brooke Lewis*

PRELUDE *Janice Bradshaw*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Pastor Ben*

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH *Ryan & Katie Pekarek* *Pastor Ben*  
*Mission to the World, Central Asia*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP *Janice Bradshaw*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on Zechariah 9:9b,*

*“Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP *Pastor Ben*  
*from Isaiah 12*

Leader: Behold, God is our salvation; let us trust and not be afraid.

People: **With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation!**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.

All: **For great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION *Pastor Ben*

✦SONGS OF ADORATION *Congregation*

*Holy, Holy, Holy* (Hymn #100)  
(Heber, Dykes)

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (Hymn #235)  
(Theodulph of Orleans, Neale, Teschner)

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

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

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✦Please stand if able

**DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW**

*Ruling Elder Danny McDaniel*

*Isaiah 64:6*

We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Danny McDaniel*

Leader: Almighty God, we come before you and confess that we are sinners.  
Our hearts are filled with wicked desires  
and so reveal that like a leper,  
we are both infected and infectious.

People: **Because of this, even our most noble aspirations,  
and our best works, are as filthy rags in your sight.  
We know our time is short on the earth,  
and our iniquities drive us from you, our only hope.**

Leader: Father, look down from Heaven and show pity on us,  
your sons and daughters,  
for the sake of your precious Son, our elder brother,  
who gave his life for us.  
Bring to mind where we have transgressed your holy law,  
and hear our prayers of silent personal confession...

*silent confession of personal sin*

...amen.

**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Danny McDaniel*

*Jeremiah 33:8*

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive  
all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

**PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD**

*Danny McDaniel*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

*Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*

(Lyte, Moore)

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*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.*

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

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

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*We confess our common faith as an expression of our unity in coming to the Lord's Table.*

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**DIACONAL PRAYER**

*Deacon Scott Lewis*

**OFFERTORY**

***Praise Ye the Lord***

*Children's Choir*

(Victor C. Johnson)

*Praise the Lord, all ye people! Praise the Lord, rejoice and sing!  
Praise the Lord, all ye heavens! Lift your voice to God, our King!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise ye the Lord! Alleluia!*

Praise Him, all ye angels, praise Him in the heavenly heights.  
Praise Him, ye sun and moon. Praise Him all ye stars of light.

Praise the Lord, ye mountains and hills. Praise Him all ye nations.  
Praise the Lord, ye rivers and seas. Praise Him all creation.

**✦ SONG OF PRAISE**

***The Doxology*** (Hymn #731)

*Congregation*

(Ken, Bourgeois)

**BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN**

*Pastor Ben*

*After the blessing on the first Sunday of the month,  
children remain in the service with their parents.*

**SCRIPTURE TEXT**

Matthew 7:13-29

*Pastor Ben*

**SERMON**

*Two Ways*

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF PREPARATION**

***My Jesus, I Love Thee*** (Hymn #648, vs. 1 & 2)

*Congregation*

(Featherstone, Gordon)

**SERVICE OF COMMUNION**

**✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Pastor Ben*

*the Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Pastor Ben*

**ABOUT THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

*We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized, belong to a church which embraces the Gospel, and who look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. Since Communion is a sacrament of sustaining grace, we request that children not participate until they have professed their faith to the elders of this church or their church of regular worship.*

*As the communion servers pass in front of you, please remember to take **both** of the stacked cups from the tray. Note that the bread is in the bottom cup and is gluten-free. **Grape juice is in the colored cups in the outer ring, wine is in the clear cups in the inner rings.***

*from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper Christ took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

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

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**MUSIC OF REFLECTION**

*Janice Bradshaw*

**✦SONG OF RESPONSE**

*Congregation*

*My Jesus, I Love Thee* (Hymn #648, vs. 3 & 4)  
(Featherstone, Gordon)

**✦BENEDICTION**

*Pastor Ben*

**✦SONG OF BLESSING**

*Gloria Patri* (Hymn #735)  
(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

*Congregation*

**POSTLUDE**

*Brooke Lewis*

**DEACONS' FUND OFFERING**

## Announcements

<b>Monday, April 3</b>		
<b>Tuesday, April 4</b>		
Men's Bible Study Room 118		7:00pm
No Women in the Word Room 119		
<b>Wednesday, April 5</b>		
Youth Group Youth Building		6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary		6:30pm
<b>Thursday, April 6</b>		
No Women in the Word Room 119		
<b>Friday, April 7</b>		
Good Friday Service Sanctuary		7:00pm
<b>Saturday, April 8</b>		
<b>Sunday, April 9</b>		
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream		9:00am
Easter Brunch The Gallery		10:00am
Worship Sanctuary		11:00am

### **Created for a Purpose**

**Monday-Friday, July 10-14, mornings**

**Contact: Amy Haaland**

We are so excited that our Created for a Purpose camp for girls is full! We are hosting 75 girls this summer and we need YOUR help. If you can assist before or help during the week of camp please go to [springcypresschurch.com/cfap](http://springcypresschurch.com/cfap) and register as a volunteer. You will be blessed and be a blessing!

### **Built for a Purpose**

**Monday-Friday, July 10-14, evenings**

**Contact: Erik Haaland, [erik@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:erik@springcypresschurch.com)**

*Boys who have completed 3rd-8th grade*

Built for a Purpose is four nights just for the guys to build, worship, learn, play, and enjoy time together.

*Registration information is coming soon.*

### **NEXT WEEK**

#### **Good Friday Service**

**Friday, April 7, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary**

Join us for a special service remembering Christ's voluntary self-sacrifice on our behalf. Guided by Scripture and music we will reflect upon and stand in awe of the implications of God's deep love for us as displayed by the death of the Son. Childcare is available by reservation, contact Lauri Kooiman.

#### **Easter Sunday Services**

**9:00 am, Sanctuary & Live Stream**

**11:00 am, Sanctuary**

Join us at one of our **two identical services** for joyous worship, celebrating our risen Lord! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! An **Easter Brunch** will be served between the two services in The Gallery.

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

*Our Men* - Pray that our men will grow in their faith and in their relationships with one another and their families as they grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord.

## **Pray for Our Congregation**

*Neal Benedict* - PRAISE - surgery went well, he is home recuperating; pray for complete healing.

*Michael & Laurie Byerly* - for the development of their baby's heart and for a full-term pregnancy.

*Jeanne Maddy* - complete healing of fractured leg.

*John Morrison* - successful treatment of prostate cancer.

Ongoing health concerns: *René & Clairice Chapelle, Rose Gregory, Jeff Kuhn, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, Katie Medeiros, 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, Europe

## **Pray for Our College Students**

*Charlotte Achterkirch*, Samford University

*Claire Achterkirch*, Samford University

*Zach Allan*, Tarleton State University

*Rebekah Duncan*, Montana State University

*Austin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*Justin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*Jenna Haaland*, Samford University

*Rebekah Kooiman*, Abilene Christian University

*Ayden Steagall*, Lone Star College

*AJ Tousha*, Lone Star College

*Izzy Tousha*, Lone Star College

## **Pray for Our Expectant Mothers**

*Kathryn Ritchie* is due in April.

*Laurie Byerly* is due in June.

## **Pray for Ryan & Katie, Claire & Sarah Pekarek, *Mission to the World, Central Asia***

### **Praise**

- They received their temporary residence permits.
- Ryan met with the Synod of the International Presbyterian Church and developed relationships and created a foundation for future work.
- Katie received her medical license and will begin seeing patients in April.

### **Pray**

- Increased proficiency in the language, especially for Claire as she prepares to enter 1st grade in September.
- Their church members to step into service and lay leadership roles.
- Their church to become more missional and develop a vision for planting other churches.
- Upcoming church training event for all the churches in their city-pray for growth, movement, and the working out of ministries.
- Getting to know their national partners, friends, neighbors, and community, to gain trust, practice language together, and spend time developing relationships.

Email prayer requests to [robin@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:robin@springcypresschurch.com).

# Sermon Notes

April 2, 2023

# Two Ways

Matthew 7:13-29

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## MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH April 2023

### RYAN AND KATIE PEKAREK CLAIRE AND SARAH Mission to the World, Central Asia

Ryan and Katie are vocational workers supporting local churches in a major city in Central Asia. They serve in a Muslim majority country where religious work is illegal. As such, their professions serve as platforms for being in the country, as well as a means to be involved in the community. Ryan is a project manager and co-director of a small business that sources local handicrafts and provides a fair marketplace for rural and local artisans. Katie is a physician and works at a private clinic, with the hope of being able to expand access to care to the poor rural regions outside the city as well as increase medical education access.

Together, Ryan and Katie work with a small local church. Their primary focus revolves around helping their team organize local and regional theological education to identify and train new church leaders. They minister alongside a small local reformed Presbyterian church that is pastored by national partners. The church is small but growing steadily and hopefully will be ready soon to consider planting another church in the city. While training up new local leaders, they are assisting the existing local church to develop the resources and passion for planting more reformed Presbyterian churches throughout the region. They have two children, Claire and Sarah.

#### **Praise & Prayer**

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## 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](http://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](http://springcypresschurch.com/give).

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## Our Church Leadership & Staff

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