



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

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Janice Bradshaw

PRELUDE

Saule Garcia

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Saule Garcia

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on 1 Timothy 2:5-6,*

*“For there is one God,
and there is one mediator between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all,
which is the testimony given at the proper time.”*

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

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben

Isaiah 26:3-4

Leader: You keep him in perfect peace
whose mind is stayed on you,

People: **Because he trusts in you.**

Leader: Trust in the LORD forever,

All: **For the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

In Christ Alone
(Getty, Townend)

Stronger
(Fielding, Morgan)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Ian Achterkirch

James 4:1-4

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this,
that your passions are at war with you? You desire and do not have, so

✦Please stand if able

you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ian Achterkirch

Leader: Lord, we come before you confessing that our hearts are restless.
The desires of our hearts are strong, oftentimes contradictory,
and frequently self-absorbed.

People: **Father, we ask that our hearts find their rest in you.
That our passions would not be at war within us.
Lord, grant that we would pursue your will
with undivided affection, loyalty, and purpose.
Here are our hearts, Lord.
We offer them promptly and sincerely,
for the sake of your Son.**

Leader: Almighty God, our hearts are laid bare before you.
With no attempt at hiding or at self-justification,
we instead simply ask for mercy.
We do so rejoicing that with you there is forgiveness
and restoration in your Son.
So, hear now our silent prayers of personal confession
and forgive us for the sake of Christ...

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Ian Achterkirch

Colossians 1:21-22

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Ian Achterkirch

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

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.

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

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING *Congregation*

There Is a Fountain (Hymn #253, vs. 1, 2, 3)
(Cowper, Mason)

DIACONAL PRAYER *Deacon Jakob Basham*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Come, Thou Almighty King* *Janice Bradshaw*

(Felice de Giardini, arr. Pethel) *Saule Garcia*
Hymn text for reflection can be found on p. 101.

✦ SONG OF PRAISE *The Doxology* (Hymn #731) *Congregation*

(Ken, Bourgeois)

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.*

SCRIPTURE TEXT 2 Thessalonians 3:16-18 *Pastor Ben*

SERMON *Peace at All Times* *Pastor Ben*

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE *Congregation*

It is Well with My Soul (Hymn #691)
(Spafford, Bliss)

✦ BENEDICTION *Pastor Ben*

✦ SONG OF BLESSING *Gloria Patri* (Hymn #735) *Congregation*

(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

POSTLUDE *Janice Bradshaw*

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

Sermon Notes

April 25, 2021

Peace at All Times

2 Thessalonians 3:16-18

Announcements

Monday, April 26		
SAA Meeting Youth Building		7:30pm
Tuesday, April 27		
Women in the Word The Gallery		9:30am
CODA Meeting Youth Building		7:30pm
Wednesday, April 28		
Youth Group Youth Building		6:30pm
Thursday, April 29		
Women in the Word Restaurant tbd		7:00pm
MOPS Dessert Night to be determined		7:15pm
Friday, April 30		
Saturday, May 1		
Sunday, May 2		
Worship & Communion Sanctuary & LS*		9:00am
Sunday School for all ages		10:30am
*Live Stream		

Contemporary Praise & Worship

TONIGHT at 6:00 pm

Sanctuary & Live Stream

Make plans to join us for an evening of singing, prayer, and worship!

Honoring Our High School Graduates

Jenna Haaland, Aiden Steagall, Izzy Tousha

Beginning next Sunday, May 2nd we will have baskets for each graduate in The Gallery. Please consider filling these baskets with cards containing expressions of congratulations and encouragement for these young people as we celebrate with them the ending of one chapter of their lives and the beginning of another! The baskets will be presented to them immediately after worship on Sunday, May 16th.

Church Picnic

Sunday, May 16th, 3-6 pm, Pavilion

Make plans to join your church family for our annual church picnic! Fun for the whole family, with an awesome water slide, bouncy houses, petting zoo, delicious food, and fantastic fellowship - you don't want to miss it! Please sign up to volunteer in the Narthex.

New Sunday School Classes begin May 2nd!
See insert for details

New Women in the Word Study begins 5/4 & 5/6
Tuesdays at 9:30 am, The Gallery
Thursdays at 7:00 pm, The Gallery

Ladies, discover how to strengthen and deepen your faith as we study 1, 2, 3 John. These three books will lead us through doctrine, obedient living, and fervent devotion. Invite a friend and let's pursue righteousness and mature in Christ together as we learn and apply these truths to our lives.

VBS Olympion

Monday-Friday, June 21-25, 8:45am-12:00pm

Cost: \$10

Contact: Elisa, elisa@springcypresschurch.com

Calling all 4 year olds - 3rd graders! Join us for a week of Bible stories, crafts, and fun at VBS Olympion this summer. **Registration is open NOW on the church website.**

Built for a Purpose - July 12-17, 5-9 pm

Cost: \$75

Contact: Erik, erik@springcypresschurch.com

This summer we are launching Built for a Purpose! This camp is for boys entering 4th-9th grade in the fall and will teach them that they are built by God in his image, for a purpose! The camp will run 5-9 pm beginning July 12 and end with an overnight campout on the 16th. **Registration is open NOW on the church website.**

Youth Group Mission Trip to Opelousas, 6/27-7/3

Cost: \$70 (includes t-shirt)

Contact: Justin, justin@springcypresschurch.com

Senior and Junior High students, mark your calendar to return to Opelousas this summer to serve with Hope for Opelousas! **Registration is open NOW.** Look for an email Elisa sent 4/21.

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Women - Pray that our women mature into who God has called and created them to be as they bring glory to God in their families, our church, and our community.

Pray for Our Congregation

Barbara Honts - wisdom for her medical team as they makes plans for her to have surgery to relieve migraines in the near future.

Mike Hume - successful eye surgery this week for an impending macular hole in his right eye, patience during recovery, and complete healing.

Jackie Toothman - wisdom for medical team to correctly identify and correct the source of her anemia. Ongoing health concerns: *Eldon & Virginia Faries, Carl & Rose Gregory, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, and Katie Medeiros*

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Washington

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Chris Dietz, Navy, Texas

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Jessy Wykes, Army, Georgia

Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, Samford University

Ian Allan, Calvin University

Zach Allan, Tarleton State University

Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Justin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Jacob Kerr, Texas A&M University

Rebekah Kooiman, Abilene Christian University

Lauren Steagall, University of Houston

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Pray for Our Families and Friends

Jim & Mary Spiritosanto's daughter and Deb Kovach's sister, *Rebecca* - healing following surgery to insert port to prepare for kidney dialysis.

Glenn Ayles' father, *Rodney* - peace and comfort while experiencing failing health.

Gina Rieger (SCPC-supported missionary) - healing, comfort, and encouragement following surgery and preparation for radiation treatments.

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Carrington Jones is due in July.

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month

Houston Metro Presbytery

- Pray for biblical and confessional integrity, moral courage, wisdom, and love to be manifest at each meeting.
- Pray for the work of the various committees of the Presbytery, that their work would be conducive to the expansion of the Kingdom in our area.
- Pray for a strong spirit of unity between our sister churches in HMP as we labor together to do the Lord's work in our area.

Email prayer requests to robin@springcypresschurch.com.

New Sunday School Classes Beginning May 2, 10:30-11:15 am

ADULTS

Sanctuary

Worship: What We Do and Why We Do It

various teachers

When it comes to Sunday morning worship services many Christians often participate without understanding the rationale for what is taking place during the service. Even less consideration is typically given to numerous other factors that inform and shape our worship. In this team-taught class we will discuss the rationale, elements, and circumstances of our worship service in order to increase the understanding, appreciation, and participation of our church members in our weekly services.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

B215-217

James

taught by Justin Chandler & Erik Haaland

James is a beloved and practical book full of exhortations to live a godly life. In just a few pages, the author offers concrete counsel on many issues that confront Christians on a daily basis. James certainly stirs us to action, but it also reveals our sins and inability to do what this letter commands. So, how then are we to live? Join us as we dig into this letter (and the rest of Scripture) to find the answer.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH

Youth Building

Teach Me Your Way

taught by Felix Espino

Junior High students will continue to study the Sermon on the Mount and how it demonstrates the character of a true believer: surrendering to Jesus in salvation and submitting to His way in obedience. *“Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.”* -Psalm 86:11

CHILDREN

Children’s Wing

Toddlers in our Nursery Ministry hear Bible stories and participate in activities from the *Show Me Jesus* curriculum as they build a sure foundation.

Our Elementary Students will all be using curriculum by Great Commission Publications. This quarter our **Pre-K and Kindergarten students** will learn about Jesus’ great love for his people, his death, resurrection, his ascension, the promised Holy Spirit, and the Lord’s return one day. The **Lower Elementary Sunday school class (grades 1-2)** will be focusing on what it means to become devoted to God’s Word using stories and passages from both the Old and New Testaments. **Upper Elementary Sunday School (grades 3-5)** will continue working through a two-year Bible survey course helping students desire God’s word and grow closer in relationship with Christ. Students will discover the joy of being called to be a part of this grand narrative of redemption as they study the scriptures together!



Monday, July 12 - Saturday, July 17
5:00-9:00 pm
concludes with an overnight campout July 16

Built for a Purpose is a week-long skills camp for boys entering 4th-9th grade. The purpose of the camp is to teach the boys that they were created in the image of God, by God, and for God. Men from the church will encourage, teach, and mentor the boys through building projects, archery, gun safety/BB guns, games, and activities, all culminating in worship and small group time each night. Our goal is for the boys to recognize that they are sinners in need of a Savior, and that Jesus Christ is the only savior of man. The projects, activities, and devotionals are all designed to point the participants to Christ.

The cost is \$75 and includes t-shirt, dinner nightly, and project materials. Spots are limited, so register now at springcypresschurch.com/bfap. For more information, contact Erik at erik@springcypresschurch.com.

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 mothers with infants.
- Children ages 4-8 are welcome to go to Children's Worship prior to the sermon. They are returned to the Sanctuary near the end of the service.

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 baskets at the back of the Sanctuary, mail a check to the church office, or give online at springcypresschurch.com/give

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