



*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 11, 2021

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Janice Bradshaw

PRELUDE

Saule Garcia

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Houston Metro Presbytery

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Saule Garcia

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Jeremiah 24:7,*

*"I will give them a heart to know that I am the LORD,
and they shall be my people and I will be their God,
for they shall return to me with their whole heart."*

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

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben

Psalm 95:1-3

Leader: O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Leader: For the LORD is a great God,

All: **And a great King above all gods.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Come, Christians, Join to Sing (Hymn #302)
(Bateman, Evans, arr. Linker)

Rejoice, the Lord is King! (Hymn #310, vs. 1, 3, and 5)
(Wesley, Darwall, arr. Linker)

✦Please stand if able

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Erik Haaland

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Erik Haaland

Leader: Holy and merciful God, in your presence
we confess our offenses against you.
We habitually lean on our own understanding,
placing supreme confidence in our powers of cognition,
and the reliability of our perspective and opinion.
People: **In so doing we demonstrate trust in ourselves
rather than trust in you as the only omniscient One.
You alone are altogether holy, just, and true,
and your way alone is the path of righteousness and life.**

Leader: Father, forgive us our sins, and help us to live in your light
and to walk in your way,
and hear now our prayers of silent personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

*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.*

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Erik Haaland

Isaiah 44:21-22

Remember these things, O Jacob,
and Israel, for you are my servant;
I formed you; you are my servant;
O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.
I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud
and your sins like mist;
return to me, for I have redeemed you.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Erik Haaland

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING

All I Have Is Christ
(Kaufflin)

Congregation

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

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

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Stephen Kovach

SPECIAL MUSIC

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
(Chisholm, Runyan, arr. Clydesdale, Wiley)

Sergio Esteves

✦ SONG OF PRAISE

The Doxology (Hymn #731)
(Ken, Bourgeois)

Congregation

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

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.

Pastor Ben

SCRIPTURE TEXT

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

Pastor Ben

SERMON

Motivated by the Faithfulness of God

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF PREPARATION

He Will Hold Me Fast (with Be Still My Soul)
(Sibelius, Habershon, Merker, Schlegel, arr. Lawrence)

Congregation

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor Ben

the Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son

together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 in the colored cups in the inner ring, wine in the clear cups in the outer 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."

MUSIC OF REFLECTION

Saule Garcia

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE

Congregation

***He Will Hold Me Fast (with Be Still My Soul)**
(Sibelius, Habershon, Merker, Schlegel, arr. Lawrence)*

✦ BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Janice Bradshaw

DEACONS' FUND OFFERING

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

Announcements

Monday, April 12	
Houston Metro Presbytery	4:00pm
SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Tuesday, April 13	
Women in the Word The Gallery	9:30am
CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Wednesday, April 14	
Youth Group Youth Building	6:30pm
Thursday, April 15	
Women in the Word The Gallery	7:00pm
Men's Bible Study Zoom	7:00pm
MOPS Fellowship Hall	7:15pm
Friday, April 16	
Saturday, April 17	
Sunday, April 18	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:00am
Sunday School for all ages	10:30am
Bring Your Own Lunch Social Pavilion	11:30am

Bring Your Own Lunch Social

Sunday, April 18, 11:30 am, Pavilion

Come fellowship with your church family *al fresco!* Pack a lunch and join us under the pavilion after Sunday School. Tables will be set-up and drinks provided.

Contemporary Praise & Worship

Sunday, April 25, 6:00 pm

Sanctuary & Live Stream

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

Youth Game Day

Saturday, April 24, 2:00 pm, Pavilion & Field

Contact: Susy

Senior High and Junior High youth, mark your calendar for an afternoon of games, food, and ice cream! Bring a towel and change of clothes.

VBS Olympion

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

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. The cost is \$10 per child. **Registration is open NOW on the church website.**

Built for a Purpose 2021 - July 12-17 evenings

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 evenings beginning July 12 and end with an overnight campout on the 16th. **Registration will be open Friday, April 16 on the church website.**

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Staff - Pray that our staff will stay healthy as they take care of the administrative and ministry tasks of our church.

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.

Ritchie Family - PRAISE - we rejoice with the Ritchies on the birth of *George Peter* on March 19th. Mom and baby are home and doing well.

Jackie Toothman - wisdom for medical team to correctly identify and correct the source of her anemia.

Tony Tousha - permanent employment.

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

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

Gina Rieger (SCPC-supported missionary) - comfort and encouragement during her cancer 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.

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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