



*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 10, 2022

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Stephanie Hicks

PRELUDE

Janice Bradshaw

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Stephanie Hicks

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Mark 11:8-9,*

*“And many spread their cloaks on the road,
and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields.
And those who went before and those who followed were shouting,
‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben

Isaiah 40:10-11

Leader: Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;

People: Behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

Leader: He will tend his flock like a shepherd;

People: He will gather the lambs in his arms;

Leader: He will carry them in his bosom,

All: And gently lead those that are with young.

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Holy, Holy, Holy (Hymn #100)

(Heber, Dykes; arr. Greer, Rawsthorne, Linker, Lawrence)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (Hymn #235, vs. 1 and 2)
(Orleans, Teschner; arr. Hegarty, Lawrence; quoting ELLACOMBE)

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

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

✦Please stand if able

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Ian Achterkirch

Joel 2:12-13

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,
“return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
and rend your hearts and not your garments.”
Return to the LORD your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
and he relents over disaster.

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ian Achterkirch

Leader: Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin,
but in You there is an even greater abundance of mercy.

People: **Though you implore us to turn to you in repentance,
yet so often we prefer to justify ourselves
and do what seems right in our eyes.**

Leader: Lord, strengthen us, and warm us, that we might hate our sin
and turn to you in humble faith and repentance.
Father, hear now our silent prayers of personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Ian Achterkirch

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Ian Achterkirch

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

My Worth Is Not in What I Own
(Getty, Kendrick)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Jakob Basham

*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.*

OFFERTORY	<i>The Journey</i> with <i>Simple Gifts</i> and <i>Going Home</i> (arr. Joseph Martin)	<i>Children's Choir</i>
✦ SONG OF PRAISE	<i>The Doxology</i> (Hymn #731) (Ken, Bourgeois)	<i>Congregation</i>
BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN	<i>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.</i>	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
SCRIPTURE TEXT	James 3:1-12	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
SERMON	<i>Taming the Tongue</i>	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
✦ SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>O Sacred Head, Now Wounded</i> (Hymn #247, vs. 1 and 3) (Clairvaux, Hassler)	<i>Congregation</i>
PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS		<i>Pastor Ben</i>
✦ BENEDECTION		<i>Pastor Ben</i>
✦ SONG OF BLESSING	<i>Gloria Patri</i> (Hymn #735) (Traditional 2nd century text, Greateorex)	<i>Congregation</i>
POSTLUDE		<i>Stephanie Hicks</i>

Sermon Notes

Taming the Tongue

April 10, 2022

James 3:1-12

Announcements

Monday, April 11	
SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Tuesday, April 12	
NO Women in the Word	
Bell Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	7:00pm
CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Wednesday, April 13	
Wednesday Family Night Fellowship Hall	6:30pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Youth Group Youth Building	6:30pm
Thursday, April 14	
NO Women in the Word	
Diaconate Meeting Pastor's Office	7:00pm
Friday, April 15	
Good Friday Service Sanctuary	7:00pm
Saturday, April 16	
Sunday, April 17 - Easter	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:00am
Easter Brunch The Gallery	10:00am
Worship Sanctuary	11:00am
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	

Please welcome New Members!

Neal, Mary, Audrey, & Jude Benedict
 Kyle
 Michael & Laurie Byerly
 Levi & Josiah
 Daniel & Christine Harris
 Gideon
 Linda Martinez
 Alex & Zoë Toulouse

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 15, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Join us for a contemplative service where we will reflect on Christ's incredible sacrifice for us, through scripture, music, and a homily from Pastor Ben. Childcare available by reservation, contact Elisa, elisa@springcypresschurch.com.

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.

No Sunday School on April 17 & 24

New classes begin May 1st. Watch for more information coming soon!

Wednesday Family Night

Wednesday, April 13, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Contact: Elisa, elisa@springcypresschurch.com

RSVP by TODAY to Elisa

Our monthly Wednesday Family Night is coming soon! Dinner will be served from 6:30-7:00, then the children will have a lesson and activity and parents will be led in a study.

Bridal Shower for Elisa Haaland

Sunday, April 24, 11:00 am

Contact: Carrington Jones

Join us for a potluck luncheon honoring the future Mrs. Rossi. Please bring a gluten-sensitive salad to share. The couple is registered at Bed Bath & Beyond and Amazon. Watch your email for more information.

VBS: Space Probe - June 13-17, 9am-noon

Contact: Elisa, elisa@springcypresschurch.com

Registration is now open!

Boys and girls in PreK-3rd grade, join us for an "out of this world" adventure at VBS: Space Probe! We will be going back to the beginning and learning about our Creator by studying Genesis! The registration link was emailed out on Friday. Alternatively you can email Elisa for the link. The registration fee is \$10 per child payable by check or cash (please put "VBS" in the memo line).

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Youth - Pray for our youth parents, Sunday School teachers, and Youth Group leaders as they work together to help our youth grow in their Christian faith.

Pray for Our Congregation

Mark Morrow - clarity of neurological and muscular testing.

Anne Morrison - healing following knee replacement surgery on March 3rd.

Ongoing health concerns: *René & Clairice Chapelle, Carl & Rose Gregory, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, Katie Medeiros, Jim Spiritosanto.*

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Washington

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Chris Dietz, Navy Reserves, Texas

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Jessy Wykes, Army, Kentucky

Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, Samford University

Zach Allan, Tarleton State University

Daniel Duncan, Lone Star College

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 Families and Friends

Jorge Gutierrez's friend's mother - healing and peace of mind as she heals from COVID-19 symptoms including severe respiratory and cardiac distress.

Jim & Mary Spiritosanto's daughter, Deb Kovach's sister, *Rebecca Cooper* - wisdom regarding possible heart surgery and physical strength for kidney dialysis.

Ray Rhoades' mother *Mary Lou* - wisdom, peace, and comfort.

Mindy Burton's father *Tim Nesbitt* - diagnosed with lung cancer. Pray for direction for treatment and peace.

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month

John Wiltbank, African Bible University

Prayer Points

- Praise that John's wife Alison was very well taken care of by Good Shepard Church and by her sister. Praise that John and Alison were able to strengthen their marriage during their geographic separation.
- Praise that most of the Junior class that John went to teach have now graduated.
- Thanksgiving that John and Alison were provided for financially much longer than planned. Thank you, Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church!
- Thanks that ABU has just installed its new Vice Chancellor, Dr. Jeremiah Pitts, effective March 1. Please pray for him and his wife and young family as we all work together to strengthen ABU and move it forward. As in many colleges worldwide, COVID took a toll on the students, many of whom are not able to continue. We need new freshmen.
- Please pray for John and Alison both to be sustained in health, provision and grace for the future.

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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