



*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 16, 2023

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Brooke Lewis

PRELUDE

Janice Bradshaw

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Janice Bradshaw

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Hebrews 12:28-29,*

*“Let us offer to God acceptable worship,
with reverence and awe,
for our God is a consuming fire.”*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

Psalm 113:1-3

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!

People: **Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore!**

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

All: **The name of the Lord is to be praised!**

✦ SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed!

(Getty, Getty, Cash)

He Will Hold Me Fast

(Habershon, Merker; arr. Campbell, Lawrence)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Justin Chandler

1 Peter 2:1-2

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation.

*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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Justin Chandler

Leader: Almighty God, we are thankful that your mercy
is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings,
and deeper than all of our sin.

People: **Please forgive us for our frivolous attitude toward life,
our callousness toward others,
our envy of those who have more than we have,
our indifference to the treasures of heaven,
and our neglect of your wise and gracious Law.**

Leader: Father, transform us by your grace
so that we might desire what is good, love what you love,
and do what you command.

Hear now our silent prayers of 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

Justin Chandler

Psalm 103:2-4

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

*"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

Justin Chandler

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

***My Faith Has Found a Resting Place** (Hymn #468)
(Edmunds, Grétry; arr. Kirkpatrick)*

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Bob Pickard

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

OFFERTORY

Romans 11 (Doxology)

Brooke & Casey Lewis

(Andrew Peterson)

Oh, the depth of the riches
Of the wisdom and knowledge of God
How unsearchable His judgment
How untraceable His paths

Who knows the mind of our God?
Who can bring council to Him?
Who has given to God
That God should repay?

For, from Him, through Him
To Him is everything

To God be the glory forever and ever
To God be the glory forever, amen

✦ 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

Matthew 8:1-17

Pastor Ben

SERMON

Christ Our Healer

Pastor Ben

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

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (Hymn #679)

Congregation

(Stead, Kirkpatrick)

✦ BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

Gloria Patri (Hymn #735)

Congregation

(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

POSTLUDE

Brooke Lewis

Announcements

Monday, April 17	
Session Meeting Pastor's Office	7:00pm
Tuesday, April 18	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Men's Bible Study Room 118	7:00pm
Wednesday, April 19	
Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Thursday, April 20	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, April 21	
Saturday, April 22	
Youth Group Family Cookout	12:00pm
Sunday, April 23	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am

VBS: Summer SeaQuest - June 19-23, 9am-noon
Contact: Ashley

Registration begins tomorrow at noon!
springcypresschurch.com/vbs

Students age 4 through entering 6th grade are invited to set sail with us in a high seas adventure this summer at Summer SeaQuest Vacation Bible School. The cost is \$15/student or \$30/family. If you have any questions, contact Ashley.

Youth Group Family Cookout

Saturday, April 22, 12pm

Contact: Felix

Come eat delicious food and participate in our kickball and volleyball tournaments. All youth families are welcome!

Women in the Word

New Study, *Aging with Grace*, begins May 2 and 4!

Tuesdays at 9:30am, childcare provided by reservation, contact Robin, robin@springcypresschurch.com

Thursdays at 7:00pm

Room 119

It's never too early, or too late to learn how to Age with Grace! Whatever season of life you're in, God has equipped you to flourish—to live in the transforming power and beauty of his grace. Join us as we discover the joy of flourishing in an anti-aging culture through the study of Psalms 71 and 92 and women of the Bible.

New Sunday School Classes begin May 7th!

Watch for more information coming soon.

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Our College Students - Pray for good health and perseverance as our college students prepare for the end of the spring semester.

Pray for Our Congregation

David Cate - peace and comfort following the death of his brother Jimmy.

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, Kentucky

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 Our Friends

Martha Dietz' nine-year-old friend, *Kate Tracey* - healing of a brain tumor.

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 to develop relationships

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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