



*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 3, 2022

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRELUDE

Stephanie Hicks

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

John Wiltbank
African Bible University

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Stephanie Hicks

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Micah 4:3,*

*“He shall judge between many peoples,
and shall decide disputes for strong nations far away;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben

Psalm 86:8-10

Leader: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,

People: **Nor are there any works like yours.**

Leader: All the nations you have made shall come
and worship before you, O Lord,

People: **And shall glorify your name.**

Leader: For you are great and do wondrous things;

All: **You alone are God.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

May the Peoples Praise You

(Getty, Getty, Townend, Cash, Zimmer; arr. Campbell, Lawrence)

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

(Redman, Myrin; arr. Galbraith, Henderson)

*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 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 are sinners.
We have done things you have forbidden
and left undone things you have commanded.

People: **We have not loved you
with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.
Nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.
As judge of the whole earth, you would be just to condemn us.**

Leader: Yet in your love you sent Christ to bear the guilt of our sin
and suffer the punishment due our offenses.
To him we flee.
Forgive us for his sake, and by your Spirit
help us to live a life worthy of your name.
Help us to recall both our sins and your mercies
and hear our silent prayers of confession...

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Danny McDaniel

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Danny McDaniel

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

Nothing But the Blood (Hymn #307, vs. 1, 3, and 4)
(Lowry)

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.

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

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

OFFERTORY

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Choir

(Lloyd Larson)

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, that God would come to earth to die;
to take the form of humankind: the Son of God, O love divine!

Christ bore our sins, He bore our shame; a Man of sorrows, bless His name!
For by His stripes our hearts are healed, and by His blood our souls are sealed!

How marvelous, how wonderful! And my song shall ever be:

How marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior's love for me.

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, the Lamb of God is crucified.

For me He died upon the cross; for me He suffered pain and loss.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, and free.

✦ 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

James 2:14-26

Pastor Ben

SERMON

Faith Justified

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF PREPARATION

And Can It Be? (Hymn #455, vs. 1, 2, and 3)

Congregation

(Wesley, Campbell)

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 outer ring, wine 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."

MUSIC OF REFLECTION

Rick Toothman

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE

Congregation

***And Can It Be?** (Hymn #455, vs. 4 and 5)
(Wesley, Campbell)*

✦ BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Stephanie Hicks

DEACONS' FUND OFFERING

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

Announcements

Monday, April 4	
SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Tuesday, April 5	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Men's Bible Study Room 116	7:00pm
CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Wednesday, April 6	
Discovering SCPC Room 119	6:30pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Youth Group Youth Building	6:30pm
Thursday, April 7	
MOPS Room 130	7:00pm
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, April 8	
Women's Conference in New Braunfels	
Saturday, April 9	
Women's Conference in New Braunfels	
Sunday, April 10 - Palm Sunday	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am

Children's Choir Rehearsals

TODAY after worship, Sanctuary

Contact: Elisa, elisa@springcypresschurch.com

The children of SCPC will be helping lead us in worship on Palm Sunday, April 10! Rehearsal will be in the Sanctuary immediately following worship.

Bibles for Babies

TODAY is your last chance to add your name by your favorite Bible verse or write a word of blessing or encouragement in the Bibles for Amelia Wykes and Maddock Bodden. Stop by the table in the Narthex after worship.

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.

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

Contact: Elisa, elisa@springcypresschurch.com

Thank you for your response to the Volunteer Survey!
Registration for boys and girls Prek-3rd grade opening soon!

Purpose Week 2022 - July 18-22

Contact: Elisa, elisa@springcypresschurch.com

There is special pricing for SCPC members. Contact Elisa for details.

Created for a Purpose is for girls who are entering 4th-9th grade in the fall and will meet from 9:00am-1:30pm.

Wait list only.

Built for a Purpose is for boys entering 4th-9th grade in the fall and will meet from 5:00-8:30pm. *Space still available!*

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

College Students - Pray that they will grow in their faith and be salt and light to their friends and professors.

Pray for Our Congregation

Mark Morrow - clarity of neurological 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

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Jessy Wykes, Army, Kentucky

Chris Dietz, Navy Reserves, Texas

Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, Samford University

Jenna Haaland, Samford University

Zach Allan, Tarleton State University

Rebekah Kooiman, Abilene Christian University

Daniel Duncan, Lone Star College

Ayden Steagall, Lone Star College

Rebekah Duncan, Montana State University

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Izzy Tousha, Lone Star College

Justin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Pray for Our Families and Friends

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

Ian & Christine Achterkirch's daughter *Meredith* - PRAISE - Meredith & Andy are expecting their first child, a girl, in August. PRAY for a healthy pregnancy and safe delivery.

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.

Sermon Notes

Faith Justified

April 3, 2022

James 2:14-26



MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH April 2022

JOHN WILTBANK African Bible University



John retired several years ago from the mission field in Africa where he taught English for eight years at the African Bible University (ABU). He came out of retirement in 2020 to substitute for a semester and teach Literature and Creative Writing so that Cheri Hoke could continue caring for her very ill brother in Lubbock, Texas. John also helped with editing a major rewrite of the total curriculum to maintain Ugandan accreditation. After ABU and all schools were suddenly closed in March due to COVID, John stayed and worked online to help his students complete their course work. Once Entebbe airport opened in October 2020, John returned home to Ocala, Florida to be with his wife Alison, and immediately continued working online with two additional classes through early 2022. One was a brand new syllabus in Morphology, which he developed on the fly while teaching. In addition, this year he is working with African Bible College (ABC) Vice President Rev. Tim Kay to develop English 1 in the new, online-only short format which is meant for all three ABC campuses.

Prayer Points:

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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

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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