

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 30, 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 Psalm 40:3,

"He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord."

## +CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

from Psalm 40:5

Leader: You have multiplied, O LORD our God,

your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;

People: None can compare with you!

Leader: We will proclaim and tell of them,

All: Yet they are more than can be told.

**+**SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

#### Rejoice

(Getty, Getty, Shive, Peterson, Fowler)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (Hymn #38) (Smith, Traditional Welsh hymn melody)

#### DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Danny McDaniel

Galatians 5:25-26

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

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

Worship begins

where spiritual life begins - with

God's call. Appropriately,

we respond with

prayers and songs of

adoration.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Danny McDaniel

Leader: Heavenly Father, you have sent the Holy Spirit

to grant us new life,

to comfort us in our affliction, to empower us for service,

and as a guarantee of our future inheritance in Christ.

People: Nonetheless, we often fail to live by the Spirit,

but instead gratify the flesh.

When we have much, we become conceited;

when someone else has more, we become envious.

Forgive us for seeing things with worldly, rather than spiritual eyes.

Leader: Father, give us the grace to walk by the Spirit,

to see ourselves as a source of blessing and encouragement to our brothers and sisters,

rather than provoking them with our selfishness.

Father, we come to you now in silent personal confession

for these and many other sins.

Please hear us and forgive our sins

for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ...

silent confession of personal sin

...amen.

## PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Danny McDaniel

Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to you,

and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

# PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Danny McDaniel

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

## **+**SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

Every Promise of Your Word

(Getty, Townend)

### **DIACONAL PRAYER**

Deacon Glenn Ayles

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 **†SONG OF PRAISE** *The Doxology* (Hymn #731) (Ken, Bourgeois)

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

OFFERTORY

Pastor Ben

Congregation

Choir

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.

*Wonderful Name of Jesus* (Hymn #467)

(Lillenas)

SCRIPTURE TEXT Matthew 9:14-34 Pastor Ben

SERMON Something New Pastor Ben

**+**SONG OF RESPONSE Congregation

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* (Hymn #533, vs. 1, 3, and 5) (Neale, Smart)

**+**BENEDICTION Pastor Ben

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

(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS Pastor Ben

POSTLUDE Brooke Lewis

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

# Sermon Notes

# Something New

April 30, 2023

Matthew 9:14-34

# **Announcements**

Monday, May 1	
Tuesday, May 2 Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Wednesday, May 3 Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Thursday, May 4 Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, May 5	
Saturday, May 6	
Sunday, May 7 Worship & Communion Sanctuary & LS Sunday School for all ages LS = Live Stream	9:30am 11:00am

#### Welcome New Members!

Patti Crowley
Jim, Linda, & Olivia Kay
Lieb & Maretha Kritzinger
Elizna & Elseri
Mike & Raquel Reenders
Philip & Mark
Alex & Katelyn Schaeffer
Samuel
Claire Seeland
Todd & Leslee Stollberg

#### Honoring Our 2023 High School Graduate Ben Chandler

Please consider blessing Ben Chandler with your expressions of congratulations and encouragement as he ends one chapter of his life and begins another! A basket will be available in the Narthex beginning **NEXT SUNDAY**, May 7th to collect your cards and gifts and will be presented to him immediately after worship on Sunday, May 21st.

## New Sunday School Classes Begin NEXT SUNDAY!

### Adults: Reformed Soteriology, Sanctuary Teacher: Pastor Ben

Continuing the in-depth course on Reformed Soteriology began previously, Pastor Ben will lead us in a study of Jesus both in terms of who he is and what he does. Class participants will grow in their devotion to the Lord as well as develop a greater understanding of how his ministry fits into the broader plan and purposes of God for our salvation.

### Senior & Junior High: Pilgrim's Progress, Room 116 Teachers: Michael Byerly, Felix Espino, Wayne Lin Contact: Felix, felix@springcypresschurch.com

Youth will journey with Christian as he leaves the City of Destruction and makes his way to the Celestial City along a road filled with obstacles and colorful characters.

# Toddler & Children's Sunday School Children's Wing

Children will continue the studies they began last trimester.

## Baby Shower honoring Laurie Byerly NEXT SUNDAY, May 7, 12:00pm Fellowship Hall Annex Contact: Susy

Ladies, please join us for a baby shower honoring Laurie Byerly. Bring a salad to share for a potluck luncheon. If you wish to bring a gift the Byerlys are registered with Amazon. Diapers are welcome!

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

Registration is open at springcypresschurch.com/vbs

#### Women in the Word

New Study, *Aging with Grace*, begins THIS WEEK Tuesdays at 9:30am, childcare provided by reservation, contact Robin, robin@springcypresschurch.com
Thursdays at 7:00am

# Thursdays at 7:00pm Room 119

Join us as we discover the joy of flourishing in an antiaging culture through the study of Psalms 71 and 92 and women of the Bible.

# **Prayer**

#### **Pray for Our Church**

Our Young Children - Pray that they grow in their love for Jesus as we partner with their parents to nurture them in the Lord.

#### **Pray for Our Congregation**

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

John Morrison - successful treatment of prostate cancer.

Kathryn, Nicholas Ritchie & family - PRAISE Stephen Robert Ritchie was born Saturday, April 22nd (9lbs 1 oz, 22")! Kathryn and Stephen are doing well. Pray for continued good health and for the family's adjustment to the newest addition to their family.

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

Laurie Byerly is due in June.

#### **Pray for Our Friends**

Jolene Wykes' brother *Kevin* - healing of heart complications. 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 touchscreen 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.

# Our Church Leadership & Staff

#### Elders

Justin Chandler Danny McDaniel Erik Haaland

The elders may be reached at: session@springcypresschurch.com

#### **Deacons**

Glenn Ayles Stephen Kovach Jakob Basham Scott Lewis Kyle Bodden Wayne Lin Bill Dietz Bob Pickard David Jones Reed Wykes

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### Staff

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