

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 7, 2024

# Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship, and reflect on Genesis 1:1,

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

#### **+**CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

- Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, and his steadfast love endures forever!
- People: The LORD is on our side as our helper, we shall look in triumph on those who hate us!
- Leader: The LORD is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation!
- All: Let us enter the gates of righteousness that we may give thanks to the LORD, for this is the day that the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it!

## **+**SONGS OF ADORATION

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! (Hymn #296, verses 1, 3, and 6) (Rippon, Holden)

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

#### DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW 1 Peter 2:1-2

Ruling Elder Danny McDaniel

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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.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Danny McDaniel

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.

Please stand if able

\*\*Denotes song ending on slides

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

Janice Bradshaw

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Congregation

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.

## PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Danny McDaniel

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Deacon Glenn Avles

Sanctuary Choir

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.

# PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

## **+**SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery (Boswell, Getty, Papa)

## DIACONAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*Every Knee Shall Bow* (Lloyd Larson)

At the name of Jesus Christ ev'ry knee shall bow; ev'ry tongue confess Him Lord, King of Glory now!

#### Repeat

The Word made flesh among us, Christ walked this earthly sod; made in human likeness, the living Son of God! A servant King among us, He chose to come and die; humbled for a season, Christ the crucified!

> At the name of Jesus Christ ev'ry knee shall bow; ev'ry tongue confess Him Lord, King of Glory now!

Now He reigns triumphantly, exalted to the highest place; Christ, our King victorious over ev'ry tribe and race. 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

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'Tis t	the Father's pleasure that we, we should call Him Lord who from the beginning was the living Word!	l,
for gla Y	O Word of God incarnate we follow not with fears, adness breaks like morning where'er Your name appea Your cross is lifted o'er us, we hail You, King of kings! Ye celebrate Your triumph; Your praise we'll ever sing!	urs.
	At the name of Jesus Christ ev'ry knee shall bow!	
<b>∳</b> SONG OF PRAISE	<i>The Doxology</i> (Hymn #731) (Ken, Bourgeois)	Congregation
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SCRIPTURE TEXT	Matthew 24:1-51	Pastor Ben
SERMON	Introduction to the Olivet Discourse	Pastor Ben
+SONG OF PREPARA	TION	Congregation
	<i>Jesus, I Come</i> (Sleeper, Thompson)	
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I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastor Ben

# INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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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 or our unity in coming to the Lord's Table.

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#### 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 is in the colored cups in the outer ring, wine is 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 +SONG OF RESPONSE

*Jesus, I Come* (Sleeper, Thompson)

Gloria Patri (Hymn #735)

(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

#### **+**BENEDICTION

**+**SONG OF BLESSING

POSTLUDE

DEACONS' FUND OFFERING

Brooke Lewis

Congregation

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

# Announcements

Monday, April 8				
<b>Tuesday, April 9</b> Women's Bible Study Room 119 Men's Bible Study Room 119	9:30am 7:00pm			
Wednesday, April 10 Enfuego Youth Meal Fellowship Hall Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary Enfuego Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm 6:30pm 6:30pm			
Thursday, April 11 Women's Bible Study Room 119	<b>7</b> :00pm			
Friday, April 12				
Saturday, April 13				
Sunday, April 14 Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream Sunday School for all ages Education Bldg.	9:30am 11:15am			
April Missionary of the Month				

#### April Missionary of the Month Julian Zugg, President of MINTS Contact: Ian Achterkirch

MINTS was founded in 2000 as a collaborative effort between church leaders and missionaries. It started in Miami initially to reach what *National Geographic* called "the most international city in the world." Julian will give a Missions Presentation later this month to provide an update...watch for more info coming soon!

#### Houston Metro Presbytery (HMP) Mission Trip to Merida, Yucatan October 2024

#### Contact: Keith Pendergrast

This one-week Mission Trip is an opportunity to come alongside a Presbyterian Seminary that serves approximately 200 small Presbyterian churches in the Yucatan region by helping with preparations for upcoming construction work. There will be work suitable for both men and women! If interested, contact Keith for more information...and make sure your passport is up to date!

#### Men's Bible Study - 1 John 2nd/4th Tuesday, 7:00pm, Room 119 Contact: Michael Byerly

SCPC Men are encouraged to come to this new Men's Bible Study on the book of 1 John starting **THIS TUESDAY.** Don't pass up the opportunity for fellowship with your brother's in Christ, spending time together in God's Word together!

#### Baby Shower - Katelyn Schaeffer Sunday, April 14th, 12:00pm, Annex Contact: Susy Tousha

Ladies, Bring a salad to share and join us **NEXT SUNDAY** to honor Katelyn and shower her with love as she prepares for her baby boy! Diapers and wipes are welcome!

#### Enfuego Youth Paintball War!

#### Saturday, April 20th, 12:00pm - 3:30pm Contact: Felix Espino

Texas Legends Paintball, 11099 Ponderosa Timbers Drive, The Woodlands, TX. \$20 per student.

Felix hopes all the Enguego Youth will join him for our annual paintball war! Don't miss this exciting experience and great time of fellowship! Be there... and bring a friend!

#### **April Fellowship Meal**

#### Sunday 21st, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall/Annex Contact: Kyra Moncrief

No time to siesta, it's time for a fiesta with your SCPC family! Be sure to stop by the Narthex **TODAY** and sign up to bring your favorite TEX-MEX dish to share. The church will provide chips & salsa, queso, and drinks!

# Prayer

#### Pray for Our Church

*Pray for our Missions Team* - Pray for our missions team as they pray for and provide encouragement to the missionaries supported by SCPC.

#### Pray for Our Congregation

Wykes Family - PRAISE - *Winry Odette* was born Monday, March 4. Pray for continued good health and for the family's adjustment to the newest addition to their family.

Steve Williams - Pray for strength, courage, and healing during chemotherapy treatments.

Naomi Seeland - PRAISE that Naomi's mouth is healing well from recent surgery.

Clairice Chapelle - Pray for recovery for a shoulder injury from a recent fall.

*Leslee Stollberg* - Pray for healing from broken ankle.

Neal Benedict - Please pray for favor with the UAMS transplant center.

Christine Achterkirch - Pray for peace and comfort following the death of her father.

Cara Dobson - Prayer for surgery on April 9th, and quick recovery following surgery.

*Tracy Allen* - Pray for complete healing from fractured shoulder.

Ongoing health concerns: Neal Benedict, René & Clairice Chapelle, Jeff Kuhn, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, Katie Medeiros, Mark Morrow, Ebenezer Musima, Mary Spiritosanto.

#### Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Washington	<i>Felix Espino</i> , Army Reserves, Texas
Levi Camden, National Guard, Texas	Joshua Duncan, Army, North Carolina
Christian Cory, Army, New York	Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department
Chris Dietz, Navy Reserves, Texas	Jessy Wykes, Army, Germany

#### Pray for Our College Students

Claire Achterkirch, Samford University	Jenna Haaland, Samford University
Rebekah Allcorn, Abilene Christian University	<i>Aiden Steagall,</i> Texas A&M
Kyle Benedict, Lone Star College	Izzy Tousha, Texas State
Ben Chandler, Samford University	AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

#### Pray for Our Friends & Family

Beccy Esteves' *Grandma Vera* is in Brazil trying to find good healthcare. Pray that she will remain safe and that she will find the healthcare she needs.

Katie Medeiros daughter, *Karen*, has been diagnosed with an abdominal aneurism and is in a lot of pain. Please pray for healing.

Elia Reichenberg, for sons in CO, *Alex* - his college classes and job, and *Christian* - his job and peaceful heart. Please pray for salvation, grace, and favor for both of them.

#### Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

*Brooke Lewis*, due in April *Katelyn Schaeffer*, due in May

*Daniela McConnell*, due in June *Elizabeth Basham*, due in July

#### Pray for Our Missionary of the Month

Julian Zugg, MINTS International Seminary

- Pray for the students from the smallest villages to the largest cities in Africa as they seek to be faithful ministers of the Word.

- Pray for the students in China. They are being pressured and have had to shut things down a bit and are uncertain about when they'll be able to open again.

- Pray we can collaborate closely with translators and teachers and expand the program in Tanzania to offer more courses.

# **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.

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