



*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 9, 2023

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRELUDE

Alleluia!
(Lorenz, 17th Century German)

*Janice Bradshaw
Brooke Lewis*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Revelation 1:17-18,*

*“When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead.
But he laid his right hand on me, saying,
“Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one.
I died, and behold I am alive forevermore,
and I have the keys of Death and Hades.”*

Brooke Lewis

✦CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made; we rejoice and are glad in it.

People: **This is the Lord’s Day!**

**All praise to him who died that death may die,
and who was raised that the dead may live!**

Leader: This is the Lord’s Day! He is risen!

All: **He is risen, indeed!**

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Up from the Grave He Arose (Hymn #276)
(Lowry)

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (Hymn #277)
(Wesley, Davidica)

ANTHEM

All Heaven Declares

(Richards, Richards, Fettke; arr. Lawrence)

All heav’n declares the glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?
Forever He will be the Lamb upon the throne
I gladly bow the knee and worship You alone.

Alleluia!

I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord.
Who once was slain to reconcile man to God.
Forever You will be the Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee and worship You alone.

Choir

*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

Pastor Ben

2 Peter 1:5-7

Make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Ben

Leader: God of glory, you have demonstrated your love for us
by sending your Son to give his life as a ransom for many,
to take away the sins of the world.
You call us to live in view of the reconciliation
Jesus has accomplished by his life, death, and resurrection.

People: **Gracious Lord, we confess that we are forgetful,
and we are prone to living as though we are unforgiven
and still under the dominion of sin,
and we neglect the great benefits that are ours
as your sons and daughters. Forgive us, we pray.**

Leader: Father, we ask that by your Spirit you would remind us
that in Christ we have been set free
from the law of sin and death,
that we have been adopted as your children,
and that we are no longer enslaved to sin.
Hear now our silent prayers of personal confession,
and forgive us for the sake of Jesus, who gave himself for us...

silent confession of personal sin

...amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Pastor Ben

Romans 6:22-23

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Pastor Ben

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

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.*

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

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! (Hymn #297)
(Perronet, Rippon, Ellor)

Crown Him with Many Crowns (Hymn #295)
(Bridges, Elvey)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Wayne Lin

OFFERTORY

Is He Worthy?

Ensemble

(Peterson, Shive; arr. Duren)

Do you feel the world is broken? We do.

Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.

But do you know that all the dark won't stop the Light from getting through? We do.

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is.

Is a new creation coming? It is.

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is.

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave!

He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this? He is!

Does the Father truly love us? He does.

Does the Spirit move among us? He does.

And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves? He does.

Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does.

From ev'ry people and tribe, ev'ry nation and tongue,

He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.

✦ SONG OF PRAISE

The Doxology (Hymn #731)
(Ken, Bourgeois)

Congregation

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 28:18-20

Pastor Ben

SERMON

The Cosmic Implications of Christ's Resurrection

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE

Worship Christ, the Risen King! (Hymn #286)
(Hayford, Smart) *Congregation*

✦ BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

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

POSTLUDE

Janice Bradshaw

Sermon Notes

The Cosmic Implications of Christ's Resurrection

April 9, 2023

Matthew 28:18-20

Announcements

Monday, April 10 - Holiday, office closed	
Tuesday, April 11 Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Wednesday, April 12 Youth Group Youth Building Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:15pm 6:30pm
Thursday, April 13 Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, April 14 Women's Conference in New Braunfels	
Saturday, April 15 Women's Conference in New Braunfels	
Sunday, April 16 Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream Sunday School for all ages	9:30am 11:00am

No Sunday School today

There are three weeks left in the spring trimester.
Watch for information about the new classes which begin May 2nd.

SAVE THE DATE!

Church Picnic, Sunday, May 21, 3pm

Make plans to join your church family for our annual church picnic. Fun for the whole family - delicious food, fantastic fellowship, water slides, and more!

LAST CALL:

Discovering Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church Saturday, April 29, 9am-3pm

Contact: Robin, robin@springcypresschurch.com or 281-320-3650

This is your last chance to sign up for the upcoming Discovering SCPC class where you can learn what kind of church we are trying to be - our beliefs, ministry, and mission. Lunch will be provided at this one-day class and childcare is available by reservation. *To register contact the church office this week!*

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

Contact: Ashley

Registration will be open Monday, April 17!

Boys and girls 4 years old-rising 6th grade, join us for an under the sea adventure at VBS Summer SeaQuest! We will be learning all about our great God who saves!

Youth Group Family Cookout

Saturday, April 22, 12pm

Contact: Felix, felix@springcypresschurch.com

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

Created for a Purpose - Volunteers Needed!

Monday-Friday, July 10-14, mornings

Contact: Amy Haaland

We are so excited that our Created for a Purpose camp for girls is full! We are hosting 75 girls this summer and *we need YOUR help*. If you can assist before or help during the week of camp please go to springcypresschurch.com/cfap and register as a volunteer. You will be blessed and be a blessing!

Built for a Purpose

Monday-Friday, July 10-14, evenings

Contact: Erik Haaland, erik@springcypresschurch.com

For boys who have completed 3rd-8th grade.

Registration information coming soon!

Women's Ministry

Women's Conference in New Braunfels, Friday-Saturday, April 14-15

Please pray for the 29 ladies from our church who will be attending the conference at our sister-PCA church in New Braunfels.

Women in the Word Bible study

Watch for information coming soon about the new study which begins in May!

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Our Women - Pray that our women mature into the women God has called and created them to be as they bring glory to God in their families, our church, and our community.

Pray for Our Congregation

Neal Benedict - PRAISE - surgery went well, he is home recuperating; pray for complete healing.

Michael & Laurie Byerly - for the development of their baby's heart and for a full-term pregnancy.

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 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

Email prayer requests to robin@springcypresschurch.com.

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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