



*We are a body of believers
called by the Holy Spirit
transformed by the Gospel to enjoy and glorify God
as we proclaim the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ.*

Sunday, August 16, 2020

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Saule Garcia

PRELUDE

Janice Bradshaw

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ruling Elder Chuck Dorau

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Janice Bradshaw

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Zechariah 9:9b,*

*“Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Chuck Dorau

Isaiah 12:2

Leader: Behold, God is my salvation;

People: I will trust, and will not be afraid;

Leader: For the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,

All: And he has become my salvation.

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Chuck Dorau

✦ SONG OF ADORATION

To God Be the Glory (Hymn #55)
(Crosby, Doane)

Congregation

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Chuck Dorau

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

Chuck Dorau

Leader: Almighty God, we come before you and confess that we are sinners.
Our hearts are filled with wicked desires
and so reveal that like a leper,
we are both infected and infectious.

✦ *Please stand if able*

*Worship begins
where spiritual
life begins - with
God's call.
Appropriately,
we respond with
prayers and
songs of
adoration.*

*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.*

People: Because of this, even our most noble aspirations,
and our best works, are as filthy rags in your sight.
We know our time is short on the earth,
and our iniquities drive us from you, our only hope.

Leader: Father, look down from Heaven and show pity on us,
your sons and daughters,
for the sake of your precious Son, our elder brother,
who gave his life for us.
Bring to mind where we have transgressed your holy law,
and hear our prayers of silent confession...
silent confession of personal sin
Amen.

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

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL
Jeremiah 33:8

Chuck Dorau

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will
forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD
concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Chuck Dorau

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

O Great God
(Kauflin)

Congregation

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-46

Rev. Paul Miller

SERMON

Unto the Least of These My Brothers

Rev. Miller

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood (Hymn, #253, vs. 1, 2, 3, 5)
(Cowper, Mason)

Congregation

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

✦ BENEDICTION

Rev. Miller

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Saule Garcia

Sermon Notes

Unto the Least of These My Brothers

August 16, 2020

Matthew 25:31-46

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Session & Houston Metro Presbytery - Praise God for our godly pastor, elders, and for the members of our Presbytery! Pray for these men as they seek the Lord's direction and will for our church and for the PCA churches in the greater Houston area.

Pray for Our Congregation

Virginia Faries - complete healing following lung surgery

Rose Gregory - complete healing following surgery to remove a blood clot in her brain

Lizzy Musima - successful treatment of high iron deficiency anemia

Shelley Steagall - successful upcoming discectomy (August 20th) to relieve neck issues

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Georgia

Chris Dietz, Navy, Kingsville, Texas

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, Samford University

Matthew Kooiman, Olivet Nazarene University

Ian Allan, Calvin University

Rebekah Kooiman, Abilene Christian University

Zach Allan, Tarleton State University

Aaron Lewis, Texas Tech University

Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Lauren Steagall, University of Houston

Justin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Jacob Kerr, Texas A&M University

Pray for Families and Friends

Rita Rivera's sister and nephew, *Juanita & Stephen* - Stephen has returned home after being hospitalized.

Pray for peace and strength for Juanita as she cares for him.

Jim & Mary Spiritosanto's daughter, *Rebecca Cooper* - healing of kidney disease (stage 5), strength while awaiting a kidney transplant, wisdom and direction regarding her son donating one of his kidneys

Pray for our Expectant Mothers

Jess McGlothlin due in October

Ashley Lin due in November

Pray for our August Missionaries

Julian Zugg, Provost and International English Director, MINTS

Brooks Harwood, Campus Minister, RUF at University of Houston

Paul Miller, Texas Regional Director, Metanoia Prison Ministries, PCA Mission to North America

Derek & Shannon Ebbers, PCA Mission to the World, Romania



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK August 16, 2020

PAUL & LAURA MILLER & JACK Texas Regional Director Metanoia Prison Ministry PCA Mission to North America



After Paul graduated from Westminster Theological Seminary, he and Laura launched RUF at Texas A&M Corpus Christi (TAMUCC) in 2008. Paul served seven years as campus minister at TAMUCC. He has served as an assistant and associate pastor in the PCA, as a hospital chaplain at Methodist Hospital in Dallas, and now serves as the Texas Regional Director of Metanoia Prison Ministries, the official prison ministry of the PCA.

Metanoia (meh-tuh-noy-uh) chose its name because it is the Greek word for repentance, signifying turning from a life of sin to a life that is lived for the glory of God. They partner with churches by providing discipleship and outreach to prisoners in the churches' communities.

Pray

- That the LORD will keep inmates and prison officials safe from COVID-19.
- That the LORD will make a way for us to go back into prisons in person, according to His timing.
- That Metanoia will continue to reach inmates with the gospel and continue to disciple them in the faith through our correspondence program.
- That the LORD will continue to raise up champion churches* here in Texas to serve the prison population.

*A *champion church* is a church that is connected to Metanoia through at least two of these ministry avenues, (a) making financial contributions to Metanoia, (b) participating in our correspondence ministry, (c) willing to train mentors, or willing to be a church that helps with reintegration of ex-offenders.

August Missions Month

During the month of August we will be blessed with visits from several SCPC-supported missionaries. Following the worship service these missionaries will be sharing the work they are doing to further God's kingdom all over the world.



August 2 - Julian Zugg, International English Director, MINTS

Julian Zugg was born in England and raised in South Africa. In 1986, he moved back to England, where he read Law, qualified as a Barrister (US trial lawyer), and taught Law at Buckingham University for eight years. In 2001, he graduated from Reformed Theological Seminary (MDiv. Jackson) and worked as an assistant/associate minister involved in all areas of pastoral ministry in the PCA from 2002-2008. In 2008, he was called as the Director of Theology at Belize Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Belize. He is currently the Provost and International English Director for MINTS (Miami International Seminary), where his duties include teaching, writing, developing, and supporting MINTS centers in eleven countries.



August 9 - Brooks Harwood, RUF Campus Minister, University of Houston, Texas

Brooks was born in Texas and grew up in Nashville, TN. He attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and later got a pastoral degree from Covenant Theological Seminary (CTS) in St. Louis, MO. He and his wife Meredith met at RUF at the University of Tennessee and after graduation were married and moved to Nashville where Meredith served as an RUF intern at Vanderbilt University. After completing his degree at CTS, Brooks became the RUF Campus Minister at the University of Houston (UH). UH is the sixth most ethnically diverse university in the nation with

students from many nationalities and religious traditions



August 16 - Paul Miller, Texas Regional Director, Metanoia Prison Ministry, PCA Mission to North America
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August 23 - Derek & Shannon Ebbers, PCA Mission to the World, Romania

Derek and Shannon have been investing in lives and helping to build Christ's church in Romania since 2007. They are involved in church planting, leadership development, translation and publication of the Third Millennium seminary curriculum, and ESL. They use their passion for health and fitness to connect with many, especially young couples and families, in their community.

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 located in the pew in front of you.

If you do not have a Bible of your own, please take one of the pew Bibles home with you today.

To see how our church participates in the global cause for Christ, check out the touch-screen monitor in the Narthex

Restrooms are located in the narthex.

To learn more about us and our ministries, visit our website, springcypresschurch.com

Like and follow us on Facebook: *Spring Cypress Church*

Parents of Young Children:

- A cry room, located on the piano side of the sanctuary, is available for mothers with infants.

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.

If you would like to give via **check**, please make your check payable to SCPC. **Online giving** is available at springcypresschurch.com/give. **Text** any amount to **84321** to give (standard message and data rates may apply).

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