



*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, August 27, 2023

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRELUDE

*Brooke Lewis*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor Ben*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Brooke Lewis*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on Philippians 2:9-10,*

*“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him  
the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.”*

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION**

*Pastor Ben*

*from Psalm 107*

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

People: **Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed  
from trouble and delivered from their distress.**

Leader: Let us thank the LORD for his steadfast love!

All: **Let us extol him in the congregation,  
let us praise him in the holy assembly!**

✦ **SONGS OF ADORATION**

*Congregation*

***Hallelujah! Thine the Glory** (Hymn 179, vs. 1-3)  
(Mackay, Husband)*

***Great Is Thy Faithfulness** (Hymn #32)  
(Chisholm, Runyan)*

**DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW**

*Pastor Ben*

*Exodus 20:7*

“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.”

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

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

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✦ *Please stand if able*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Pastor Ben*

Leader: Almighty God, we confess that we have broken your third commandment, which says, "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain."

Though Psalm 138:2 tells us that you have exalted your name and your word above all, we have not held your name, titles, attributes, words, and actions in a high and reverent manner.

**People: Have mercy on us, O God, for we have abused your name by using it in careless, ignorant, superstitious, ambiguous, and wicked ways.**

**By neglecting and misinterpreting your words to us in Scripture, we have attributed to you ideas and desires which are untrue and come from our own wicked hearts.**

Leader: Father, though we are your children by adoption, we have been called by your name, we confess that too often we practice hypocrisy.

Forgive us, we pray. And by your Spirit bring to mind where else we have sinned and hear our silent prayers of personal confession, and forgive us for the sake of Jesus, who died for us...

*silent confession of personal sin*

...amen.

**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Pastor Ben*

*Romans 5:8-9*

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

**PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD**

*Pastor Ben*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

*Blessed Assurance* (Hymn #693)  
(Crosby, Knapp)

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*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.*

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

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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.*

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

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**DIACONAL PRAYER** *Deacon Stephen Kovach*

**OFFERTORY** *Em Memoria de Ti* *Marcio & Sergio Esteves*  
*(In Memory of Him)*  
*(Pires, Jr.)*

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

**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 15:1-20* *Pastor Ben*

**SERMON** *Tradition Gone Awry* *Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF PREPARATION** *Congregation*  
*Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder* (Hymn #172, vs. 1-2)  
*(Newton, Darmstadt Gesangbuch, 1698)*

**SERVICE OF BAPTISM** *Grosvenor Household* *Pastor Ben*  
*Ben, Sherry, Corbin and Ruby*

**✦ SONG OF RESPONSE** *Congregation*  
*Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder* (Hymn #172, vs. 4 -5)  
*(Newton, Darmstadt Gesangbuch, 1698)*

**✦ BENEDICTION** *Pastor Ben*

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

**POSTLUDE** *Brooke Lewis*

## **Sermon Notes**

August 27, 2023

## **Tradition Gone Awry**

Matthew 15:1-20

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# Announcements

<b>Monday, August 28</b>	
<b>Tuesday, August 29</b>	
<b>Wednesday, August 30</b> Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
<b>Thursday, August 31</b>	
<b>Friday, September 1</b>	
<b>Saturday, September 2</b>	
<b>Sunday, September 3</b> Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream Fall Kick-Off	9:30am 11:00am

### **August Slow Down**

For August only, we will not have Sunday School or mid-week activities.

### **Fall Kick-Off NEXT SUNDAY!**

#### **September 3rd at 11:00am**

Learn about our church's ministry plans for the fall trimester from new Sunday School classes to mid-week activities and special events for everyone!

### **Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday, August 30, 6:30pm**

**Contact: Amy Dietz**

All SCPC members and regular attenders ages 9th grade and up are welcome to sing in the Choir! **Our first rehearsal for the fall is Wednesday, August 30th!** We work to be a community that pursues excellence in our music so we can effectively lead the congregation in the worship of our Lord and King. Rehearsals will be held every Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30pm, and the Choir will sing in Worship twice a month. *Childcare is available upon request by contacting the church office.* The ability to read music is helpful but not required. No audition is necessary, simply join us on a Wednesday evening for rehearsal, fellowship, and prayer. For more information contact Amy.

### **Food Drive to benefit Tomball Emergency Assistance Ministries (TEAM), September 3-30**

**Contact: Stephen Kovach,**

One of TEAM's many services to families in our area is a food pantry that provides wholesome food for a balanced diet. YOU can help TEAM by bringing a donation of any of the items listed below beginning September 3rd to the Narthex. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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| Canned Fruits           | Condiments                    |
| Canned Vegetables       | Juice                         |
| Canned Meats            | Toilet Paper                  |
| Macaroni & Cheese       | Trash Bags (large)            |
| Soup                    | Grocery Bags (paper, plastic) |
| Cereal                  | Freezer Quart Zip-top Bags    |
| Pasta & Spaghetti Sauce | Toiletries                    |
| Peanut Butter & Jelly   | Baby Food and Formula         |
| Rice, Beans             | Diapers                       |
| Crackers, Cookies       |                               |

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

*Pray for our Staff* that they will be encouraged and find joy as they take care of the administrative and ministry tasks of our church.

## **Pray for Our Congregation**

*Tracy & Rusty Allen & family* - peace and comfort following the death of Tracy's brother Bill.

*David & Linda Farmer and their family* - peace and comfort, especially for their daughter Kristina, following the death of their son-in-law Russell Skrehot.

*Joyce Hill* - complete healing of broken ankle.

Ongoing health concerns: *Neal Benedict, Hannah Byerly, René & Clairice Chapelle, Jeff Kuhn, Barbara Langford, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, Katie Medeiros, Mark Morrow, Mary Spiritosanto.*

## **Pray for Our Military and First Responders**

*Peter Achterkirch*, Army, Washington

*Joshua Duncan*, Army, North Carolina

*Christian Cory*, Army, New York

*Shawn Maya*, Spring Fire Department

*Chris Dietz*, Navy Reserves, Texas

*Jessy Wykes*, Army, Kentucky

## **Pray for Our College Students**

*Claire Achterkirch*, Samford University

*Rebekah Kooiman Allcorn*, Abilene Christian University

*Ben Chandler*, Samford University

*Aiden Steagall*, Texas A&M

*Rebekah Duncan*, Blinn College

*Izzy Tousha*, Texas State

*Austin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*AJ Tousha*, Lone Star College

*Jenna Haaland*, Samford University

## **Pray for Our Friends & Family**

Kathryn Ritchie's friend *Melody* - comfort and peace following the unexpected death of her 1 day old baby.

Kathryn Ritchie's aunt *Nancy Villarreal* - recently diagnosed with advanced stage bone cancer.

Bill & Denise Cooper's two-year-old grandson *Daniel* - complete healing of broken femur.

Mindy Burton's daughter, *Mackelle Cannon* - for accurate diagnosis and relief from migraine headaches behind her eyes, and from extreme nausea.

Ruth Stacy's *Aunt's sons and their families* - pray for peace and comfort following the death of Ruth's aunt, Neil Casey.

Vincent & Eleanor Tracey's grandson *Elijah* - PRAISE he is halfway through his radiation and chemo treatments. Pray for effectiveness of treatments with minimal side effects, return of his ability to swallow, return of fine and gross motor skills, and strength for Elijah and his family.

Robin Trygstad's daughter *Kristina Orzechowski* - PRAISE - gave birth to a girl, Arabella Joy, on August 12!

## **Pray for Our Expectant Mothers**

*Carrington Jones* due in November.

*Maretha Kritzinger* due in March.

*Emily Wykes* due in March.

## **Praise with & Pray for *Southwest Church Planting Network***

- Pray for the pastors of church plants that they would boldly preach the Gospel and wisely minister to their growing flocks.
- Pray for RUF campus ministers as they mentor student leaders, plan outreach to students on campus, and share the gospel one-on-one, online, and in small group settings.
- Pray for people to join in SWCPN's mission whether as a planter, one who waters, or one who prays for growth.
- Pray for increased funds to support SWCPN and wisdom in the administration of those funds.

## 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](http://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](http://springcypresschurch.com/give).

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## Our Church Leadership & Staff

### Our Session

Justin Chandler  
Ben Duncan

Erik Haaland  
Danny McDaniel

### Our Diaconate

Glenn Ayles  
Jakob Basham  
Kyle Bodden  
Bill Dietz  
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