



*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 6, 2023

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRELUDE

Janice Bradshaw

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Southwest Church Planting Network

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Janice Bradshaw

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Zechariah 2:13*

*“Be silent, all flesh, before the Lord,
for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.”*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

from Isaiah 12:4-6

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

People: **Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.**

Leader: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,

All: **For great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel!**

✦ SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above (Hymn #4, vs. 1, 2, 3, and 6)
(Schutz, Zart)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Hymn #92)
(Based on Psalm 46, Martin Luther 1529)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Erik Haaland

Leviticus 19:2

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

*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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Erik Haaland

Leader: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

People: **You have called us, as your children,
to be holy, even as you are holy.
Yet we disobey you by what we do,
and by what we do not do.**

Leader: Father, by your Spirit bring to mind where we have not kept your statutes and hear our prayers of personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

...amen.

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.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Erik Haaland

Luke 15:10

I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Erik Haaland

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place (Hymn #468, vs. 1, 2, and 3)
(Edmunds, Grétry)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Bill Dietz

OFFERTORY

The Lord's My Shepherd

Choir

The Psalms of David in Meeter, Edinburgh, 1650
(Bain; arr. Heim)

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie in pastures green;
He leadeth me the quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for His own name's sake.
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for His own name's sake.

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

(text continued on the next page)

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

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.
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✦ **SONG OF PRAISE** *The Doxology* (Hymn #731) *Congregation*
(Ken, Bourgeois)

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN *Pastor Ben*
*After the blessing on the first Sunday of the month,
children remain in the service with their parents.*

SCRIPTURE TEXT Matthew 14:1-12 *Pastor Ben*

SERMON *The Tragic Yet Glorious Death of John* *Pastor Ben*

✦ **SONG OF PREPARATION** *Congregation*
It Is Well with My Soul (Hymn #691, vs. 1 & 2)
(Stone, Wesley)

*We confess our
common faith as
an expression of
our unity in
coming to the
Lord's Table.*

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Pastor Ben*
the Apostle's Creed

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.

INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastor Ben

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

Janice Bradshaw

✦SONG OF RESPONSE

Congregation

It Is Well with My Soul (Hymn #691, vs. 3 & 4)
(Stone, Wesley)

✦BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Janice Bradshaw

DEACONS' FUND OFFERING

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

Announcements

Monday, August 7
Tuesday, August 8
Wednesday, August 9
Thursday, August 10
Friday, August 11
Saturday, August 12
Sunday, August 13 Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream 9:30am

August Slow Down & Fall Kick-Off

For August only, we will not have Sunday School or mid-week activities. Mark your calendar for our Fall Kick-Off on Sunday, September 3rd!

Andy and Kyra Moncrief wish to thank the SCPC family for their show of love and care for Cason and Laura's bridal shower. The event was spectacularly beautiful and emblematic of a true covenant family's generosity. They are so excited to begin their life together enjoying the shower gifts!

Stay Tuned...

Fall Kick-Off Information Coming Soon!

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Pray for our Missions Team as they pray for and provide encouragement to the missionaries SCPC supports.

Pray for Our Congregation

Neal Benedict - provision of a kidney to replace his low-functioning kidneys.

Erin Burnett - healing of her back and wrist injuries due to an accident.

Hannah Byerly - that antiviral therapy, listening/language therapy, and physical therapy will be effective.

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.

Bruce Honts - successful angiogram on August 9th to diagnosis possible heart issues.

Raquel Reenders - recovery of mobility and strength in her elbow following surgery.

Ongoing health concerns: *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, Abilene Christian University

Rebekah Duncan, Blinn College

Aiden Steagall, Lone Star College

Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Izzy Tousha, Texas State

Jenna Haaland, Samford University

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Pray for Our Friends & Family

Patrick Burton's daughter *Sabrina* - PRAISE she is out of the hospital following a successful thoracoscopy.

Pray for continued healing for her back and spirit.

Daniel Harris' mother *Becky Harris* - PRAISE her surgery went well. Pray for recovery and the upcoming radiation therapy will be successful.

Pray for Our Expectant Mother

Carrington Jones due in November.

Maretha Kritzinger due in March.

Emily Wykes due in March.

Praise with & Pray for Southwest Church Planting Network

See prayer requests on the bulletin insert.

Email prayer requests to robin@springcypresschurch.com.

Sermon Notes

The Tragic Yet Glorious Death of John

August 6, 2023

Matthew 14:1-12



MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH August 2023



"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth."

1 Corinthians 3:6

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In 1998 the Southwest Church Planting Network (SWCPN) was formed to make expanding the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ a high priority in the Southwest region (covering the states of Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas). By the grace of God SWCPN surpassed its original goal to plant 50 new churches and initiate 10 Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) chapters by planting 100 churches and initiating 26 RUF chapters.

Today SWCPN comprises 75 churches representing over 28,000 members coming together to fulfill a bold, Gospel vision. Consequently, SWCPN is strategically positioned in terms of visionary leadership, opportunity and resources to plan for the future and become an even greater vehicle for Kingdom expansion in our region.

The three major objectives of SWCPN are 1) identifying and training leaders; 2) planting churches and new RUF chapters; 3) nurturing new plants to full maturity.

Prayer Needs

- 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

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:
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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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