



*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 8, 2021

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Saule Garcia

PRELUDE

Janice Bradshaw

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Janice Bradshaw

*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

Pastor Ben

Isaiah 40:10-11

Leader: Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;

People: **Behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.**

Leader: He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;

All: **He will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (Hymn #38)
(Smith, Traditional Welsh hymn melody; arr. Rawsthorne)

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place (Hymn #468, vs. 1, 3, and 4)
(Edmunds, Gretry, arr. Kirkpatrick)

*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

Ruling Elder Ian Achterkirch

Leviticus 18:4-5

You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ian Achterkirch

Leader: Almighty God, your rules and statutes are good,
and life to those who keep them.

People: **Yet we have feet that are quick to depart from your way,
and hands that are fast to work our own will.**

Forgive us, we pray.

Leader: Father, bring to mind where we have not followed your rules,
nor kept your statutes, nor walked in your ways,
and hear our prayers of silent confession...

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Ian Achterkirch

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

Ian Achterkirch

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

(Townend)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Jakob Basham

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.*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Oh Shout for Joy (The New Hundredth)* Robin Trygstad
(Getty, De Barra, arr. Fettke, Grassi)

Oh shout for joy unto the Lord, worship Him with gladness
Let all the earth bring songs of praise, telling of His greatness
Know that the Lord we praise is God, He is God our Maker
And we are His, a people called sheep within His pasture

*Oh enter in His gates with praise
His courts with great thanksgiving
For He is good His love endures
Morning after morning*

Oh shout for joy unto the Lord, through the hours of darkness
For day by day His faithful hand ever stays upon us
With every morning rise we kneel, all our lives we offer
To be a living sacrifice wholly to the Savior

✦ 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 Genesis 4:1-16 Pastor Ben

SERMON *Cain and Abel* Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE Congregation
Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me (see insert)
(Robinson, Farren, Thompson, arr. Duren, Lawrence)

✦ BENEEDICTION Pastor Ben

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

POSTLUDE Saule Garcia

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

Sermon Notes

August 8, 2021

Cain and Abel

Genesis 4:1-16

Announcements

Monday, August 9 SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Tuesday, August 10 CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Wednesday, August 11	
Thursday, August 12	
Friday, August 13	
Saturday, August 14	
Sunday, August 15 Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:00am

August Slow Down

For the month of August we will not have Sunday School or mid-week activities so that teachers and ministry leaders have time to rejuvenate and plan for an exciting fall kick-off!

Mission Possible

For those of you who participated in our weekly summer missions find Ms. Elisa today to receive your prize!

Directory Photos

We will be taking photos for our online directory on **Sunday August 22nd and 29th**. Whether it's your first photo or just an update be sure and stop by The Gallery after worship to have your photo taken!

NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE BEGINNING ON FALL KICK-OFF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

Our service times will be changing beginning Sunday, September 5th: Worship will be at 9:30 am and Sunday School for all ages will be at 11:00 am. More information will be coming soon about additions and changes to our fall trimester.

Fall Kick-Off

Sunday, September 5th, 11:00 am

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!

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

College Students - Pray for our college students as they return to their classes. Pray that they will grow in their faith and be salt and light to their friends and professors.

Pray for Our Congregation

René Chapelle - continued healing at home, encouragement for both René and Clairice.

Carl Gregory - Carl's well-being as his son and daughter-in-law care for him.

Barbara Honts - healing following surgery to reduce pain from migraine headaches.

Jones family - PRAISE - Evelyn Grace was born Sunday, July 25th at 2:40 pm! Carrington and Evelyn are doing well. Pray for continued good health and the family's adjustment to this newest addition.

Ongoing health concerns: *Eldon & Virginia Faries, Carl & Rose Gregory, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, and Katie Medeiros*

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Washington

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Jessy Wykes, Army, Kentucky

Chris Dietz, Navy, Texas

Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, Samford University

Rebekah Kooiman, Abilene Christian University

Zach Allan, Tarleton State University

Lauren Steagall, University of Houston

Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Justin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Pray for Our Families and Friends

Pete & Rita Rivera's grandson, *Austin Dragoo* - Pray for safety and return to his family following his deployment with the US Air Force overseas.

Mindy & Patrick Burton's daughter, *Sydney Brooks* - Sydney is expecting a baby due in August! Pray for a healthy pregnancy and safe delivery.

Jim & Mary Spiritosanto's daughter and Deb Kovach's sister *Rebecca Cooper* - Pray that kidney dialysis will go smoothly and that she will not develop an infection at the port site. Pray that a compatible donor kidney can be found.

Gina Rieger (SCPC-supported missionary) - Pray for healing and encouragement following radiation treatments.

Pray for Our Expectant Mother

Emily Wykes is due in December.

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month

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

PRAISE that the LORD has made a way for Metanoia to go back into prisons in person.

PRAY

- That the mentoring ministry will happen in FMC Fort Worth (federal prison in Ft. Worth).
- That the LORD will keep inmates and prison officials safe from COVID-19.
- That Metanoia will continue to reach inmates with the gospel and continue to disciple them in the faith through its correspondence program.
- That the LORD will continue to raise up champion churches* here in Texas to serve the prison population.

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. They are returned to the Sanctuary near the end of the service.

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 baskets at the back of the Sanctuary, mail a check to the church office, or give online at springcypresschurch.com/give

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