



*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 9, 2020

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Janice Bradshaw*

### PRELUDE

*Saule Garcia*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Ruling Elder Ian Achterkirch*

### PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Saule Garcia*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on John 20:21*

*“Jesus said to them again,  
‘Peace be with you.  
As the Father has sent me,  
even so I am sending you.’”*

### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

*Ian Achterkirch*

*Hebrews 10:19-22*

Leader: Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence  
to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,

People: **By the new and living way that he opened for us  
through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,**

Leader: And since we have a great priest over the house of God,

All: **Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,  
with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience  
and our bodies washed with pure water.**

### ✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Ian Achterkirch*

✦ SONG OF ADORATION *My Hope Is in the Lord* (Hymn #523) *Congregation*  
(Clayton)

### DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

*Ian Achterkirch*

*Jeremiah 17:9*

The heart is deceitful above all things,  
and desperately sick;  
who can understand it?

✦ *Please stand if able*

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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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*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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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Ian Achterkirch*

Leader: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

People: **Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.**

Leader: Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace to grow more and more  
in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ,  
and hear now our prayers of silent confession...

*silent confession of personal sin*  
Amen.

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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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**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Ian Achterkirch*

*Psalm 103:13-14*

As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.  
For he knows our frame;  
he remembers that we are dust.

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

*Ian Achterkirch*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Jesus, I Come*  
(Sleeper, Thompson)

*Congregation*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 9:1-22

*Rev. Brooks Harwood*

**SERMON**

*The Disruptive Presence of Jesus*

*Rev. Harwood*

**✦ SONG OF RESPONSE**

*And Can It Be?* (Hymn, #455, vs. 1, 3, 4, 5)  
(Crosby, Doane)

*Congregation*

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

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**✦ BENEDICTION**

*Rev. Harwood*

**✦ SONG OF BLESSING**

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

*Congregation*

**POSTLUDE**

*Janice Bradshaw*



## Prayer

### **Pray for Our Church**

*MOPS* - Pray for the MOPS steering committee as they work through the details of hosting MOPS this fall. Pray for more paid nursery workers to be available Thursday mornings.

### **Pray for Our Congregation**

*Pastor Ben & family* - safe travels and good health on their vacation

*Virginia Faries* - PRAISE - all biopsies were clean so she does not require further treatment; PRAY for healing of her cough, relief from pain due to the surgery, and good sleep

*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 12th) to relieve neck issues

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

*Peter Achterkirch*, Army, Georgia

*Christian Cory*, Army, New York

*Chris Dietz*, Navy, Kingsville, Texas

*Shawn Maya*, Spring Fire Department

### **Pray for Our College Students**

*Charlotte Achterkirch*, Samford University

*Ian Allan*, Calvin University

*Zach Allan*, Tarleton State University

*Austin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*Justin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*Jacob Kerr*, Texas A&M University

*Matthew Kooiman*, Olivet Nazarene University

*Aaron Lewis*, Texas Tech University

*Lauren Steagall*, University of Houston

*AJ Tousha*, Lone Star College

*Naomi Tousha*, University of Houston

### **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 Ebberts*, PCA Mission to the World, Romania



## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK August 9, 2020

### BROOKS & MEREDITH HARWOOD & SOPHIE Reformed University Fellowship University of Houston



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 in RUF at the University of Tennessee and after graduation they 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).

Brooks has a heart for speaking and demonstrating the gospel to those of diverse religious backgrounds, the unchurched, and those who have moved away from the faith in which they were raised. The University of Houston is the sixth most ethnically diverse university in the nation, with students from many nationalities and religious traditions.

#### Prayer:

- **Wisdom for Fall-Planning.** We need the Spirit to lead us as much as possible in this strange and new time.
- **Friendships in our Group.** Our students need now, more than ever, to be knitted together in love for one another. But we need to provide creative avenues for those friendships to form, maintain, and grow.
- **Courage to Try and Fail.** We need the freedom and a deeper trust in Jesus to try little things and be okay with it not going the way we want.
- **Wisdom for Hospitality.** Meredith and I, in particular, need wisdom on how, when, and who we will invite into our home in the coming months.
- **New Students.** We are praying that God would raise up new students in this group. Particularly we are praying that God will send 30 new students this fall.
- **New Leaders.** We need God to raise up new leaders who are willing to safely lead regional small groups that will be decentralized throughout the city to provide outdoor gathering space for students for prayer, discussion, and relationship.

## 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 (M.Div. 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 (see previous page)



**August 16 - Paul Miller**, Texas Regional Director, Metanoia Prison Ministry, PCA Mission to North America

Upon graduating from Westminster Theological Seminary, Paul and Laura Miller 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 as the Texas regional director of Metanoia Prison Ministries (Metanoia is the official prison ministry of the PCA).



**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](http://springcypresschurch.com)

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### **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](http://springcypresschurch.com/give). **Text** any amount to **84321** to give (standard message and data rates may apply).

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