



*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, December 31, 2023

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Brooke Lewis

PRELUDE

Janice Bradshaw

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Janice Bradshaw

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

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Genesis 1:1*

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

✦CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

from Zechariah 9

Leader: Let us proclaim the name of the LORD!

People: **We will ascribe greatness to our God!**

Leader: The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are just.

All: **A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, the LORD
is just and upright, and we will praise his name forever!**

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come (Hymn #195, verses 1, 2, and 4)
(Watts, Handel; arr. by Mason)

We Will Feast in the House of Zion
(McCracken, Moore)

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

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Danny McDaniel

Deuteronomy 11:16

Take care lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods
and worship them;

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Danny McDaniel

Leader: Almighty God, your Word repeatedly admonishes us to stay
alert and to guard our hearts from threats both external to
us and from those that arise from within ourselves. We
confess that that our hearts are prone to wandering from
you, our first love.

✦*Please stand if able*

People: Lord, with great contrition we acknowledge that we are beset by temptations to place our greatest desires, expectations, and hopes in created things, rather than in you.

Leader: Father, grant that we will walk in the light of your Word, with our hearts filled with your love, that we will forsake vain things and cling to you in full love and obedience. For the sake of Christ our Lord, please hear now our silent prayers of personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

...amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL
I Corinthians 15:56-57

Danny McDaniel

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Danny McDaniel

✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

Jesus, I Come
(Sleeper, Thompson)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Bob Pickard

OFFERTORY

All Glory Be to Christ
(Kensrue)

Amy Dietz
Casey and Brooke Lewis

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive,
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive.
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me, what is your life?
A mist, it vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ.

His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above.
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love.
Let living waters satisfy the thirsty without price.
Come eat of Him, our Living Bread, all glory be to Christ

When on the day, the great I Am, the Faithful and the True,
the Lamb who was for sinner's slain, is making all things new.
Behold our God shall live with us, and be our Steadfast Light,
and we shall e'er His people be, all glory be to Christ.

*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.*

✦ SONG OF PRAISE	<i>The Doxology</i> (Hymn #731) (Ken, Bourgeois)	<i>Congregation</i>
BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN		<i>Pastor Ben</i>
	<i>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.</i>	
SCRIPTURE TEXT	<i>Matthew 19:13-30</i>	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
SERMON	<i>Coming to Jesus</i>	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
✦ SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>Take My Life, and Let It Be</i> (Hymn #585, verses 1, 2, and 5) (Havergal, Malan)	<i>Congregation</i>
✦ BENEDICTION		<i>Pastor Ben</i>
✦ SONG OF BLESSING	<i>Gloria Patri</i> (Hymn #735) (Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)	<i>Congregation</i>
POSTLUDE		<i>Brooke Lewis</i>

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

Sermon Notes

December 31, 2023

Coming to Jesus

Matthew 19:13-30

Announcements

Monday, January 1	
Tuesday, January 2	
Wednesday, January 3	Youth Volunteer Opportunity, Youth Bldg 5:00pm
Thursday, January 4	
Friday, January 5	
Saturday, January 6	
Sunday, January 7	Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream 9:30am Sunday School for all ages 11:00am

Final Year-End Giving

TODAY, Sanctuary or On-Line

Contact: Robin, robin@springcypresschurch.com

Prayerfully consider your final 2023 contributions as our year-end giving total will determine our 2024 budget to support the ministry needs of our church.

PACN Sanctity of Human Life Bottle Campaign Sunday, January 7th - 28th, Narthex

Contact: Susan, susan@springcypresschurch.com

Every child deserves a birthday, every life has value. This annual drive helps the Pregnancy Assistance Center North continue providing free medical and educational services, such as pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, abortion recovery Bible Study classes, and more! Baby bottles will be available in the Narthex NEXT SUNDAY!

Annual Called Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 4th, 6pm, Sanctuary

Contact: Susan, susan@springcypresschurch.com

Members, join us for this important meeting. We will celebrate what God has done in our midst in 2023, share the 2024 approved budget, and hold an election for the offices of Ruling Elder and Deacon. More information about each candidate will be included in the bulletin next Sunday.

Italicized candidates are currently serving:

RE Candidates: Ian Achterkirch, Michael Byerly, Justin Chandler, Danny McDaniel, Andy Moncrief.

Deacon Candidates: Stephen Kovach, Scott Lewis

Enfuego Youth Volunteer Opportunity

Wednesday, January 3rd, 5:00 - 7:30pm, Youth Bldg.

Contact: Felix Espino

THIS WEDNESDAY - come help Felix organize and prep the Youth Bldg. to make it even more vibrant and welcoming for the new year. Pizza will be provided!

Youth/Adult Sunday School Classes

Beginning Sunday, January 7th, 11am

Contact: Susan, susan@springcypresschurch.com

(See insert for more details)

JH Youth SS - Philippians

Teacher: Felix Espino, Room 116

Embark on a transformative journey through the captivating teaching series of the letter to the Philippians.

SH Youth SS - Romans

Teacher: Wayne Lin, Youth Building

The book of Romans promises to unravel the profound mysteries of God's grace and the life-altering power of the gospel.

Adult SS - Why is Colossians Important?

Teacher: Ken Thurman, Room 117

A study on the many ways our Lord Jesus Christ is portrayed throughout the book of Colossians.

Adult SS - Genesis in Space and Time

Teacher: Tony Tousha, Room 118

A study on the book of Genesis as a solid, space-time basis for answering tough questions posed by modern man.

Men's Book Study

1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7pm

Teacher: Michael Byerly, Room 119

Men will continue the study, "It's Good to Be a Man" by Michael Foster and Dominic Bnonn Tennant.

Women in the Word Bible Study

Weekly, Tuesday, 9:30am (Childcare available)

Weekly, Thursday, 7pm

Teachers: Linda Farmer, Kyra Moncrief, and Gayle Thurman, Room 119

Ladies will discover what it means to put God first in this study of the Old Testament books of Ezra and Nehemiah.

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Pray for our Safety Team - Pray for this team to remain vigilant and dedicated, and that God will grant them health, stamina, and physical strength to carry out their duties.

Pray for Our Congregation

Randy Bachman - Pray for God's comfort at the passing of his father.

Neal Benedict - Please pray for *Neal* as he is on dialysis and in need of a kidney transplant.

Camden Family - Praise God for the healthy delivery of Luke.

Musima family - Ebenezer has been placed on dialysis and is need of a kidney transplant.

Jackie Toothman - Please pray for ongoing treatments and for complete healing.

Tony Tousha - Please pray for GI issues, injured knee, and various metabolic issues.

Steve Williams - Pray for diagnosis and treatment of a large mass found in his abdomen.

Ongoing health concerns: *René & Clairice Chapelle, Jeff Kuhn, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, Katie Medeiros, Mark Morrow, Mary Spiritosanto.*

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Washington

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Chris Dietz, Navy Reserves, Texas

Felix Espino, Army Reserves, Texas

Joshua Duncan, Army, North Carolina

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Jessy Wykes, Army, Germany

Pray for Our College Students

Claire Achterkirch, Samford University

Rebekah Allcorn, Abilene Christian University

Kyle Benedict, Lone Star College

Ben Chandler, Samford University

Rebekah Duncan, Blinn College

Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Jenna Haaland, Samford University

Aiden Steagall, Texas A&M

Izzy Tousha, Texas State

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Pray for Our Friends & Family

Vincent & Eleanor Tracey's grandson *Elijah* - Pray for effectiveness of new meds to improve his body's reaction to chemo, and no lingering infection so he can stay home for the holidays. Fourth, and final, round of chemo begins Jan. 8.

Heather Burch's friend's daughter - fighting a brain tumor that has returned. Pray for successful radiation treatments, and for their family as they are separated during treatments in another state.

Cason Moncrief's coworker, *Carlos Aranda* - Pray for comfort, joy, and peace through the holidays following the loss of his maternal grandmother who he was very close to.

Albert Lockwood - Pray for safety and learning/understanding in upcoming Forest Services Fire School.

Liz Zapp - extended family members, *Charlene and Tina*, have recurring breast cancer. Charlene is awaiting test results/treatment options. Tina has been told her cancer is not treatable.

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Emily Wykes, due in March

Maretha Kritzinger, due in March

Brooke Lewis, due in April

Katelyn Schaeffer, due in May

Elizabeth Basham, due in July

Pray for David Stoddard, MTW's International Director for Europe

- *We are in great need of ongoing and one-time financial support. Please pray for new supporting churches and individuals who are willing to be a part of our support team.*
- *A fruitful home ministry assignment, reconnecting with many supporting churches and individuals.*
- *Please pray for us as we grieve leaving Berlin. It had become our home and we will miss it greatly.*

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, 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.

Our Church Leadership & Staff

Our Session

Justin Chandler
Ben Duncan

Erik Haaland
Danny McDaniel

Our Diaconate

Glenn Ayles
Jakob Basham
Kyle Bodden
Bill Dietz
David Jones

Stephen Kovach
Scott Lewis
Wayne Lin
Bob Pickard
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Our Principal Staff

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If you've lost or misplaced an item, please check with the office.

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