



*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, February 11, 2024

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRELUDE

Janice Bradshaw

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Janice Bradshaw

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Psalm 42:2*

*“My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and appear before God?”*

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

✦CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

Psalm 105:1-4

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

People: **Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!**

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

All: **Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!**

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

I Sing the Mighty Power of God
(Watts)

How Firm a Foundation (Hymn #94, verses 1, 2, and 6)
(Rippon, Traditional American melody)

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

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Pastor Ben

Leviticus 20:26

You shall be holy to me, for I the Lord am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Ben

Leader: Almighty God, you have called us out of the world to live in loving obedience to your Son, our Lord Jesus. However, we

✦*Please stand if able*

confess that all too often we turn back to those things that appeal to our flesh.

People: Lord, we humbly acknowledge that we often look for ways to make the world's attitudes and expectations acceptable in your kingdom, and neglect that to which you call us: to be separate from the world.

Leader: Gracious Father, have mercy on us for falling so far short of your glory. Turn to us and restore us, for Jesus' sake, and hear now our silent prayers of personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

...amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Pastor Ben

1 John 2:12

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Pastor Ben

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

By Faith

(Getty, Townend; arr. by Galbraith, Lawrence)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Kyle Bodden

OFFERTORY

Blessed is the Man

Sanctuary Choir

(See Hymn #564 for lyrics)

✦ 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.

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*

SCRIPTURE TEXT *Matthew 21:18-22* *Pastor Ben*

SERMON *Lessons from a Cursed Fig Tree* *Pastor Ben*

✦SONG OF PREPARATION *Congregation*
We Are God's People (Hymn #355, verses 1 and 2)
(Leech, Brahms)

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

THE ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS *Pastor Ben*
Ian Achterkirch
Michael Byerly

✦SONG OF RESPONSE *Congregation*
We Are God's People (Hymn #355, verses 3 and 4)
(Leech, Brahms)

✦BENEDICTION *Pastor Ben*

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

POSTLUDE *Janice Bradshaw*

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

Sermon Notes

February 11, 2024

Lessons from a Cursed Fig Tree

Matthew 21:18-22

Announcements

Monday, February 12	
Tuesday, February 13	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Wednesday, February 14	
Enfuego Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Thursday, February 15	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, February 16	
Saturday, February 17	
Baby Shower - Kritzinger (FH/Annex)	10:00am
Enfuego Youth to Urban Air	12:00pm
Sunday, February 18	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am

Baby Shower - Maretha Kritzinger

February 17th, 10am, FH/Annex

Contact: Sarah Kooiman

Ladies - Bring a brunch item to share, and join us for a Baby Shower honoring Maretha Kritzinger. Maretha is registered on Amazon.

Enfuego Youth Group Activity

February 17th, 12-3pm, Urban Air

Contact: Felix Espino

Youth - **THIS SATURDAY** bring a friend and join us at Urban Air, 20100 Holzwarth Rd. in Spring. \$10 per person covers jumping and pizza. Please RSVP with Felix by Feb. 14th if you need help with transportation.

Felix needs 1 or 2 adults to help chaperone this event, please let him know if you can help!

Ordination & Installation of Officers

TODAY, Sanctuary

The following candidates were elected at our Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Feb. 4th. New officers will be ordained and installed today.

Ruling Elder Candidates: Ian Achterkirch, Michael Byerly, Justin Chandler, Danny McDaniel.

Deacon Candidates: Stephen Kovach, Scott Lewis.

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Pray for our Men - Pray that our men will grow in their faith and in their relationships with one another and their families as they grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord.

Pray for Our Congregation

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

Greg Hill - Prayer for recovery from foot surgery, and praise that there is no infection.

Laura Allan - Please pray for recovery from hand surgery, with very limited use during healing.

Please also pray for comfort for *Laura and family* at the passing of her Aunt Bea Hoek.

Joyce Hill - Prayer for recovery and healing from eye surgery.

Cindy Peterson - Pray for thorough recovery following an emergency abdominal surgery.

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

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Washington

Levi Camden, National Guard, Texas

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 Sedillo, Blinn College

Jenna Haaland, Samford University

Aiden Steagall, Texas A&M

Izzy Tousha, Texas State

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Pray for Our Friends & Family

Heather Burch - Please pray for the *staff and students at MJH* following the sudden loss of an 8th grade student last weekend, and for the family of the student.

Amy Brink, a friend of many SCPC members, had a brain aneurism. Pray for her recovery, and that she will be moved to a rehab hospital soon as she is not able to talk or move very much.

Vincent & Eleanor Tracey's grandson *Elijah* has completed his 8 month treatment plan. Please pray for his continued restoration to full health and mobility. The Tracey's wish to thank the SCPC family for their prayer support throughout Elijah's treatment.

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

Daniela McConnell, due in June

Elizabeth Basham, due in July

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month

Chris & Beverly Crowder, Global Director of Regional Development, SIM International

- Pray for Bethie - she's missed some school with a sickness
- Pray for Thomas as he is starting his journey to be ready for university in 1.5 years
- Pray for Chris as he will be traveling a lot throughout the first half of 2024
- Pray for Beverly and her next big things:
 - * Retaking the acute care NP licensing exam
 - * Admission to ENP school, hopefully at Vanderbilt
 - * The possibility of working one day a week

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

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