



*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 25, 2024

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRELUDE

Brooke Lewis

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Brooke Lewis

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Psalm 42:1*

*“As a deer pants for flowing streams,
so pants my soul for you, O 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

from 1 Samuel 2:2; 1 Chronicles 16:29

Leader: There is none holy like the Lord,

People: **There is none besides him!**

Leader: There is no rock like our God,

All: **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name!**

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Rejoice

(Shive, Fowler, Getty, Getty, Peterson)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (Hymn #38)

(Smith, Traditional Welsh hymn 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

Ruling Elder Danny McDaniel

Matthew 4:17

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Danny McDaniel

Leader: Most merciful God, you have called us to be holy, as you are holy. Yet we all like sheep have gone astray, we have wandered after our own way.

✦Please stand if able

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People: Gracious Lord, we confess that we are both stubborn and self-serving, and though your commandments are for our good, we constantly kick against the goads. Forgive us, we pray.

Leader: Father, we thank you that in your call to repent you reveal yourself willing to forgive. Thank you for your compassion to us, your children. We ask that by your Spirit you would bring to mind where we have sinned and that you would hear our silent prayers of personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

...Amen!

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Danny McDaniel

Matthew 5:6

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Danny McDaniel

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

(Getty, Townend)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon David Jones

OFFERTORY

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

(Thomas J. Williams; arr. by Molly Ijames)

Sergio Esteves

Brooke Lewis

✦ SONG OF PRAISE

The Doxology (Hymn #731)

(Ken, Bourgeois)

Congregation

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	<i>Matthew 22:15-46</i>	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
SERMON	<i>Confrontation with the Religious Establishment (pt. 2): The Blitz and Counter</i>	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
✦SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>My Jesus, I Love Thee</i> (Hymn #648, verses 1-3) (Featherstone, Gordon)	<i>Congregation</i>
✦BENEDICTION		<i>Pastor Ben</i>
✦SONG OF BLESSING	<i>Gloria Patri</i> (Hymn #735) (Traditional 2nd century text, Creatorex)	<i>Congregation</i>
POSTLUDE		<i>Brooke Lewis</i>

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

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

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Sermon Notes *Confrontation with the Religious Establishment*
(pt. 2): The Blitz and Counter

February 25, 2024

Matthew 22:15-46

Announcements

Monday, February 26	
Tuesday, February 27	
Wednesday, February 28	
<i>Enfuego</i> Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Thursday, February 29	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, March 1	
Saturday, March 2	
Sunday, March 3	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Children's Program Extravaganza Gallery	10:45am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am
CPP Training Room 118	12:00pm

Children's Summer Program Extravaganza

NEXT SUNDAY, After Worship Service, Gallery

Our 2024 VBS, Created For a Purpose (CFAP), and Built For a Purpose (BFAP) programs are awesome opportunities for the SCPC family to work together towards our goal to make disciples of Jesus who increasingly glorify and enjoy God in their lives! Join our program leaders in the Gallery **NEXT SUNDAY** following the worship service to learn more and sign up to serve in one or more of these important programs!

SCPC Child Protection Policy (CPP) Training

NEXT SUNDAY, After Sunday School, Rm. 118

Our summer programs are right around the corner! If you are interested in volunteering for VBS, Purpose Week, or anywhere in the areas of Nursery, Children's Ministry, or Youth Group be sure to join us for this mandatory 30-minute training on important policies and safety procedures.

PACN Baby Bottle Drive

Thank you SCPC family! Our recent baby bottle drive raised \$1,682.88 in support of Pregnancy Assistance Center North (PACN), making it possible for them to continue serving the most broken and vulnerable with the compassionate love of Christ.

Baby Shower - Brooke Lewis

Sunday, March 10, after Sunday School, Annex

Contact: Susy Tousha

Ladies, - Bring a salad to share and join us for a Baby Shower honoring Brooke Lewis! Diapers are welcome!

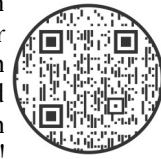
Sing & Sew w/Pam

Monday, March 11, 1-4pm, Rm. 119

Contact: Pam McDaniel

Young ladies from 3rd thru 5th grade (members and regular attenders) are invited to join Pam for a time of singing, sewing, and a devotional. Please contact Pam with any questions, or to register!

Must register by March 3!



Mark Your Calendar...

March 3

Children's Summer Program Extravaganza, after Worship Service, Gallery

CPP Training, after SS, Rm. 118

March 10

Baby Shower - Brook Lewis, after SS, Annex

March 11

Sing & Sew w/Pam, 1-4pm, Rm. 119

March 17

Fellowship Meal, after SS, FH/Annex

March 23

Men's Fellowship, 12:30pm, Pavilion, BBQ & Cornhole Tournament

March 24

Palm Sunday

March 29

Good Friday Service, 7pm, Sanctuary

March 31

Easter Services, 9am & 11am, Sanctuary

Save the Date...

Spring Picnic: Sunday, May 19, 3pm

VBS: June 24 thru 28

Purpose Week: July 15 thru 19

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Pray for our College Students - Pray for good health and perseverance for our college students, and for them to grow in their faith and be salt and light to those around them.

Pray for Our Congregation

Greg Hill - Prayer for continued recovery from recent foot surgery.

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

Cindy Peterson - PRAISE that Cindy was strong enough to be moved to a rehab facility. Continued prayer for complete healing.

Catherine Seeland - Pray that there will be a special needs class and church library in the upstairs of the SCPC Education Building.

Mary Seeland - Prayer for daughter, *Naomi*, for continued healing following recent surgery.

Byerly Family - Prayer for daughter, *Hannah*, for upcoming surgery and recovery. She is getting tubes in her ears on March 5 for relief from recurrent ear infections

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

Amy Brink, a friend of many SCPC members, Praise that Amy is making steady progress at rehab.

Continued prayer for complete recovery, and encouragement during the long road ahead.

Heather Burch's friend's daughter, *Charlotte* - Pray for healing needed to be ready/able to tolerate the next round of chemo, and for 2/28 MRI to show that she is another step closer to beating cancer.

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

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

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