



*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 19, 2023

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Brooke Lewis

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 42:1,*

*“As a deer pants for flowing streams,
so pants my soul for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

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!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Come, Thou Almighty King (Hymn #101)
(Anonymous text, Giardini)

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord (Hymn #465, vs. 1 and 2)
(Johnston, Towner)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Pastor Ben

Matthew 4:17

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

*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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Ben

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.

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.

*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.*

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Pastor Ben

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

Pastor Ben

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

*"Let your
steadfast love
come to me, O
LORD, your
salvation
according to
your promise."
Psalm 119:41*

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

His Mercy Is More
(Boswell, Papa)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Bob Pickard

OFFERTORY

Take Time to Be Holy (Hymn #537)
(Langstaff, Stebbins)

Choir

✦ SONG OF PRAISE

The Doxology (Hymn #731)
(Ken, Bourgeois)

Congregation

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

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

Matthew 5:17-20

Pastor Ben

SERMON

Jesus, Us, and the Righteousness of the Law

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE

Rise Up, O Men of God!
(Merrill, Williams)

Congregation

✦ BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Brooke Lewis

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

Sermon Notes

Jesus, Us, and the Righteousness of the Law

February 19, 2023

Matthew 5:17-20

Announcements

Monday, February 20 - Holiday, office closed	
Tuesday, February 21	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Men's Bible Study Room 118	7:00pm
Wednesday, February 22	
Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm
Thursday, February 23	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, February 24	
Youth Group Altitude Trampoline Park	7:00pm
Saturday, February 25	
Sunday, February 26	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am
Chili Cook-off Fellowship Hall	4:30pm
Congregational Meeting Sanctuary	6:00pm

Chili Cook-off & Congregational Meeting

TODAY beginning at 4:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

What to bring: your homemade chili in a crock pot clearly marked (all pieces) with your name. The church will provide hot dogs, chips, baked potatoes and all the trimmings.

When to arrive: your chili may be dropped off in the kitchen as early as 4 pm but **no later than 4:30 pm**. You will receive an entry number and then you may go to the Annex for Bingo!

While you wait: Bingo! Find a seat in the Annex and join in on the fun!

Dinner will be served at 5 pm with prizes awarded at approximately 5:45 pm.

Congregational Meeting begins at 6 pm in the Sanctuary. See details about the meeting and the candidates for the office of elder and deacon on the insert.

Following the meeting please gather your crock pot and if possible help clean up and tear down the tables and chairs.

Youth Group Event-Altitude Trampoline Park 4740 Spring Cypress Rd #200, Spring 77379

Friday, February 24, 7-9 pm

Contact: Felix, 832-865-6087

Senior High and Junior High youth, let's JUMP on over to Altitude Trampoline Park, a short distance down the road from church!! If you require special transportation contact Felix ASAP.

Cost: \$10/student covers admission, food, and Altitude socks.

Waivers are required to participate and are available at altitudespring.com. Send a copy of the completed waiver or the barcode to Felix.

Special Wednesday Night Youth Group

Wednesday, March 1, 6:15 pm

Contact: Felix, 832-865-6087

All SCPC families with youth, mark your calendar to join us for an entertaining evening as **Pastor Ben** faces-off with all the youth group students in a game of **Bible trivia!** Food will be provided - you don't want to miss the fun!

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Our Music ministry - Praise God for the many talented music ministry participants who serve week-in and week-out to enhance the worship of our church.

Pray for Our Congregation

Theresa & Hayden Adams family - PRAISE - Cooper James was born Tuesday, January 31st at 5:28 pm! Theresa and Cooper are doing well. Pray for continued good health and the family's adjustment to the newest addition to their family.

Michael & Laurie Byerly - for the development of their baby's heart and for a full-term pregnancy.

Cara Dobson - complete healing of arm and shoulder.

Amy Haaland and family - comfort and peace as they mourn the loss of Amy's dad Gary Boldt.

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

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Washington

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Chris Dietz, Navy Reserves, Texas

Joshua Duncan, Army, Georgia

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Jessy Wykes, Army, Europe

Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, Samford University

Claire Achterkirch, Samford University

Zach Allan, Tarleton State University

Rebekah Duncan, Montana State University

Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Justin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Jenna Haaland, Samford University

Rebekah Kooiman, Abilene Christian University

Ayden Steagall, Lone Star College

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Izzy Tousha, Lone Star College

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Christine Harris is due in March.

Kathryn Ritchie is due in April.

Laurie Byerly is due in June.

Pray for Our Family & Friends

Cason Moncrief - PRAISE - found a good apartment; pray for God's wisdom and provision.

Heather Burch's neighbor *Morris* - surgery went well for a broken hip; pray for continued healing and easy transition home.

Reedy Buford's son-in-law *Brad Colwell* - full recovery following a head on collision.

Mark & Mary Seeland's nephew *Lucas Serrato* - successful upcoming kidney transplant.

Jorge Gutierrez's friend *Tom Crock* - as he cares for and encourages his wife Linda who is battling stage 4 lung cancer.

Prayer for Derek & Shannon Ebbers, Mission to the World (Romania)

(All prayer requests are on a flyer by the Missions display in the Narthex.)

Pray for unity as they seek God's kingdom first in all they do and that they'd be willing and joyful servants.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 19, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

Members - please join us for this important congregational meeting! We will be celebrating what God has done in our midst over the course of 2022 and sharing key goals for 2023 - to include presenting the approved 2023 budget as being instrumental in realizing these goals, and holding an election for officers. Contact Pastor Ben with any questions or concerns!

OFFICER CANDIDATES

The Session has approved the following men to be on the ballot at our Congregational Meeting on February 19th at 6:00 pm.



ERIK HAALAND, Elder

Erik currently serves on the Session and is eligible to serve a second term. He and his wife Amy moved to Spring in 1997 and started attending SCPC that fall. Prior to serving as an Elder he served as a Deacon and Sunday School teacher and he and Amy led the youth group for a season. He is the proud father of four daughters. Erik loves Christ's church and he feels a strong call to serve the congregation of Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church.



GLENN AYLES, Deacon

Glenn, and his wife, Nicole, have been married for 11 years. They have been blessed with three beautiful girls Sophie (10), Emma (8), and Mackenzie (4). Glenn works in the HVAC industry as a National Accounts Lead for Baker Distributing. He is currently involved with the praise team and leads and helps coordinate worship for the youth ministry on Wednesday nights. After moving to Texas in December 2009, and being exposed to reformed theology, he left his southern Baptist roots and joined SCPC.



WAYNE LIN, Deacon

Wayne and his family moved to Texas in 2019. He and Ashley have been married for over 15 years and have four children. When they first visited Spring Cypress they knew almost right away it was the church for them. Wayne is active with the youth and teaches Wednesday nights. His full-time job is a Digital Marketing Manager for Camping World.



REED WYKES, Deacon

Reed and his wife, Jolene, have been married 39 years and have four grown children, three of whom have amazing spouses, and nine grandchildren. Reed grew up in Austin, graduated from UTSA with a degree in business, served in the US Air Force and has been in Risk & Insurance Management since 1989, primarily in energy. The Wykes have worshipped at SCPC since 2013 and have been involved in the children's, music, women's and adult ministries. Reed came to know the Lord as a teenager and was introduced to reformed theology in the mid-2000's.

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.

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