



*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, February 23, 2020

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRELUDE

Saule Garcia

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Saule Garcia

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Philippians 2:1-2,*

*“So if there is any encouragement in Christ,
any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit,
any affection and sympathy,
complete my joy by being of the same mind,
having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.”*

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

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben

Isaiah 40:10-11

Leader: Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,

People: and his arm rules for him;

Leader: behold, his reward is with him,

People: and his recompense before him.

Leader: He will tend his flock like a shepherd;

People: he will gather the lambs in his arms;

Leader: he will carry them in his bosom,

People: and gently lead those that are with young.

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Jesus, I Come
(Sleeper, Thompson)

Behold Our God
(Baird, Altrogge)

✦*Please stand if able*

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW
Joel 2:12-13

Ruling Elder Ian Achterkirch

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,
return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
and rend your hearts and not your garments.”
Return to the LORD your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
and he relents over disaster.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ian Achterkirch

Leader: Merciful Lord, we confess that with us
there is an abundance of sin,
but in You there is an even greater abundance of mercy.

**People: Although you implore us to turn to you in repentance,
we often prefer to justify ourselves
and do what seems right in our eyes.**

Leader: Lord, strengthen us, and warm our hearts,
that we might hate our sin
and turn to you in humble faith and repentance.
Father, hear now our silent prayers of personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL
1 John 1:8-9

Ian Achterkirch

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Ian Achterkirch

✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

There Is a Fountain (Hymn #253, verses 1, 3, 4, and 5)
(Cowper, Mason)

*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.*

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Deacon David Farmer

OFFERTORY

Prayer to Jehovah

Sanctuary Choir

(text by William Williams, 1745, setting by Molly Ijames)
text for the anthem can be found on page 598 of the hymnal

✦ SONG OF PRAISE

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

Congregation

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

Pastor Ben

*After the blessing you are welcome to send your children, ages 4-8 to Children's Worship in B123,
or they may remain with you. Children will return to the main service after the sermon.*

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 1:4-10

Pastor Ben

found on page 986 in the pew bible

SERMON

*Encouraged with Assurance
Evidence of Election, Part 1*

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE

Blessed Assurance (Hymn #693)
(Crosby, Knapp)

Congregation

✦ BENECTION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

Gloria Patri (Hymn #623)
(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Saule Garcia

Please join us in The Gallery for light refreshments following the service.

Sermon Notes

February 23, 2020

Encouraged with Assurance

Evidence of Election, Part 1

Monday, February 24	
SAA Meeting (Youth Building)	7:30pm
Tuesday, February 25	
Women in the Word (B119-121) (childcare available by reservation)	9:30am
CODA Meeting (Youth Building)	7:30pm
Wednesday, February 26	
Youth Group (Youth Building)	6:30pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm
Discovering SCPC (B119-121)	7:00pm
Praise Team Rehearsal	8:00pm
Thursday, February 27	
MOPS (B119-121)	10:00am
Women in the Word (B115)	7:00pm
Men's Round Table (Kovach home)	7:00pm
Friday, February 28	
Saturday, February 29	
Sunday, March 1	
Praise Team Rehearsal	8:30am
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	8:45am
Pray with the Elders (Pastor's Office)	9:00am
Sunday School for All Ages	9:30am
Worship	10:30am
CFAP Volunteer Information (The Forum)	12:00pm

Pictures!

Stop by the photo booth in The Gallery **today and the next two Sundays** so we can take your picture for our church directory.

Discovering SCPC

Wednesday, February 26, 7:00 pm, B119-121

If you have signed up for the class, please pick up your books in the Narthex.

Men's Round Table Discussion

Thursday, February 27, 7:00 pm, Kovach home

Men, join us for lively discussion and fellowship!

If you would like to receive the article to be discussed by email, contact robin@springcypresschurch.com.

Created for a Purpose 2020

Volunteer Information Meeting for Women & Men Sunday, March 1, after worship, The Forum

Contact: Amy Haaland, ahaaland@pcsclassical.org

Created for a Purpose is a creative arts camp for girls designed to teach girls that they are created by God in his image, for a purpose. A camp like this happens only with the help of people who are willing to share the gifts and talents bestowed upon them by the Lord. Please join us for an informational meeting immediately to find out how you can be involved.

Men's Bible Study

1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month beginning March 5, 7 pm, The Forum

Contact: Chuck Dorau, chuck@springcypresschurch.com

Men, join us as we study the book of Genesis, the book of beginnings. There are over 60 quotes and allusions to Genesis made by every writer in the New Testament! To truly understand God and His plan of salvation, we must understand Genesis.

Women's Ministry Picnic at the Park

Saturday, March 7, noon, Burroughs Park

Contact: Robin, robin@springcypresschurch.com

Ladies, join us for a fun-filled afternoon! Bring a picnic lunch and wear your walking shoes. Children and dogs are welcome. There's something for everyone: walking trails, playground, dog park, lawn games... Meet at Burroughs Park in the back parking lot near the pavilion. If you'd like to car pool, contact Robin by Thursday, March 5th.

Pavilion Resurfacing has begun!

Thank you for staying off of the pavilion for the next two weeks while the resurfacing is completed.

Education Building

Please do not allow your children to go upstairs in the education building.

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Staff

Pray that our staff will stay healthy as they take care of the administrative and ministry needs of our church.

Pray for Our Congregation

Daniel Duncan - encouragement and strength to complete physical fitness tests

Eldon Faries - complete healing and strength

Virginia Faries - good results from tests

Kovach family - repairs to home because of water damage be completed in a timely manner

Katie Medeiros - resolution of kidney issues

Rita Rivera - peace and comfort following the deaths of her mother Victoria and brother Roy

Patricia Wyatte - complete healing from shingles

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Christian Cory, *Army, New York*

Chris Dietz, *Navy Reserves, Kingsville, Texas*

Daniel Duncan, *Navy, Illinois*

Shawn Maya, *Spring Fire Department*

Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, *Samford University*

Peter Achterkirch, *The Citadel*

Ian Allan, *Calvin University*

Zach Allan, *Tarleton State University*

Austin Gatlin, *Louisiana State University*

Justin Gatlin, *Louisiana State University*

Hannah Haaland, *Belhaven 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

Jess McGlothlin's mother, Karen - PRAISE - Karen's CT scan showed that the cancer has shrunk from previous scans. Pray for wisdom regarding upcoming radiation treatments and that her platelets will continue to increase.

Jim Immitt's wife, Pamela - PRAISE - Pamela is home. Pray for continued healing.

Kristen Chandler's nephew Ethan - Pray for restoration of hearing in his right ear, wisdom regarding the possibility of a cochlear implant, comfort and peace for Ethan and his family.

Shelley Steagall's parents, Charles and Laura Parker - Pray for healing (Charles-pancreatitis and Laura-eye pain and optic nerve damage from shingles) and for wisdom for their medical teams.

Beverly Crowder's mother and father, Carolyn and Tom - Pray for healing, strength, and peace for Carolyn as well as patience and longsuffering for Tom's caretakers. (SCPC supports the Crowder's work in Africa.)

Pray for our Missionary of the Month

John Wiltbank, African Bible University (ABU), Uganda

Pray that friends and family take good care of John's wife, Allison, while John is away. Pray that the Lord protects and deepens their relationship even across the distance.

Pray for the leadership of ABU as they develop curriculum and facilities.

Pray for divine protection from economic hardship during the current plague of locusts.

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

A large print bulletin is available in the Narthex.

Restrooms are located in the narthex.

To learn more about us and our ministries, visit our website, springcypresschurch.com

Like and follow us on Facebook: *Spring Cypress Church*

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 mothers with infants.
- Children ages 4-8 are welcome to go to Children's Worship prior to the sermon. They return to the Sanctuary near the end of the service.

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 easytithe.com/scpc.

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

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