



*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 26, 2023

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Janice Bradshaw

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 42:2,*

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

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

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!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Come, Christians Join to Sing (Hymn #302)
(Bateman, Spanish melody)

Hail to the Lord's Anointed
(Montgomery, McCracken)

*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

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Erik Haaland

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

Erik Haaland

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

However, we 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

Erik Haaland

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

Erik Haaland

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

Speak, O Lord
(Getty, Townend)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Jakob Basham

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.*

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

Brooke Lewis

(Traditional; arr. Bober)

Text can be found on page 642 in the hymnal.

✦ 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.*

SCRIPTURE TEXT

Matthew 5:21-48

Pastor Ben

SERMON

Pastor Ben

The Righteousness Which Exceeds that of the Scribes and Pharisees

✦ SONG OF PREPARATION

Congregation

Take My Life, and Let It Be (Hymn #585, vs. 1 and 2)

(Havergal, Malan)

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Pastor Ben

Glenn Ayles

Wayne Lin

Reed Wykes

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

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE

Congregation

Take My Life, and Let It Be (Hymn #585, vs. 3 and 5)

(Havergal, Malan)

✦ BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

Gloria Patri (Hymn #735)

Congregation

(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

POSTLUDE

Janice Bradshaw

Sermon Notes (February 26, 2023)

Matthew 5:21-48

The Righteousness Which Exceeds That of the Scribes and Pharisees

Announcements

Monday, February 27	
Tuesday, February 28	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Wednesday, March 1	
Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Thursday, March 2	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, March 3	
Saturday, March 4	
Sunday, March 5	
Worship & Communion Sanctuary & LS	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am
LS = Live Stream	

Discovering Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church *Our Culture, Confession, and Calling*

Would you like to learn what kind of church we are trying to be, our beliefs, ministry, and mission? Our next Discovering SCPC class will be starting soon! It is open to all - the curious and those desiring to join SCPC. **Sign up NO LATER THAN MARCH 12TH** in the Narthex or on our website springcypresschurch.com.

Officer Nominations

The selection of men to serve in the offices of Elder or Deacon is the duty and privilege of the members of the congregation of SCPC. Officer Nomination forms will be available in the Narthex beginning March 5 and will contain more information about the process and qualifications. **All nominations must be received by March 31, 2023.**

Change for Life Baby Bottle Campaign

Because of your participation in this year's Baby Bottle Campaign our congregation contributed \$1,730.09 to help support the ministry of Pregnancy Assistance North (PACN). Thank you for your generosity!

Memorial Service for Carl Gregory

Sunday, March 5, 2:00 pm, Sanctuary

We will hold an in-house Memorial Service for long-time member Carl Gregory who passed into the presence of the Lord, January 17, 2023. Join us as we remember Carl and reflect on God's goodness to him.

Special Wednesday Night Youth Group

Wednesday, March 1, 6:15 pm

Contact: Felix

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!

Women's Conference in New Braunfels

Friday evening-Saturday afternoon, April 14-15

Christ Presbyterian Church, New Braunfels

Register at: springcypresschurch.com/women

Contact: Robin, robin@springcypresschurch.com

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER!

Ladies ages 16 and over, make plans to attend this awesome conference hosted by sister-PCA church Christ Presbyterian Church. This year's conference speaker is Megan Hill, a nationally known author, speaker, and editor. She will discuss the source and purpose of changes and how we can encourage and help one another as we are together changed for the glory of God. We have arranged for lodging at Schlitterbahn and carpooling will be available. See the registration form at springcypresschurch.com/women for cost information.

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Our Hospitality ministry - Praise God for the wonderful volunteers in the hospitality ministry! Pray that the Lord would draw more people into this ministry as we seek to warmly welcome visitors and show hospitality and care for one another.

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.

Beth Moore and family - comfort and peace as they mourn the loss of Beth's dad George Washington, Jr.

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.

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 guidance and wisdom as they minister to several people: a young man who began reading a Bible for the first time in his life; a young woman who grew up in an orphanage; a Romanian family who is looking for ways to become more independent.

Email prayer requests to robin@springcypresschurch.com.

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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