



*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 4, 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 2 Timothy 3:14-15*

“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

*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

Based on Matthew 11:28-29

Leader: Our Lord beckons us saying, “Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

People: Jesus, we come to you, that we might learn from you and find rest for our souls!

Leader: For indeed, his yoke is easy, and his burden is light.

All: O Great Shepherd of the flock, we come to you. Receive us and the worship we bring!

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Praise Him! Praise Him! (Hymn #173)
(Crosby, Allen)

Rejoice, the Lord Is King (Hymn #310, verses 1, 3, and 5)
(Wesley, Darwall)

*“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

Philippians 2:3-4

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

✦*Please stand if able*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Danny McDaniel

Leader: Almighty God, we confess that the pride of life is near to us, and that we often harbor motives of self-promotion even in the doing of good deeds, and we tend to put ourselves first in the prioritization of our lives.

People: **Father, forgive us for not having in us the mind of Christ, who humbled himself, emptying himself of all the prerogatives of which his divinity entitled him, to instead become a servant, obedient even to death.**

Leader: Lord, forgive us, we pray, and grant that we would grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and learn to increasingly put others before ourselves. Father, hear now 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

Danny McDaniel

Zephaniah 3:17

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Danny McDaniel

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

Ancient of Days

(Reeves, Robinson, Farren, Thompson)

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

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Glenn Ayles

OFFERTORY

O God Beyond All Praising

(Perry, Holst, Abriol)

Sanctuary Choir

✦SONG OF PRAISE

The Doxology (Hymn #731)

(Ken, Bourgeois)

Congregation

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

Pastor Ben

After the blessing on the first Sunday of the month, children remain in the service with their parents.

SCRIPTURE TEXT

Matthew 21:11-17

Pastor Ben

SERMON

The King Judges the Temple

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF PREPARATION

Congregation

Nothing but the Blood (Hymn #307, verses 1 and 3)
(Lowry)

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

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor Ben

the Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

We confess our common faith as an expression of our unity in coming to the Lord's Table.

INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastor Ben

ABOUT THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized, belong to a church which embraces the Gospel, and who look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. Since Communion is a sacrament of sustaining grace, we request that children not participate until they have professed their faith to the elders of this church or their church of regular worship.

✦ *Please stand if able*

*As the communion servers pass in front of you, please remember to take **both** of the stacked cups from the tray. Note that the bread is in the bottom cup and is gluten-free. **Grape juice in the colored cups in the outer ring, wine in the clear cups in the inner rings.***

from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper Christ took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

MUSIC OF REFLECTION

Brooke Lewis

***SONG OF RESPONSE**

Congregation

Nothing but the Blood (Hymn #307, verses 4 and 5)
(Lowry)

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Ben

***SONG OF BLESSING**

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

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Janice Bradshaw

DEACONS' FUND OFFERING

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

Announcements

Monday, February 5	
Tuesday, February 6	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Men's Book Study Room 119	7:00pm
Wednesday, February 7	
Enfuego Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Thursday, February 8	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, February 9	
Saturday, February 10	
Sunday, February 11	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am

3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off

TODAY, 4:30pm, FH/Annex

Contact: Susan, susan@springcypresschurch.com

Be sure to come back this afternoon and join in the fun and fellowship

- 3:00-4:00pm Volunteers arrive. Didn't sign up?
Just show up and jump in! Many hands make light work!
- 4:00-4:30pm Bring chili entries to the kitchen
- 4:30-5:00pm Fellowship and T-U-L-I-P!
(new version of B-I-N-G-O)
- 5:00-5:45pm Dinner Time - Chili, hot dogs, baked potatoes, chips, and trimmings!
- 5:45-5:55pm Head to the Sanctuary...

Annual Called Congregational Meeting

TODAY, 6:00pm, Sanctuary

Members - join us for this important meeting, immediately following the Chili Cook-Off! We will celebrate what God has done in our midst in 2023, share the approved 2024 budget, and hold an election for the offices of Ruling Elder and Deacon.

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

Deacon Candidates: Stephen Kovach, Scott Lewis.

Handouts with candidate BIODs are available in the Narthex.

Baby Shower

February 17th, 10am, FH/Annex

Contact: Sarah Kooiman

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

Enfuego Youth Group Activity

February 17th, 12-3pm, Urban Air

Contact: Felix Espino

Youth - 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!

Missionary of the Month

February 2024

Contact: Ian Achterkirch

Our February Missionary of the Month are Chris and Beverly Crowder. Chris is the Global Director of Regional Development, SIM International, and is traveling for the first half of 2024 with Regional Director, Rev. Dr. Siegfried Ngumbane, visiting Zambia, Malawi, and Mozambique to build relationships with their team and partner churches.

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Pray for our Staff - Pray that our staff will stay healthy and be encouraged as they take care of the administrative and ministry tasks of our church.

Pray for Our Congregation

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

Rick Toothman - Pray for Rick and family, for God's comfort at the passing of Jackie Toothman.

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's friend's daughter, *Charlotte* - Praise God for progress and prayer for continued radiation treatments and healing.

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.

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

Glenn Ayles
Jakob Basham
Kyle Bodden
Bill Dietz
David Jones

Stephen Kovach
Scott Lewis
Wayne Lin
Bob Pickard
Reed Wykes

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