



*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 5, 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 Jeremiah 6:16,*

Thus says the Lord:

*“Stand by the roads, and look,
and ask for the ancient paths,
where the good way is; and walk in it,
and find rest for your souls.”
But they said, “We will not walk in it.”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben

from Psalm 145; Deuteronomy 32:3

Leader: Extol your God and King!

People: **We bless his name forevermore!**

Leader: Let us proclaim the name of the Lord,

All: **We will ascribe greatness to our God!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

May the Peoples Praise You

(Getty, Getty, Townend, Cash, Zimmer; arr. Campbell, Lawrence)

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

(Redman, Myrin)

*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 20:7-8

Consecrate yourselves, therefore, and be holy, for I am the Lord your God. Keep my statutes and do them; I am the Lord who sanctifies you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Erik Haaland

Leader: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

People: **You have called us, as your children, to be holy, even as you are holy.**

Yet we disobey you by what we do, and by what we do not do.

Leader: Father, by your Spirit bring to mind where we have not kept your statutes and hear our prayers of personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

...amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Erik Haaland

Colossians 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Erik Haaland

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

Breathe on Me, Breath of God (Hymn #334)
(Hatch, Jackson)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Stephen Kovach

OFFERTORY

The Potter's Hand
(Zschech; arr. Larson)

Choir

(text on the next page)

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.

Beautiful Lord, wonderful Savior, I know for sure
all of my days are held in your hand, crafted into your perfect plan.
You gently call me into your presence, guiding me by your Holy Spirit.
Teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life through your eyes.

I'm captured by your Holy calling. Set me apart,
I know you're drawing me to yourself.
Lead me, Lord, I pray.

Take me, mold me, use me, fill me.
I give my life to the Potter's hand.
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me.
I give my life to the Potter's hand.

✦ SONG OF PRAISE *The Doxology* (Hymn #731) *Congregation*
(Ken, Bourgeois)

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 5:1-2 & 7:28-29 *Pastor Ben*

SERMON *A Sermon about The Sermon* *Pastor Ben*

✦ SONG OF PREPARATION *Trust and Obey* (Hymn #672, vs. 1 & 2) *Congregation*
(Sammis, Towner)

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Pastor Ben*
the Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.

*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 is in the colored cups in the outer ring, wine is 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."

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

MUSIC OF REFLECTION

Janice Bradshaw

✦SONG OF RESPONSE

Congregation

Trust and Obey (Hymn #672, vs. 4 & 5)
(Sammis, Towner)

✦BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Brooke Lewis

DEACONS' FUND OFFERING

Announcements

Monday, February 6	
Tuesday, February 7	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Men's Bible Study Room 118	7:00pm
Wednesday, February 8	
Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Thursday, February 9	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, February 10	
Saturday, February 11	
Sunday, February 12	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am

Bridal Shower for Gayle Stahl

TODAY after Sunday School

Fellowship Hall Annex

Ladies, join us for a potluck afternoon tea honoring the future Mrs. Thurman! In lieu of a gift we will prepare notes with words of congratulations, a favorite Bible verse, or a special memory. The notes will be put into a scrapbook as a keepsake for our bride.

2022 Giving Statements

An email was sent this past week with a link to your 2022 Giving Statement. (If you don't see the email in your inbox please check your junk folder.) If you would prefer a print copy or have any questions about your statement, email Robin robin@springcypresschurch.com.

Chili Cook-off

Sunday, February 19, 4:30pm

Contact: Tracy

Join us for an evening of good food and friendly competition. Judging and games begin at 4:30, dinner is at 5pm, followed by our Congregational Meeting at 6pm (see below). Prizes will be awarded for the best red and the best white chili! **To enter your chili or to be considered as a judge sign-up in the Narthex or reply to an email to be sent out this afternoon.**

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 19, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

Members, make plans to join us for this important meeting. We will celebrate what God has done in our midst over the course of 2022, share key goals for 2023 including the approved 2023 budget, and hold an election for officers. See the insert for more information about each candidate.

New Phone Number for Text Messages from SCPC

Beginning next week text messages from SCPC will be coming from a **new phone number: 281-369-9858!** One of the many ways we keep in touch with everyone is through text messages. In the past to improve the sending rate of our texts we used a shared short code (77411). Improvements within the industry now allow texts from 10-digit numbers to be sent quickly. We understand that not everyone would like to receive texts. If you opted out of messages from the short code you will need to opt out again from the 10-digit number. Be aware that when you opt out you are opting out of ALL texts from SCPC, not just those about a particular ministry. **Note: texts sent regarding sign-up sheets are sent through a different system and are not affected by the change described above.** If you have any questions, contact Robin.

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Youth - Pray for our youth parents, Sunday School teachers, and Youth Group leaders as they work together to help our youth grow in their Christian faith.

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.

Cara Dobson - complete healing of arm and shoulder.

Family of Carl Gregory - comfort and peace following the death of Carl this past week.

Jeff Kuhn - PRAISE - Jeff is now at home! PRAY for increased weight and strength and a good outcome from next week's scans.

Paul Rodney - PRAISE for pulmonologist who was able to retrieve part of a broken tooth from Paul's lung; pray for complete healing - there is evidence of infection.

Zoe Toulouse and family - comfort and peace following the death of her grandpa.

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

Heather Burch's neighbor *Morris* - complete healing following surgery for a broken hip.

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.

Kristen Chandler's brother *Matt Stoddard* - for employment and provision for his family.

The *family of Larry Doggett*, close friends of Bob & Renée Pickard - comfort and peace following Larry's death.

Prayer for Derek & Shannon Ebbers, Mission to the World (Romania) - see bulletin insert

Sermon Notes

A Sermon about The Sermon

February 5, 2023

Matthew 5:1-2 & 7:28-29



MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH February 2023

DEREK & SHANNON EBBERS HANNAH Mission to the World, Romania



Derek and Shannon have been investing in lives and helping to build Christ's Church in Romania since 2007. Derek is the team leader and their team's vision is to establish Reformed and covenantal churches through identifying, training, and resourcing national church planters. Both Derek and Shannon serve their local church community in many ways. Last October they held a follow-up family conference that focused on communication and conflict resolution. It was a special time to share and learn about how the Gospel impacts family and all relationships. The Ebbers' 28-year journey with homeschooling is coming to an end as their youngest child Hannah completed her core subjects and is looking for internship opportunities and professional development classes. They have been asked to mentor a young homeschooling family from The Republic of Moldova and encourage a brand new homeschool group with a potential visit. Shannon is assisting a new Christian school start-up three days a week with their English and cognitive development. Derek and Shannon are fully invested in their community allowing God to use their experiences to glorify Him and edify others!

Pray

- Pray for unity as they seek God's kingdom first in all they do and that they'd be willing and joyful servants.
- Pray for the upcoming Shrove Tuesday community event at their church in late February.
- 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.
- Pray for discernment on how God might use them, specifically in the next few months.

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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