



*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 6, 2022

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Stephanie Hicks

PRELUDE

Janice Bradshaw

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Julian Zugg
MINTS International Seminary

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Janice Bradshaw

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Isaiah 64:4,*

*“From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.”*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben

Revelation 1:5-6

Leader: To him who loves us

People: And has freed us from our sins by his blood,

Leader: And makes us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father,

All: To him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen!

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

God of Our Fathers (Hymn #710, vs. 1, 3, and 4)
(Roberts, Warren)

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
(Williams, Casella, Littlepage)

*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 Danny McDaniel

Ephesians 5:8-9

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.
Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good
and right and true).

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Danny McDaniel

Leader: Father, we are gathered before you, the maker of heaven and earth,
to confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed.

People: **In your mercy, deepen our sorrow
for the wrong we have done,
and for the good we have left undone.**

Leader: Lord, with you there is forgiveness,
and you are near to the broken and contrite,
so hear now our silent prayers of personal confession,
and hear from heaven and forgive...

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Danny McDaniel

Ephesians 2:17-19

And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to
those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit
to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are
fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Danny McDaniel

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

Beneath the Cross

(Getty)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Stephen Kovach

*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.

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

OFFERTORY

O Blessed Cross of Calvary!

Choir

(Larson)

O blessed cross of Calvary where Jesus dies for me!
The cross of my Redeemer King who sets the captive free.
*On that barren, lonely hill with creation standing still,
all earth and heaven felt the chill as Christ did His Father's will.*

O blessed cross of sacrifice where Jesus dies in shame!
The cross of my Redeemer King who freely took my blame.
Before the cross of Calvary I stand forgiven, cleansed, and free!
The cross where Jesus took my place; God's symbol of amazing grace,
O blessed cross of victory! Salvation is complete.
The cross of my Redeemer King where love and mercy meet.

✦ 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

James 1:2-4

Pastor Ben

SERMON

The Way to Maturity

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF PREPARATION

Lead On, O King Eternal (Hymn #580, vs. 1 and 2)
(Shurtleff, Smart; arr. Linker, Lawrence)

Congregation

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.

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."

MUSIC OF REFLECTION

Stephanie Hicks

✦SONG OF RESPONSE

Congregation

Lead On, O King Eternal (Hymn #580, vs. 3 and 4)
(Shurtleff, Smart; arr. Greer, Lawrence)

✦BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Stephanie Hicks

DEACONS' FUND OFFERING

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

Announcements

Monday, February 7	
SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Tuesday, February 8	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Wednesday, February 9	
Wednesday Family Night Fellowship Hall	6:30pm
Youth Group Youth Building	6:30pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Thursday, February 10	
MOPS Valentine's Party Basham home	10:00am
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Diaconate Meeting Pastor's Office	7:00pm
Friday, February 11	
Saturday, February 12	
Sunday, February 13	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am

Annual Congregational Meeting

TONIGHT at 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

Members, join us for this important meeting. See the insert for detailed information.

Wednesday Family Night

Wednesday, February 9, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

RSVP by TODAY with Elisa

elisa@springcypresschurch.com

Our monthly Wednesday Family Night is coming soon! Dinner will be served from 6:30-7:00, then the children will have a lesson and activity and parents will be led in a study.

Chili Cook-off and Praise & Worship Night

Sunday, February 20, 5pm

Contact: Tracy, schroederallen@hotmail.com

Join us for an evening of good food, friendly competition, and joyful worship! Dinner begins at 5pm and Praise & Worship at 6pm. Prizes will be awarded for the best chili! **To enter your chili or to be considered as a judge sign-up in the Narthex or email Tracy by Thursday, February 17.**

Wonderfully Made

Saturday, February 26, 9am-12pm

Contact: Elisa, elisa@springcypresschurch.com

RSVP to Elisa by Wednesday, February 23

Girls in 3rd-9th grade! Join us for the next *Wonderfully Made* event. We will discover from God's Word what it means to be a recipient of redemption and how true women reflect their redemption by serving. Then we will prepare and serve a traditional tea to our mothers and grandmothers.

The Training Ground

Saturday, February 26, 3-7pm

Contact: Elisa, elisa@springcypresschurch.com

RSVP to Elisa by Wednesday, February 23

Boys in 3rd-9th grade and dads, join us for the next *Training Ground* event. We will be wood working, fire building, and cooking camp dinner all while fellowshiping and learning about God's design for men.

SAVE THE DATES - Summer is coming soon!

Vacation Bible School

Monday-Friday, June 13-17, 9am-12pm

Boys and girls PreK-3rd grade

Purpose Week

Monday-Friday, July 18-22

Created for a Purpose, mornings

Girls who have completed 3rd-8th grade

Built for a Purpose, evenings

Boys who have completed 3rd-8th grade

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Music Ministry - Please pray for the volunteers and staff in the music ministries, that the Lord would protect their physical and spiritual health and continue to use them to help draw us all into His presence in glorious worship! Also pray that the Lord would continue to raise up new participants and new generations to lead in His worship.

Pray for Our Congregation

Kelly Reneé Cory and family - peace and comfort following the death of her nephew Justin Johnson.

Katie Medeiros - full recovery following hospitalization.

Scott Thibaut - PRAISE for a promotion at work!

Ongoing health concerns: *René & Clairice Chapelle, Carl & Rose Gregory, Rick & Jeanne Maddy.*

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Washington

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Jessy Wykes, Army, Kentucky

Chris Dietz, Navy Reserves, Texas

Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, Samford University

Jenna Haaland, Samford University

Zach Allan, Tarleton State University

Rebekah Kooiman, Abilene Christian University

Daniel Duncan, Lone Star College

Ayden Steagall, Lone Star College

Rebekah Duncan, Montana State University

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Izzy Tousha, Lone Star College

Justin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Pray for Our Families and Friends

Pete & Rita Rivera's daughter *Michelle* - PRAISE - Michelle's cancer surgery went well. Pray for positive results from the lab tests and complete healing.

Jorge Gutierrez's friend *Jerry Peña* - PRAISE - Jerry is home with a new pacemaker. Pray for successful speech and physical therapy and for full recovery.

Mindy Burton's father *Tim Nesbitt* - healing and guidance following COPD and COVID diagnosis.

Tracy & Rusty Allen's niece *Marina Allen* - successful rehab for alcoholism, wisdom and understanding.

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Felicity Bodden is due in March.

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month

Julian Zugg, International English Director, MINTS International Seminary

Thanksgiving for 2021: It was a hard year, but the work of the Lord continued.

The students in Uganda and Kenya: Most of the students are ministers, so pray for them and their churches at this difficult time.

The new center in Addis Ababa (capital of Ethiopia): The country is in civil war and things are not stable, but they desire to continue translation work into Amharic.

MINTS students and lectures for 2022

Email prayer requests to robin@springcypresschurch.com.

Sermon Notes

The Way to Maturity

February 6, 2022

James 1:2-4



MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH February 2022

JULIAN ZUGG MINTS International Seminary



MINTS was founded in 2000 as a collaborative effort between church leaders and missionaries. It started in Miami initially to reach what *National Geographic* called “the most international city in the world.” As MINTS began classes in other languages for the diverse Miami residents, the work spread to other locations. MINTS equips pastors, Christian workers, church planters, and professors through theological degree programs so that they may reach their own people with the gospel. In addition to teaching, MINTS produces free theological curricula in thirteen languages for use around the world. They teach Scripture in the Reformed tradition as detailed in the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Heidelberg Catechism, and other major creeds.

Julian Zugg is the *International English Director* and his duties include teaching, writing, developing, and supporting MINTS centers worldwide. Although travel has been more difficult this past year MINTS added video teaching, both live and on YouTube, to their curriculum which allowed Julian to teach groups in Asia, Malawi, Kenya, and Serbia while in the US.

Prayer Requests:

- Thanksgiving for 2021: It was a hard year, but the work of the Lord continued.
- The students in Uganda and Kenya: Most of the students are ministers, so pray for them and their churches at this difficult time.
- The new center in Addis Ababa (capital of Ethiopia): The country is in civil war and things are not stable, but they desire to continue translation work into Amharic.
- MINTS students and lectures for 2022

Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 6, 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 2021 and sharing key goals for 2022 - to include presenting the approved 2022 budget as being instrumental in realizing these goals, and holding an election for officers. Contact Pastor Ben with any questions or concerns!

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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



KYLE BODDEN, Deacon

Kyle and his wife Felicity have been married for 15 years and have four children with a fifth due on March 1st. Kyle works for Celebrity Cruises as a Market Sales Manager. Kyle teaches the 3rd-5th grade Sunday School class, Children's Worship, and is active in other areas of service at SCPC.



BILL DIETZ, Deacon

Bill and his wife of 51 years, Sue, moved to Texas three years ago. Having visited SCPC many times with their son Chris' family, they became regular attenders immediately. They joined the choir in the fall of 2019, continuing a dedication to music ministry that spans more than 50 years. Bill is a retired software engineer and Sue a retired high school teacher. Bill grew up in a Christian family and professed his faith at a young age. However, the abandonment of Biblical principles by the main line denominations resulted in Bill and Sue finding a PCA church in Pittsburgh 25 years ago. The reformed faith is at the center of their lives.



DAVID JONES, Deacon

David repented and came to Christ several years ago. Shortly thereafter, he met his wife Carrington, and they have been blessed with two beautiful children, Benjamin and Evelyn. While searching for a reformed church, they found SCPC only a few minutes from home and have been here for a little over two years. David is a Human Resources Consultant which has provided a surprising number of opportunities to both witness to others and help strengthen fellow Christians that are intimidated about openly expressing their faith and beliefs. He looks forward to serving our SCPC family.



BOB PICKARD, Returning Deacon

Bob and his wife Renee' have been married for 42 years and have three children and eight grandchildren. They have been members of SCPC for 12 years. Bob grew up in north Texas and graduated from Texas A&M with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. Bob is retired from the oil and gas industry where he worked in engineering and project management.

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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