



*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 9, 2020

## **Celebration of God in Corporate Worship**

**PRELUDE** *Janice Bradshaw*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Pastor Ben*

**PREPARATION TO WORSHIP** *Janice Bradshaw*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on Deuteronomy 6:4,*

*“Hear, O Israel:  
The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”*

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

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**✦CALL TO WORSHIP** *Pastor Ben*

*Psalm 118:1-4*

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**People: for his steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: Let Israel say,

**People: “His steadfast love endures forever.”**

Leader: Let the house of Aaron say,

**People: “His steadfast love endures forever.”**

Leader: Let those who fear the LORD say,

**People: “His steadfast love endures forever.”**

**✦PRAYER OF ADORATION** *Pastor Ben*

**✦SONGS OF ADORATION** *Congregation*

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* (Hymn #521)  
(Mote, Bradbury)

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* (Hymn #338, verses 1, 3, 5)  
(Croly, Atkinson)

✦ *Please stand if able*

**DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW**  
*Matthew 22:37-40*

*Ruling Elder Tim Kooiman*

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Tim Kooiman*

Leader: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.

People: **We have not loved you with our whole heart  
and mind and strength,  
and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

Leader: Father, in your mercy forgive us our iniquities  
and grant that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways.

Hear now our silent prayers of personal confession...

*silent confession of personal sin*

Amen.

**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**  
*Acts 10:43*

*Tim Kooiman*

To [Christ] all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

*Tim Kooiman*

**✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

*My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness*  
(Getty, Townsend)

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*Deacon Bruce Honts*

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*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.*

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

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**OFFERTORY**

***Here I Am, Lord***

*Sanctuary Choir*

(Daniel Schutte, arr. Ovid Young)

*text for the chorus is based on Isaiah 6:8, "And I heard the voice of the Lord saying,  
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me, I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain  
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone,  
I will speak my word to them, Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied,  
I will give my life to them, Whom shall I send?

**✦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 1:1-3  
*found on page 986 in the pew bible*

*Pastor Ben*

**SERMON**

*Thanksgiving as Encouragement*

*Pastor Ben*

**✦SONG OF RESPONSE**

***In Christ Alone***  
(Getty, Townend)

*Congregation*

**✦BENEDICTION**

*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.*

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

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**Sermon Notes**

**Thanksgiving as Encouragement**

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February 9, 2020

<b>Monday, February 10</b>	
SAA Meeting (Youth Building)	7:30pm
<b>Tuesday, February 11</b>	
Women in the Word (B119-121) (childcare available by reservation)	9:30am
CODA Meeting (Youth Building)	7:30pm
<b>Wednesday, February 12</b>	
Youth Group (Youth Building)	6:30pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm
Praise Team Rehearsal	8:00pm
<b>Thursday, February 13</b>	
MOPS (B119-121)	10:00am
Women in the Word (B115)	7:00pm
Diaconate Meeting (Pastor's Office)	7:00pm
<b>Friday, February 14</b>	
<b>Saturday, February 15</b>	
<b>Sunday, February 16</b>	
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
Monthly Fellowship Meal	12:00pm

### Discovering Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church

#### *Our Culture, Confession, and Calling*

Wednesday evenings, 7-8 pm, B119-121  
5 weeks (February 26-March 25)

Learn what kind of church we are trying to be, our beliefs, ministry, and mission. Open to all - the curious and those desiring to join SCPC. Sign up in the Narthex or on our website, [springcypresschurch.com](http://springcypresschurch.com). **Register no later than next Sunday, February 16th.**

### Children's Worship Buffet Lunch

**TODAY** after worship, Fellowship Hall

Contact: Pam Dorau, [pamdorau@att.net](mailto:pamdorau@att.net)

Calling all children ages 4 through 8 and their families! Please come even if your child doesn't attend Children's Worship. Enjoy a child friendly buffet lunch, games, prizes, and information about Children's Worship; all food will be provided.

### Praise & Worship

**TONIGHT**, February 9, 6:00 pm, The Gallery

Join us for an evening of singing, prayer, and worship!

### Spring Women's Conference

*Flourish: Age with Grace in an Anti-aging Culture*

Friday-Saturday, April 3 & 4, 2020, New Braunfels

Contact: [women@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:women@springcypresschurch.com)

Don't miss a wonderful weekend of learning, fun, and sweet fellowship. The cost for registration, lodging, and food is \$82-\$119 (partial scholarships are available). For more information and to register go to [springcypresschurch.com/women](http://springcypresschurch.com/women) (scroll to the bottom), click Register Now. **Register and pay by next Sunday, February 16th.**

### Monthly Fellowship Meal

**NEXT** Sunday, February 16, after worship, Fellowship Hall

Make plans to join us! You may sign up to bring a side dish or dessert to help make our meal complete in the narthex or by responding to the email sent February 3rd.

### Created for a Purpose 2020 - Save the Date!

Monday-Friday, July 20-24, 9 am-1:30 pm

Contact: Amy Haaland, [ahaaland@pcsclassical.org](mailto:ahaaland@pcsclassical.org)

Watch for more information coming soon.

### 2019 Contribution Statements

2019 Contribution Statement are available in the Narthex.

### Former Hymnals

Our former hymnals are available for a suggested donation of \$5. You can pick up a copy in the Narthex and leave your donation in the basket.

## Prayer

### Pray for Our Church

#### *Session*

Praise God for our godly pastor and elders! Pray for them as they seek the Lord's direction and will for our church, and wisdom as they shepherd our church family.

### Pray for Our Congregation

Eldon Faries - complete healing and strength

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 accidental death of her brother, Roy

David Weyler - PRAISE - fully recovered from fall out of a tree

### 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

Jim Immitt's wife, Pamela - Pamela is currently hospitalized. Please pray for complete 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-shingles) and for wisdom for their medical teams.

Jess McGlothlin's mother, Karen - Pray that while Karen's platelet count is low the chemo will continue to be effective.

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](http://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](http://easytithe.com/scpc).

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## Our Church Leadership & Staff

### Elders

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