



*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, January 22, 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 Psalm 107:30,*

*"Then they were glad that the waters were quiet,
and he brought them to their desired haven."*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben

from Isaiah 63:7-8

Leader: Let us recount the steadfast love of the LORD,
the praises of the LORD,
according to all that the LORD has granted us.

People: We will recount the great goodness to the house of Israel
that he has granted us according to his compassion.

Leader: For he said, "Surely they are my people,"

All: And he became our Savior!

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

(van Dyke, Beethoven)

Great Is the Lord

(Smith, Smith; arr. Sinclair, Lawrence)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Justin Chandler

Ephesians 4:31-32

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

*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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Justin Chandler

Leader: Almighty God, you have called us
to imitate the example of your son, Jesus Christ,
and to be kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving.

People: **Yet we are often callous toward others,
and we nurse our wounds, withhold forgiveness,
and let malice dwell in our heart.**

Leader: Father, bring to mind where we have let bitterness and anger fester,
and where our resentment has boiled over into hostility
towards our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Hear our silent prayers of confession and forgive us
for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ ...

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

Justin Chandler

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access
by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of
the glory of God.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Justin Chandler

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Hymn 32)
(Chisholm, Runyan)

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

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Bill Dietz

OFFERTORY

Lift Up the Lord
(Martin, Patterson)

Choir

Lift up the Lord, all people now exalt Him.
Lift up the Lord, His glory proclaim.
Lift up the Lord, come worship and adore Him.
Lift up the Lord and exalt His name!

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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.*

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

Lift up the Lord, with songs of thanksgiving
Lift up the Lord in all that you do.
Lift up the Lord, rejoice in your living.
Lift up the Lord, be faithful and true.

Raise ev'ry voice! Sing and rejoice!
Lift high the glory and the power of the Lord!

✦ SONG OF PRAISE	<i>The Doxology</i> (Hymn #731) (Ken, Bourgeois)	<i>Congregation</i>
BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN	<i>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.</i>	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
SCRIPTURE TEXT	Matthew 4:12-25	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
SERMON	<i>The First Words of the Gospel</i>	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
✦ SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken</i> (Lyte, Mozart, Moore; arr. Littlepage)	<i>Congregation</i>
✦ BENEDICTION		<i>Pastor Ben</i>
✦ SONG OF BLESSING	<i>Gloria Patri</i> (Hymn #735) (Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)	<i>Congregation</i>
POSTLUDE		<i>Brooke Lewis</i>

Sermon Notes

The First Words of the Gospel

January 22, 2023

Matthew 4:12-25

Announcements

Monday, January 23	
Tuesday, January 24 Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Wednesday, January 25 Youth Group Youth Building Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:15pm 6:30pm
Thursday, January 26 Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, January 27	
Saturday, January 28 Youth Group at Dave & Buster's	12:00pm
Sunday, January 29 Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream Sunday School for all ages	9:30am 11:00am

Change for Life Baby Bottle Campaign

Every child deserves a birthday, every life has value.
Help support Pregnancy Assistance Center North in The Woodlands (PACN) by participating in this year's Baby Bottle Campaign. If you forgot to bring your filled baby bottle today you may drop it off at the church office Monday or Tuesday (PACN will be picking them up near the end of the week.)

Annual Congregational Meeting - Date Changed **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.

Youth Group Event - Dave & Buster's

8915 Metropark Dr, Shenandoah

Saturday, January 28, 12-2pm

Contact: Felix, felix@springcypresschurch.com

Senior & junior high students, invite a friend and join us at Dave & Buster's for an afternoon of fun! Bring \$10 for a personal PowerCard that will allow you to play at any arcade game or activity AND \$10-15 for food (there is a strict "no outside food" policy at D&B). **Need a ride?** Meet at church at 11:15am; you will be dropped back at church around 3pm. If you have any questions contact Felix.

Bridal Shower for Gayle Stahl

Sunday, February 5, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall Annex

Contact: Susy Tousha or Linda Farmer

Join us for a potluck afternoon tea honoring the future Mrs. Thurman! Please bring a salad to share. In lieu of a gift be prepared to write a note of congratulations or your favorite Bible verse or memory. Special notecards will be provided and put into a scrapbook as a keepsake for our bride. If you have any questions contact Susy or Linda.

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

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. The **early registration deadline is January 31st** after which the cost increases by \$15. See the registration form (springcypresschurch.com/women) for cost information.

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Women - Pray that our women mature into the women God has called and created them to be as they bring glory to God in their families, our church, and our community.

Pray for Our Congregation

Cara Dobson - complete healing of arm and shoulder.

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

Claude Roberts - comfort and peace following the death of his sister, Helen.

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

Ongoing health concerns: *René & Clairice Chapelle, Carl & 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

Joshua Duncan, Army, Georgia

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Chris Dietz, Navy Reserves, Texas

Jessy Wykes, Army, Europe

Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, Samford University

Jenna Haaland, Samford University

Claire Achterkirch, Samford University

Rebekah Kooiman, Abilene Christian University

Zach Allan, Tarleton State University

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 Expectant Mothers

Theresa Adams is due in February.

Christine Harris is due in March.

Kathryn Ritchie is due in April.

Laurie Byerly is due in June.

Pray for Our Family & Friends

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.

Christine Harris' cousin *Mary* & uncle *Ricky* - healthy pregnancy (26 weeks) for Mary while helping her father Ricky as he battles cancer; peace and comfort for all.

Prayer for Jeff & Katie Saunders, Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) in Tokyo, Japan

- RUF ministry - Pray for increased student connections as they meet with them one-on-one and at weekly Bible studies.
- Family - Pray that God will strengthen their marriage as they serve him together. Pray for their children as they learn Japanese alongside English and that they will be a light of kindness to their friends and classmates.

Email prayer requests to robin@springcypresschurch.com.

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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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