



*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 8, 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 Habakkuk 2:19,*

*“Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake;  
to a silent stone, Arise! Can this teach?  
Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver,  
and there is no breath at all in it.”*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

*Pastor Ben*

*from Psalm 95:1-3, 6*

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

All: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Pastor Ben*

✦ SONGS OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

*Holy, Holy, Holy* (Hymn #100)  
(Heber, Dykes)

*Before the Throne of God Above*  
(Bancroft, Cook)

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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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*“Give me  
understanding  
that I may keep  
your law and  
observe it with  
my whole heart.”  
Psalm 119:34*

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✦ Please stand if able

**DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW**

*Ruling Elder Danny McDaniel*

*Leviticus 18:4-5*

You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the Lord.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Danny McDaniel*

Leader: Almighty God, your rules and statutes are good, and life to those who keep them.

People: **Yet we have feet that are quick to depart from your way, and hands that are eager to work our own will.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

Leader: Father, bring to mind where we have not followed your rules, nor kept your statutes, nor walked in your ways, and hear our prayers of silent confession.

*silent confession of personal sin*

...amen.

**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Danny McDaniel*

*Ephesians 1:3-4*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

**PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD**

*Danny McDaniel*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Rock of Ages*

*Congregation*

(Toplady, Hastings, Rice)

**DIACONAL PRAYER**

*Deacon David Farmer*

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

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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**

***Bow the Knee***

*Choir*

(Machen, Harland; arr. Fetteke)

There are moments on our journey following the Lord  
Where God illumines ev'ry step we take.  
There are times when circumstances make perfect sense to us,  
As we try to understand each move He makes.  
When the path grows dim and our questions have no answers, turn to Him.

Bow the knee; trust the heart of your Father when the answer goes beyond what you can see.  
Bow the knee; lift your eyes toward heaven and believe the One who holds eternity.  
And when you don't understand the purpose of His plan,  
In the presence of the King, bow the knee.

**✦ SONG OF PRAISE**

***The Doxology*** (Hymn #731)  
(Ken, Bourgeois)

*Congregation*

**BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN**

*Pastor Ben*

*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.*

**SCRIPTURE TEXT**

Matthew 3:13-17

*Pastor Ben*

**SERMON**

*The Baptism of Jesus*

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF RESPONSE**

***Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*** (Hymn #342, vs. 1, 3, and 5)  
(Latin, Smart)

*Congregation*

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

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**✦ BENEDECTION**

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF BLESSING**

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

*Congregation*

**POSTLUDE**

*Brooke Lewis*

# Sermon Notes

January 8, 2023

# The Baptism of Jesus

Matthew 3:13-17

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## Announcements

<b>Monday, January 9</b>		
<b>Tuesday, January 10</b>		
Women in the Word Room 119		9:30am
<b>Wednesday, January 11</b>		
Youth Group Youth Building		6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary		6:30pm
<b>Thursday, January 12</b>		
Women in the Word Room 119		7:00pm
Diaconate Meeting Room 130		7:00pm
<b>Friday, January 13</b>		
<b>Saturday, January 14</b>		
<b>Sunday, January 15</b>		
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream		9:30am
Sunday School for all ages		11:00am

### **Informational Presentation on SCPC's Summer Mission Trip**

**TODAY** after worship in the Sanctuary

Adults and youth will meet together to hear about plans for a summer mission trip to support Aaron & Rachel Halbert, PCA Missions to the World missionaries in Honduras.

### **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. Pick up a baby bottle from the Narthex, fill it with change, bills, or a check (made payable to PACN), and **return it by Sunday, January 22nd.**

### **Tables of Eight Sign Up!**

Contact: Christine Achterkirch,  
[cachterk4jc@gmail.com](mailto:cachterk4jc@gmail.com)

The next gathering of Tables of Eight will be January 21 at 6 pm. This is an opportunity to fellowship and share a meal in a host's home. Please **RSVP by January 15** by signing up in the Narthex or by emailing Christine Achterkirch.

### **Baby Shower for Theresa Adams**

**TODAY** after Sunday School

**Fellowship Hall Annex**

Ladies, join us for a potluck luncheon in honor of Theresa as we celebrate the upcoming birth of another covenant child!

### **Youth Meals**

**Contact: Robin, [robin@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:robin@springcypresschurch.com)**

Please consider blessing our youth by providing a meal before their Wednesday Youth Group meetings. Check your inbox for a link in an email/text to be sent this afternoon or contact Robin for the sign-up sheet.

### **Women in the Word**

**Esther: The Hidden Hand of God, Room 119**

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

**Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 am, childcare available by reservation through the church office.**

**Thursdays, 7-8:30 pm**

Ladies, invite a friend and join us as we study God's Word and see His unfolding plan of redemption and rescue through the study of the book of Esther.

### **Women-to-Women (W2W)**

**Contact: Sarah Kooiman, [sarah.kooiman@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.kooiman@gmail.com)**

W2W gives SCPC women, members, and regular attenders, the opportunity to ENHANCE relationships they already have and EMBRACE new relationships with one another. Groups of three to four women gather once a month for a time of fun, fellowship, and encouragement. **Sign up by January 15th** in the Narthex or online at [springcypresschurch.com/women](http://springcypresschurch.com/women).

### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, February 5, 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 the office of Deacon. See the insert for more information about each deacon candidate.

Glenn Ayles

Wayne Lin

Reed Wykes

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

*Missions* - Pray for God's leading of people to participate in the mission trip to Honduras this summer and to join the Missions Team.

## **Pray for Our Congregation**

*Jeff Kuhn* - for recovery from surgery and complete healing.

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

*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**

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 (25 weeks) for Mary while helping her father Ricky as he battles cancer; peace and comfort for all.

*Cason Moncrief* - for wisdom as he faces many decision in the coming months.

Amy Haaland's father *Gary Boldt* - pray for his recovery from a serious illness.

Jim & Mary Spiritosanto's daughter *Rebecca* - pray that her body will not reject the new kidney she received on December 1.

*Greg Hagerman* - pray for health struggles and financial concerns.

## **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](mailto:robin@springcypresschurch.com).*

## Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 5, 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 6th at 6:00 pm.



#### **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.





## New Sunday School Classes Spring Trimester 2023 Sundays at 11:00-11:45 am

### Adults

#### *1 John*

119

**Teacher: Teaching Elder Ken Thurman**

“Am I in right relationship with God?” Questions of assurance are common for Christians, and the Apostle John teaches us that a desire for, and possession of assurance of salvation are not only possible but healthy for Christians. Join us as we study the epistle of 1 John in order to help us grow in our certainty that we indeed are God’s beloved children.

#### *1 Peter*

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**Teacher: Randy Bachman**

Join us for this topical study of 1 Peter. We will drill down into Peter’s main themes and discover how they are handled in the rest of Scripture and in our standards. We will also take time to reflect on how to apply what we learn to our daily lives.

### Senior High (9th-12th grade)

#### *1 Peter*

**Youth Building**

**Teacher: Felix Espino**

Peter’s great themes of grace and salvation in Christ, godly living, and comfort in suffering, echo down the ages to the present day. In this class the youth will learn that the themes are still relevant for the church and our lives today as they were in the first century. We, too, need to hear of the greatness of the salvation accomplished by Christ and to heed the call to consecrated and orderly living, to endurance in suffering, and to vigilant service.

### Junior High (6th-8th grade) and Children (Toddlers-5th grade)

These classes will continue the studies they began in the fall.

## 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](http://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](http://springcypresschurch.com/give).

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