



*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, July 23, 2023

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Brooke Lewis*

PRELUDE

*Janice Bradshaw*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor Ben*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Janice Bradshaw*

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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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*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on Habakkuk 2:20,*

*"But the Lord is in his holy temple;  
let all the earth keep silence before him."*

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION**

*Pastor Ben*

*Psalms 95:1-3*

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!**

Leader: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

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

✦ **SONGS OF ADORATION**

*Congregation*

***Come, Christians, Join to Sing** (Hymn #302)  
(Bateman, Traditional Spanish melody)*

***Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love**  
(Papa, Keyes, Brown, Getty)*

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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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**DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW**

*Ruling Elder Danny McDaniel*

*James 1:13-14*

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only,  
deceiving yourselves.

For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer,  
he is like a man who looks intently  
at his natural face in a mirror.

✦ *Please stand if able*

For he looks at himself and goes away  
and at once forgets what he was like.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Danny McDaniel*

Leader: Almighty God, we come to you very aware that we  
are sinners who have failed to do what you have  
commanded us in your Word.

People: **We know that it is not enough to be hearers of your Word,  
but that we must be doers of the Word. Despite knowing this,  
too often we have been pleased to be a law to ourselves,  
giving in to our selfish desires, rather than obeying your Word.**

Leader: Father, our great hope is that you have sent your Son  
to redeem us from our sin, and you have sent your Holy Spirit  
to empower us to obey you law.

Grant that we would obey your Word with renewed energy  
as an expression of our devotion to you, and hear our silent  
prayers of personal confession...

*silent confession of personal sin*

...amen.

**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Danny McDaniel*

*Romans 8:38-39*

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things  
present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything  
else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in  
Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

*Danny McDaniel*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

*This is My Father's World* (Hymn #111)  
(Babcock, Sheppard)

**DIACONAL PRAYER**

*Deacon Kyle Bodden*

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

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| <b>OFFERTORY</b>                | <i>My Redeemer Is Faithful And True</i><br>(Elliott, Chapman)                | <i>Anthony Gatlin<br/>Scott Thibaut</i>   |
| <b>✦ SONG OF PRAISE</b>         | <i>The Doxology</i> (Hymn #731)<br>(Ken, Bourgeois)                          | <i>Congregation</i>   |
| <b>BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN</b> |  | <i>Pastor Ben</i><br><i>After the blessing you are welcome to send your children ages 4-8 to Children's Worship<br/>or they may remain with you. Children will be returned to the Sanctuary after the sermon.</i> |
| <b>SCRIPTURE TEXT</b>           | Matthew 13:1-23  | <i>Pastor Ben</i>   |
| <b>SERMON</b>                   | <i>Seed, Sower, and Soils</i>  | <i>Pastor Ben</i>   |
| <b>✦ SONG OF PREPARATION</b>    | <i>Trust and Obey</i> (Hymn #672, vs 1 & 2)<br>(Sammis, Towner)              | <i>Congregation</i>   |
| <b>SERVICE OF BAPTISM</b>       | <i>Gabriella Elizabeth Harris</i>  | <i>Pastor Ben</i>   |
| <b>✦ SONG OF RESPONSE</b>       | <i>Trust and Obey</i> (Hymn #672, vs 4 & 5)<br>(Sammis, Towner)              | <i>Congregation</i>   |
| <b>✦ BENEDECTION</b>            |  | <i>Pastor Ben</i>   |
| <b>✦ SONG OF BLESSING</b>       | <i>Gloria Patri</i> (Hymn #735)<br>(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex) | <i>Congregation</i>   |
| <b>POSTLUDE</b>                 |  | <i>Brooke Lewis</i>   |



## Announcements

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| <b>Monday, July 24</b>          |         |
| <b>Tuesday, July 25</b>         |         |
| Women in the Word Room 119      | 9:30am  |
| Men's Bible Study Room 118      | 7:00pm  |
| <b>Wednesday, July 26</b>       |         |
| <b>Thursday, July 27</b>        |         |
| Women in the Word Room 119      | 7:00pm  |
| <b>Friday, July 28</b>          |         |
| <b>Saturday, July 29</b>        |         |
| <b>Sunday, July 30</b>          |         |
| Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream | 9:30am  |
| Sunday School for all ages      | 11:00am |

### **Volunteer Needed to Help with our Youth Ministry**

**Contact: Felix**

We are in need of a female volunteer to work with our Junior and Senior High students on Wednesday evenings, Sunday mornings, and at occasional special events. This is an excellent opportunity to mentor and guide the next generation of church leaders! Contact Felix for more information.

### **Nursery Workers and Volunteers Needed**

**Contact: Lauri Kooiman**

Be a blessing to our families with young children by volunteering to take care of their little ones in the nursery. We are especially in need of helpers for the fall on Tuesday mornings, 9:15-11:45am but would also love to add you to the rotation for Sunday mornings and special events. Contact Lauri if you are interested in serving our church family in this way.

### **August Slow Down & Fall Kick-Off**

For August only, we will not have Sunday School or mid-week activities. Mark your calendar for our Fall Kick-Off on Sunday, September 3rd!

### **Bridal Shower honoring Laura Cave**

**Saturday, July 29, 10am, Annex**

**Contact: Susy**

Ladies, join us as we shower Laura with gifts for her new home with her soon-to-be husband Cason Moncrief (Kyra & Andy's son)! Brunch will be served and fun will be had as we share in Laura's joy. Laura and Cason are registered on Amazon. If you would like to bring a breakfast item to share, please contact Susy.

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

*Pray for our Music Ministry* - Praise God for the many talented music ministry participants who serve week-in and week-out to enhance the worship of our church.

## **Pray for Our Congregation**

*Neal Benedict* - Pray for provision of a kidney to replace his low-functioning kidneys.

*Erin Burnett* - Pray for healing of her back and wrist injuries due to a recent accident.

*Hannah Byerly* - Pray for good prognosis from recent testing to determine the extent of her health complications. Pray for strength for Laurie and Michael to handle whatever comes their way.

*Joyce Hill* - Pray for complete healing of broken ankle.

*Jeanne Maddy* - Pray for continued healing and pain management.

*Raquel Reenders* - Pray for complete healing following surgery for a broken elbow.

Ongoing health concerns: *René & Clairice Chapelle, Jeff Kuhn, Barbara Langford, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, Katie Medeiros, John Morrison, Mark Morrow, 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, North Carolina

*Shawn Maya*, Spring Fire Department

*Jessy Wykes*, Army, Kentucky

## **Pray for Our College Students**

*Claire Achterkirch*, Samford University

*Rebekah Duncan*, Blinn College

*Austin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*Jenna Haaland*, Samford University

*Rebekah Kooiman*, Abilene Christian University

*Aiden Steagall*, Lone Star College

*Izzy Tousha*, Lone Star College

## **Pray for Our Friends & Family**

Jan Morrow's mother *Doris Hildebrandt* - Pray for peace and comfort as she deals with congestive heart failure symptoms.

Daniel Harris' mother *Becky Harris* - Pray for wisdom for treatment and healing of stage 1 breast cancer.

David & Linda Farmer's son-in-law *Russell* - Russell is now in hospice care. Pray for comfort and peace for Russell and Kristina and their entire family.

Patrick Burton's daughter *Sabrina* - Pray for complete healing following a vehicle accident.

Vincent & Eleanor Tracey's grandson *Elijah* - Pray for continued improvement in movement, ability to tolerate treatments with minimal side effects, and that the treatment plan would be effective.

Heather Burch's sister *Kerri* - Pray for comfort following a miscarriage.

## **Pray for Our Expectant Mother**

*Carrington Jones* due in November.

## **Praise with & Pray for Joe & Felicity Congdon, *Missions to the World, Tokyo, Japan***

- **Praise** God for a great and gifted team of Americans and Japanese that we have working with us.
- **Pray** for a permanent space to use for Sunday worship. We are ready to rent or buy a place but there are very few spaces in our target area big enough. We need the Lord to work a miracle and to provide a space.
- **Praise** God for blessing two Japanese in our ministry with saving faith in Christ. Pray for Kaori and Mimi as we walk through baptism class with them. Pray that the Lord would protect their young faith and give them a continued love for His Word.
- **Pray** for the Japanese seekers that attend one of the three community groups our church plant offers. Community groups are our primary means for evangelism and discipleship, and right now most attendees are non-Christians. Pray especially for the salvation of Ryuji, Yuka, Riona, Keiko, Shin, Iro, Shiho, Rino, Kentarou, Nisshi, Satou, Yusuke, and Inoue.

## 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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