



*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 30, 2023

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

### **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

*Janice Bradshaw*

### **PRELUDE**

*Brooke Lewis*

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Pastor Ben*

### **PREPARATION TO WORSHIP**

*Brooke Lewis*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on Deuteronomy 8:3,*

*"And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna,  
which you did not know, nor did your fathers know,  
that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone,  
but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord."*

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

*Pastor Ben*

*from Psalm 147*

Leader: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!  
For He strengthens the bars of your gates;  
He blesses your children within you.

People: **He makes peace in your borders;  
He fills you with the finest of the wheat.**

Leader: He declares His word to Jacob, His statutes and rules to Israel.

All: **Praise the Lord!**

### **✦SONGS OF ADORATION**

*Congregation*

***I Sing the Mighty Power of God***  
(Watts, *Gesangbuch der Herzogl*, 1784)

***Rejoice***  
(Getty, Getty, Fowler, Shive, Peterson)

### **SERVICE OF BAPTISM**

*Hannah Jane Byerly*

*Pastor Ben  
Rev. John Byerly*

## DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

*Deuteronomy 8:5-6*

*Ruling Elder Justin Chandler*

Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Justin Chandler*

Leader: Almighty God, we come to you confessing  
that among many other sins, we regularly forget  
that your correction and discipline in our lives  
is testament to your love for us, not your rejection of us.

People: **Father, in our forgetfulness we often fail to regard you,  
the Holy One, properly; we regard ourselves too highly,  
and we fail to walk in your ways as we ought.**

**For these sins we repent and seek your forgiveness.**

Leader: Lord, in ourselves we do not deserve forgiveness,  
but we rejoice that you are gracious and merciful,  
and that you have sent your Son to fully atone  
for our every offence.

In view of His self-sacrifice, and your gracious character,  
please hear now our silent personal prayers of confession,  
and forgive us as your beloved sons and daughters...

*silent confession of personal sin*

...amen.

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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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## PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

*Isaiah 43:25*

*Justin Chandler*

I, I am he  
who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,  
and I will not remember your sins.

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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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## PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

*Justin Chandler*

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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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✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING		<i>Congregation</i>
	<i>Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us</i> (Hymn #599, vs. 1, 3, and 4) (Thrupp, Bradbury)	
DIACONAL PRAYER		<i>Deacon David Jones</i>
OFFERTORY	<i>'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus</i> (Stead, Kirkpatrick) Text can be found on page 679 in the hymnal.	<i>Jan Morrow Marsha McComb Casey Lewis Scott Thibaut</i>
✦ SONG OF PRAISE	<i>The Doxology</i> (Hymn #731) (Ken, Bourgeois)	<i>Congregation</i>
BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN		<i>Pastor Ben</i>
	<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>	
SCRIPTURE TEXT	Matthew 13:24-58	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
SERMON	<i>Parables of the Kingdom</i>	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
✦ SONG OF RESPONSE		<i>Congregation</i>
	<i>Nothing but the Blood</i> (Hymn #307, vs 1-4) (Lowry)	
✦ BENEDICTION		<i>Pastor Ben</i>
✦ SONG OF BLESSING	<i>Gloria Patri</i> (Hymn #735) (Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)	<i>Congregation</i>
POSTLUDE		<i>Janice Bradshaw</i>

## Sermon Notes

July 30, 2023

## Parables of the Kingdom

Matthew 13:24-58

## Announcements

<b>Monday, July 31</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 1</b>
<b>Wednesday, August 2</b>
<b>Thursday, August 3</b>
<b>Friday, August 4</b>
<b>Saturday, August 5</b>
<b>Sunday, August 6</b> Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream 9:30am

### **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!

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

*Pray for our Hospitality Team* - Praise God for the wonderful volunteers in the hospitality ministry! Pray that the Lord would draw more people into this ministry as we seek to warmly welcome visitors and show hospitality and care for one another.

## **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 an 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 recovering mobility and strength in her elbow following surgery.

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

*Joshua Duncan*, Army, North Carolina

*Christian Cory*, Army, New York

*Shawn Maya*, Spring Fire Department

*Chris Dietz*, Navy Reserves, Texas

*Jessy Wykes*, Army, Kentucky

## **Pray for Our College Students**

*Claire Achterkirch*, Samford University

*Rebekah Kooiman*, Abilene Christian University

*Rebekah Duncan*, Blinn College

*Aiden Steagall*, Lone Star College

*Austin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*Izzy Tousha*, Lone Star College

*Jenna Haaland*, Samford University

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

Patrick Burton's daughter *Sabrina* - PRAISE she is out of the hospital following a successful thoracoscopy. Pray for continued healing for her back and spirit.

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.

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.

## **Pray for Our Expectant Mother**

*Carrington Jones* due in November.

*Maretha Kritzinger* due in March.

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

- **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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