



*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 31, 2022

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Janice Bradshaw*

PRELUDE

*Stephanie Hicks*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor Ben*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Stephanie Hicks*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on Luke 18:17,*

*“Truly, I say to you,  
whoever does not receive  
the kingdom of God like a child  
shall not enter it.”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

*Pastor Ben*

*Psalm 105:1-4*

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

People: **Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!**

Leader: Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

All: **Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Pastor Ben*

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

*Jesus Paid It All*

(Chapman, Hall; arr. Grape, Lawrence)

*Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor*

(Boswell, Papa; arr. Lawrence)

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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**

*Pastor Ben*

*Leviticus 20:26*

You shall be holy to me, for I the LORD am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Pastor Ben*

Leader: Almighty God, you have called us out of the world to live in loving obedience to your Son, our Lord Jesus. However, we confess that all too often we turn back to those things that appeal to our flesh.

People: **Lord, we humbly acknowledge that we often look for ways to make the world's attitudes and expectations acceptable in your kingdom, and neglect that to which you call us: to be separate from the world.**

Leader: Gracious Father, have mercy on us for falling so far short of your glory. Turn to us and restore us, for Jesus' sake, and hear now our silent prayers of personal confession...

*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**

*Pastor Ben*

*1 John 2:12*

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.

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

*Pastor Ben*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

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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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**✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* (Hymn #679, vs. 1, 2, and 3)  
(Stead, Kirkpatrick)

**DIACONAL PRAYER**

*Deacon Kyle Bodden*

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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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**OFFERTORY**

*My Tribute*  
(Crouch; arr. Esteves)

*Marcio Esteves, Sergio Esteves  
Scott & Cathy Thibaut*

**✦ SONG OF PRAISE**

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

*Congregation*

**BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN**

*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.*

*Pastor Ben*

**SCRIPTURE TEXT**

Micah 2:1-13

*Pastor Ben*

**SERMON**

*When Preaching Advances Wickedness*

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF RESPONSE**

*The Power of the Cross*  
(Getty, Townend)

*Congregation*

**✦ BENEDICTION**

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF BLESSING**

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

*Congregation*

**RECOGNITION & FAREWELL**

*Elisa Rossi*

*Pastor Ben*

**POSTLUDE**

*Janice Bradshaw*

**Sermon Notes**

***Micah: Who Is Like the Lord?***

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July 31, 2022

When Preaching Advances Wickedness

Micah 2:1-13

## Announcements

<b>Monday, August 1</b> Swearing-in Ceremony for Felix Espino Sanctuary	12:00pm
<b>Tuesday, August 2</b> CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
<b>Wednesday, August 3</b>	
<b>Thursday, August 4</b>	
<b>Friday, August 5</b>	
<b>Saturday, August 6</b>	
<b>Sunday, August 7</b> Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am

### **Joint Presbytery Worship & Fellowship Meal**

**TONIGHT at 5:00 pm**

**Covenant Presbyterian Church**

**2402 Gray Fall Dr, Houston 77077**

Please join in this unique opportunity to worship alongside members of some sister churches in our Presbytery. This will be a joyous celebration of the connectional nature of the Church in the Houston area. A fellowship dinner will be served afterwards.

### **Swearing-in Ceremony for Felix Espino**

**Monday, August 1, 12:00 pm, Sanctuary**

You are invited to attend this special ceremony when Pastor Ben will be administering the oath of office to Felix, swearing him in as a commissioned officer in the US Army Reserves. This is a big day for Felix! Join us in congratulating him on the assumption of this oath as he continues the process of becoming a chaplain in the US Army.

### **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 4th. Children and youth will move to their next Sunday School class the following Sunday.

### **August Food Drive for Tomball Emergency**

**Assistance Ministries (TEAM)**

**Contact: Stephen Kovach,**

[stephen@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:stephen@springcypresschurch.com)

The TEAM Food Pantry receives food from the Houston Food Bank (at a discounted rate), but due to shortages and high demand TEAM is low on canned items and drinks. YOU can help TEAM provide food a balanced diet to those in need in our area! Please bring donations of any of the items listed below to the Narthex by August 28.

- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Juice boxes or bottles

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

*Missions* - Pray for our Missions Team as they pray for and provide encouragement to the missionaries SCPC supports.

## **Pray for Our Congregation**

*Jakob Basham & family* - peace and comfort following the death of Jakob's grandmother.

*Anthony Gatlin & family* - peace and comfort following the death of Anthony's father.

*Brenda Ricks* - wisdom for medical team as she assess her heart issues.

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

*Katie Medeiros, Mark Morrow, Jim Spiritosanto.*

## **Pray for Our Military and First Responders**

*Peter Achterkirch*, Army, Washington

*Shawn Maya*, Spring Fire Department

*Christian Cory*, Army, New York

*Jessy Wykes*, Army, Europe

*Chris Dietz*, Navy Reserves, Texas

## **Pray for Our College Students**

*Charlotte Achterkirch*, Samford University

*Jenna Haaland*, Samford University

*Zach Allan*, Tarleton State University

*Rebekah Kooiman*, Abilene Christian University

*Rebekah Duncan*, Montana State University

*Ayden Steagall*, Lone Star College

*Austin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*AJ Tousha*, Lone Star College

*Justin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*Izzy Tousha*, Lone Star College

## **Pray for Our Expectant Mother**

*Theresa Adams* is due in February.

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

Pastor Ben's brother *Steve* - proper diagnosis of health issues.

Brenda Ricks' brother *Ken* - healing from stroke. Pray also for Ken's family, Karolanne and Scott.

Jolene Wykes' brother *Kevin* - quick and complete recovery following a heart attack and from emergency heart (stent) surgery.

Ian & Christine Achterkirch's granddaughter *Freya Loehr Johnson* - PRAISE - Freya arrived a little early but mom Meredith and Freya are happy and doing well!

## **Pray for Our Missionary of the Month**

*Paul & Laura Miller*, Metanoia Prison Ministries of Texas, PCA Mission to North America

- Pray that the LORD will send many volunteers for their correspondence and mentoring ministry.
- Pray that Paul will be able to start a mentoring ministry in the Boyd Unit by early fall.
- Pray for that Laura remains cancer free (almost ten years now) and that she will have relief from daily chronic pain.
- Pray for Metanoia's administrative director, Shelly Marshall. The doctors have discovered lesions on her liver and do not know yet if they are cancerous.
- Pray that their family continues to grow in grace and faith.

Email prayer requests to [robin@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:robin@springcypresschurch.com).

## 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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## Our Church Leadership & Staff

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