



*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 9, 2023

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Brooke Lewis

PRELUDE

Janice Bradshaw

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Janice Bradshaw

*Worship begins
where spiritual
life begins - with
God's call.
Appropriately,
we respond with
prayers and
songs of
adoration.*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Jeremiah 33:16,*

*In those days Judah will be saved,
and Jerusalem will dwell securely.
And this is the name by which it will be called:
The Lord is our righteousness.'*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

Psalms 136:3-4

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

People: For his steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Praise him who alone does great wonders,

All: For his steadfast love endures forever!

✦ SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

O Worship the King (Hymn #2, vs. 1, 2, 4, and 5)
(Grant, Haydn)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
(Robinson; arr. Hogan)

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

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Pastor Ben

Romans 3:10-12

As it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one;
no one understands; no one seeks for God.

All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;
no one does good, not even one."

✦ Please stand if able

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Ben

Leader: Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess
that we are prone to evil and slothful in good.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.

People: **O Lord, we beseech you for mercy.
We are both sorry and ashamed for how we have sinned
against you in thought, word, and deed.**

Leader: Gracious Father, teach us to hate our errors
and cleanse us from our secret faults.
Grant that we would live in your light and walk in your ways.
Hear now our silent prayers of personal confession
and forgive us for the sake of your precious Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord, who died for us...

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

Pastor Ben

Psalms 32:1-2a

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Pastor Ben

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

Every Promise of Your Word
(Getty, Townend)

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

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Glenn Ayles

OFFERTORY

All Things New
(Andrew Peterson)

Casey & Brooke Lewis

✦ 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 12:30-50

Pastor Ben

SERMON

Conflict!

Pastor Ben

✦SONG OF RESPONSE

Congregation

Lead On, O King Eternal (Hymn #580)
(Shurtleff, Smart)

✦BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Brooke Lewis

*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.*

Sermon Notes

July 9, 2023

Conflict!

Matthew 12:30-50

Announcements

Monday, July 10	
Created for a Purpose	9:00am
Built for a Purpose	5:00pm
Tuesday, July 11	
Created for a Purpose	9:00am
Built for a Purpose	5:00pm
Wednesday, July 12	
Created for a Purpose	9:00am
Built for a Purpose	5:00pm
Thursday, July 13	
Created for a Purpose	9:00am
Built for a Purpose	5:00pm
Friday, July 14	
Created for a Purpose	9:00am
Built for a Purpose	5:00pm
Saturday, July 15	
Sunday, July 16	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am
Hymn Sing Sanctuary	6:00pm

Purpose Week Set-Up

TODAY after Sunday School, Fellowship Hall

Contact: Erik & Amy Haaland

We could use YOUR help as we prepare our campus for *Created for a Purpose* and *Built for a Purpose*. Join us around 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall to receive your assignment!

Hymn Sing

NEXT SUNDAY, July 16, 6pm, Sanctuary

Make plans to join us for hymn singing, prayer, and worship! Pastor Ben will also share highlights from the 2023 PCA General Assembly he attended in Memphis earlier this month.

NEEDED: Aluminum Cans for Target Practice!

A minimum of 100 cans are needed for *Built for a Purpose* **Monday evening**. If you forgot to bring them today you may drop them off in the church office tomorrow during office hours (9am-3pm)!

Female 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.

Youth Group Wednesday Night Gathering

Wednesday, July 19, 6:15pm

Contact: Felix

Junior and Senior High students, join us **next Wednesday** evening for a time of food, worship, study, and fun!

Youth Pool Party

Saturday, July 22, 4-8pm, Esteves' home

2710 Everhart Pointe Dr

Contact: Felix

Junior and Senior High students, let's celebrate summer with a pool party! Bring a friend, your bathing suit, and towel for an evening of fun!

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Purpose Week - Pray for the over 90 participants in Purpose Week! Pray that God would be glorified through both Created for a Purpose and Built for a Purpose as the programs share with girls and boys how they were made by God for a purpose. Pray also for safety for the participants and energy for the volunteers.

Pray for Our Congregation

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 - PRAISE - Jeanne is home from the hospital; pray for continued healing and pain management.

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

David & Linda Farmer's son-in-law *Russell* - Pray for wisdom, comfort, and peace as he and Kristina make decisions regarding future treatment for his abdominal cancer.

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

Vincent & Eleanor Tracey's grandson *Elijah* - PRAISE - brain tumor was successfully removed; pray that he is able to swallow, regains muscle strength, and that his spinal fluid is cancer-free next week.

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

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.

Our Church Leadership & Staff

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