



*We are a body of believers
called by the Holy Spirit
transformed by the Gospel to enjoy and glorify God
as we proclaim the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ.*

Sunday, June 7, 2020

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Janice Bradshaw*

PRELUDE *Saule Garcia*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Pastor Ben*

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH Paul Miller *Anthony Gatlin*
Metanoia Prison Ministries

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP *Saule Garcia*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on 2 Timothy 2:21,*

*“Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable,
he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy,
useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.”*

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

✦CALL TO WORSHIP *Pastor Ben*
Matthew 11:28-30

Leader: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden
and I will give you rest.

People: **Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,
for I am gentle and lowly in heart**

Leader: And you will find rest for your souls.

All: **For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION *Pastor Ben*

✦SONG OF ADORATION *Come Praise and Glorify* *Congregation*
(Chester, Kauflin)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW *Ruling Elder Ian Achterkirch*
John 8:12

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

✦Please stand if able

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ian Achterkirch

Leader: God of glory, in Jesus Christ
you have brought light to the nations.
You have fulfilled your promise to redeem your people.
We celebrate the work you have accomplished
through your Son, whom you sent.

**People: Yet we confess, Father, that we still choose darkness
and cling to things that obscure your light.
Too often our own hearts appear to be unaffected
by the work of your Spirit.**

Leader: Lord, forgive us, we pray, and cleanse us of our sin,
and grant that we may love the Light of the World
and walk in His ways.

Father, hear now our silent prayers of personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Ian Achterkirch

Joel 2:12-13

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,
“return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
and rend your hearts and not your garments.”

Return to the LORD your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
and he relents over disaster.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Ian Achterkirch

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God
(Getty, Townend)

Congregation

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Pastor Ben

SERMON

Together with the Lord

Pastor Ben

*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.*

*We are called to
be faithful
stewards of
God's Word.
Therefore, we
eagerly and
unashamedly
read and
proclaim the
whole counsel of
Scripture.*

✦ SONG OF PREPARATION

Congregation

Abide with Me (Hymn #402, verses 1-3)
(Lyte, Monk)

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor Ben

the Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastor Ben

ABOUT THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized, belong to a church which embraces the Gospel, and who look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. Since Communion is a sacrament of sustaining grace, we request that children not participate until they have professed their faith to the elders of this church or their church of regular worship.

*As the communion servers pass in front of you, please remember to take **both** of the stacked cups from the tray. Note that the bread is in the bottom cup and is gluten-free. **Grape juice in the colored cups in the inner ring, wine in the clear cups in the outer rings.***

from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper Christ took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

MUSIC OF MEDITATION

Janice Bradshaw

*We confess our
common faith as
an expression of
our unity in
coming to the
Lord's Table.*

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE

Congregation

Abide with Me (Hymn #402, verses 4-5)
(Lyte, Monk)

✦ BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Janice Bradshaw

DEACONS' FUND OFFERING

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

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| Monday, June 8 | |
| SAA Meeting (Youth Building) | 7:30pm |
| Tuesday, June 9 | |
| Women in the Word (Fellowship Hall) | 9:30am |
| CODA Meeting (Youth Building) | 7:30pm |
| Wednesday, June 10 | |
| Thursday, June 11 | |
| Women in the Word (Zoom) | 7:00pm |
| Diaconate Meeting (Pastor's Office) | 7:00pm |
| Friday, June 12 | |
| Saturday, June 13 | |
| Sunday, June 14 | |
| Worship (Sanctuary & Live Stream) | 9:00am |
| Adult Sunday School (Zoom) | 11:00am |
| Youth Sunday School (Zoom) | 2:00pm |
| Children's Sunday School (Zoom) | 3:15pm |
| Praise & Worship (Sanctuary & Live Stream) | 6:00pm |

Praise & Worship Night

NEXT SUNDAY, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary & Live Stream
Make plans to join us for an evening of singing, prayer, and worship!

Mission Possible!

Children PreK-5th grade, this summer we are embarking on weekly missions, should you choose to accept them! Your weekly Mission Folder will be available Sunday mornings and includes all aspects of your training and challenges: Bible memorization, service projects, and activities. Prizes for the most completed challenges will be awarded at the end of the summer! **Parents**, look for the email from Elisa sent Thursday, June 4th, with more details. If you have any questions or did not receive the email, contact Elisa (elisa@springcypresschurch.com).

"I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength!" Philippians 4:13

Youth Summer Mission Trip June 21-27

Please pray for our youth and youth leaders as they prepare to serve with *Hope for Opelousas*, an inner-city ministry (hopeforopelousas.org) in Opelousas, LA.

MINISTRIES RESUMING IN-PERSON MEETINGS:

Many of our ministries are resuming in-person meetings. Watch for announcements in the Friday Church News(letter). Not getting the newsletter? Email robin@springcypresschurch.com to be added to the distribution list.

Women in the Word study of Deuteronomy

Tuesdays at 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall
For more information contact Julie at jcorley5@earthlink.net.

Wednesday Night Youth Group

Youth Group will meet every other week throughout the summer. The **next meeting will be Wednesday, June 17 at 6:30pm in the Youth Building**. For more information contact Susy at stousha@gmail.com.

THANK YOU

to all who attended the Wedding Shower yesterday celebrating the upcoming marriage of Hannah Haaland and Michael Ellis. Your outpouring of love for this precious couple is a tangible expression of Christ's love working through you.

to Bob Pickard and all the deacons! While our campus was closed our deacons were busy! Check out the newly painted floor in the Pavilion with a basketball court, two pickleball courts, and two foursquare courts. Much needed concrete repairs were made to the parking lot which was then power washed and re-stripped. Watch for more improvements in the coming months.

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Missions Team - Pray for our missions team as they keep in contact with the missionaries we currently support and look for more opportunities to partner with others proclaiming the Gospel in our community, country, and world.

Pray for Our Congregation

Eldon Faries - management of blood pressure & blood sugar, and increased strength

Virginia Faries - wisdom for health care team, resolution of respiratory issues, as well as rest and renewed strength

Jeanne Maddy - complete healing of elbow following a fall

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, *Army, Georgia*

Christian Cory, *Army, New York*

Chris Dietz, *Navy Reserves, Kingsville, Texas*

Shawn Maya, *Spring Fire Department*

Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, *Samford University*

Ian Allan, *Calvin University*

Zach Allan, *Tarleton State University*

Austin Gatlin, *Louisiana State University*

Justin Gatlin, *Louisiana State University*

Jacob Kerr, *Texas A&M University*

Matthew Kooiman, *Olivet Nazarene University*

Aaron Lewis, *Texas Tech University*

Lauren Steagall, *University of Houston*

AJ Tousha, *Lone Star College*

Naomi Tousha, *University of Houston*

Pray for Families and Friends

Bruce & Barbara Honts' new grandson, PRAISE for birth of Julton to their daughter Rebecca. Pray that this covenant child grows up to know and love Christ.

Saule Garcia's father, *Zhorabay* - successful upcoming surgery and complete recovery

Ashley Lin's brother, *Ben and Heather's family* - peace and comfort following the passing of Heather

Kristen Chandler's brother, *Matt Stoddard* - complete healing and recovery from heart surgery

Bill & Sue Dietz' son, *Jeff*, and *grandson* - PRAISE - Jeff's surgery went well, pray for recovery; grandson is healed from reflux

Pete Rivera's aunt, *Lucas Santos* (age 90) - recovery and strength following leg amputation (at the knee)

Rita Rivera's nephew, *Steven, and sister, Juanita* - Pray for complete recovery, he is slightly responsive but has a long way to go. Pray for strength for Juanita as she cares for him

Lee Joseph's wife, *Carolyn* - relief from nerve pain following elbow surgery

Margaret Gerrard's mother, *Helen Beaulac* (age 99) - strength and clarity of mind during recovery from hip surgery

Jess McGlothlin's mother, *Karen* - remission from cancer and healing from side effects of radiation

Jim & Mary Spiritosanto's daughter, *Rebecca Cooper* - healing of kidney disease (stage 5), strength while awaiting kidney transplant

Pray for our Expectant Mothers

Jess McGlothlin due in October

Ashley Lin due in November

Pray for our Missionary of the Month

Paul Miller, Metanoia Prison Ministries - see insert for specific prayer requests

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 located in the pew in front of you.

If you do not have a Bible of your own, please take one of the pew Bibles home with you today.

To see how our church participates in the global cause for Christ, check out the touch-screen monitor in the Narthex

Restrooms are located in the narthex.

To learn more about us and our ministries, visit our website, springcypresschurch.com

Like and follow us on Facebook: *Spring Cypress Church*

Parents of Young Children:

- A cry room, located on the piano side of the sanctuary, is available for mothers with infants.

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.

If you would like to give via **check**, please make your check payable to SCPC. **Online giving** is available at springcypresschurch.com/give. **Text** any amount to **84321** to give (standard message and data rates may apply).

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