



*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, March 10, 2024

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

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 Micah 4:3*

“He shall judge between many peoples,
and shall decide disputes for strong nations far away;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.”

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

Pastor Ben

from Psalm 86:8-11

Leader: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

People: **All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.**

Leader: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God!

All: **Teach us your ways, O LORD, that we may walk in your truth; give us undivided hearts that we might fear your name and glorify you with our whole hearts!**

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

✦ **SONGS OF ADORATION**

Congregation

Creation Sings the Father's Song

(Getty, Townend)

O Worship the King (Hymn #2, verses 1, 2, 4, and 5)

(Grant, Heydn)

✦ *Please stand if able*

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DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Michael Byerly

Isaiah 64:6

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Michael Byerly

Leader: Almighty God, we are sinners. We have done things you have forbidden and left undone things you have commanded.

People: **We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. As judge of the whole earth, you would be just to condemn us.**

Leader: Yet in your love you sent Christ to bear the guilt of our sin and suffer the punishment due our offenses. To him we flee. Forgive us for his sake, and by your Spirit help us to live a life worthy of your name. Help us to recall both our sins and your mercies and hear our silent prayers of confession...

silent confession of personal sin

...Amen!

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Michael Byerly

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.”

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Michael Byerly

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place (Hymn #468, verses 1, 2, and 4)
(Edmunds, Gretry)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Scott Lewis

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.

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

OFFERTORY *Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended* Amy Dietz
(Heerman, Cruger) Brooke Lewis

*Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended, that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.*

*For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation:
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.*

*Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.*

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

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 23:13-39* Pastor Ben

SERMON *The King's Verdict: Woes and Lamentation* Pastor Ben

✦SONG OF PREPARATION Congregation
Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us (Hymn #599, verses 1 and 2)
(Young, Bradbury)

SERVICE OF BAPTISM *Juliana Faith Jones* Pastor Ben

✦SONG OF RESPONSE Congregation
Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us (Hymn #599, verses 3 and 4)
(Young, Bradbury)

✦BENEDICTION Pastor Ben

✦SONG OF BLESSING *Gloria Patri* (Hymn #735) Congregation
(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

POSTLUDE Brooke Lewis

✦ Please stand if able

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Sermon Notes

The King's Verdict: Woes and Lamentation

March 10, 2024

Matthew 23:13-39

Announcements

Monday, March 11	
Tuesday, March 12	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Men's Book Study Room 119	7:00pm
Wednesday, March 13	
Enfuego Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Thursday, March 14	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, March 15	
Saturday, March 16	
Sunday, March 17	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am
Fellowship Meal - Easter Feast	12:00pm

Baby Shower - Brooke Lewis

TODAY, after Sunday School, Annex

Ladies - Join us in the Annex after Sunday School for a Baby Shower honoring Brooke Lewis!

Fellowship Meal - Easter Feast

Sunday, March 17, after Sunday School, FH/Annex

Contact Susan, Cochran

Sign up in the Narthex **TODAY** to bring your favorite Easter dinner side dish(es), and join us **NEXT SUNDAY** as we break bread together, deepen existing relationships and form new ones!

Men's Fellowship BBQ & Cornhole Tournament

Saturday, March 23, 12:30pm, Pavilion

Contact Michael Byerly

Men - Come and enjoy fellowship, competition, and fantastic BBQ! Grab a partner and sign up to play in the first ever Spring Cypress Presbyterian Cornhole Tournament! BBQ will be provided, side dishes to share appreciated!

Enfuego Youth Service Day

Saturday, March 23, 4:30pm, Youth Building

Contact Wayne Lin

Youth - Join us for our Service Day where we will work together to make an impact on meeting needs of our church and enjoy delicious food!

Good Friday Service Childcare

Friday, March 29, 6:45pm, Nursery

Contact Susan Cochran

Contact the church office to register for childcare during our Good Friday Service!

Coming up...

March 10

Baby Shower - Brook Lewis, after SS, Annex

March 11

Sing & Sew w/Pam, 1-4pm, Rm. 116

March 17

Fellowship Meal, after SS, FH/Annex

March 23

Men's Fellowship, 12:30pm, Pavilion, BBQ & Cornhole Tournament

March 23

Enfuego Youth Service Day, 4:30pm, Youth Bldg.

March 24

Palm Sunday

March 29

Good Friday Service Childcare, 6:45pm, Nursery
Good Friday Service, 7pm, Sanctuary

March 31

Easter Services, 9am & 11am, Sanctuary
Coffee & Donuts, 10:15am, Gallery

Children's Summer Program Volunteer Signup

Contact Susan Cochran

Sign up to volunteer for one or more of our Children's Summer Programs - VBS, Created for a Purpose, and Built for a Purpose - in the Narthex **TODAY**. If you are not available during the dates/ times of the program there are opportunities to help with prep leading up to VBS and Purpose Week!

Parents - Participant registration information is coming soon - save the dates!

VBS: June 24 - 28

Purpose Week: July 15 - 19

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Pray for our Children - Pray that they grow in their love for Jesus as we partner with their parents to nurture them in the Lord.

Pray for Our Congregation

Laura Allan - Please pray for recovery from hand surgery, with very limited use during healing.

Cindy Peterson - PRAISE that Cindy is home. Continued prayer for complete healing.

Mary Seeland - Prayer for daughter, *Naomi*, for continued healing following recent surgery.

Byerly Family - PRAISE that daughter, *Hannah*, had successful surgery and quick recovery, pray that with tubes now in her ears she will no longer have recurrent ear infections.

Kritzinger Family - PRAISE - Danika was born Monday, February 26. Pray for continued good health and for the family's adjustment to the newest addition to their family.

Wykes Family - PRAISE - Winry Odette was born Monday, March 4. Pray for continued good health and for the family's adjustment to the newest addition to their family.

Ongoing health concerns: *Neal Benedict, René & Clairice Chapelle, Jeff Kuhn, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, Katie Medeiros, Mark Morrow, Ebenezer Musima, Mary Spiritosanto.*

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Washington

Levi Camden, National Guard, Texas

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Chris Dietz, Navy Reserves, Texas

Felix Espino, Army Reserves, Texas

Joshua Duncan, Army, North Carolina

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Jessy Wykes, Army, Germany

Pray for Our College Students

Claire Achterkirch, Samford University

Rebekah Allcorn, Abilene Christian University

Kyle Benedict, Lone Star College

Ben Chandler, Samford University

Rebekah Sedillo, Blinn College

Jenna Haaland, Samford University

Aiden Steagall, Texas A&M

Izzy Tousha, Texas State

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Pray for Our Friends & Family

Heather Burch's friend's daughter, *Charlotte* - Pray for healing needed to be ready/able to tolerate the next round of chemo, and for recent MRI to show that she is another step closer to beating cancer.

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Brooke Lewis, due in April

Katelyn Schaeffer, due in May

Daniela McConnell, due in June

Elizabeth Basham, due in July

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month

Mission to the World, Aaron & Rachel Halbert

-Wisdom as we think about where to plant the next church and adding more people to our team.

-Seminary plans - Josué is studying at Puritan Reformed in Grand Rapids with plans to return to help get the seminary off the ground.

-Rachel and the kids as she continues to homeschool them. Pray for grace and energy and patience amongst all of them.

-More leaders in our local congregation. We need more elders and deacons.

-Pray we would be faithful and holy.

Email prayer requests to susan@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

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

Our Session

Ian Achterkirch
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If you've lost or misplaced an item, please check with the office.

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