



*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 12, 2023

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 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

Pastor Ben

based on Psalm 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!

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Creation Sings the Father's Song

(Getty, Townend; arr. Lawrence)

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

(Grant, Haydn)

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.”

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

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

✦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

Psalm 32:1-2

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

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness
(Getty, Townend)

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

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Bill Dietz

OFFERTORY

Janice Bradshaw

Meditation on "The Lord's My Shepherd"
(CRIMOND; arr. Mary McDonald)

*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	<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 6:19-34	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
SERMON	<i>The Surpassing Righteousness Required in the Kingdom: Real Loyalty and Trust</i>	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
✦ SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>I'd Rather Have Jesus</i> (Miller, Shea)	<i>Congregation</i>
✦ BENEDECTION		<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>

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

*The Surpassing Righteousness Required in the Kingdom:
Real Loyalty and Trust*

Announcements

Monday, March 13	
Tuesday, March 14	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Men's Bible Study Room 118	7:00pm
Wednesday, March 15	
NO Youth Group Youth Building	
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Thursday, March 16	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, March 17	
Saturday, March 18	
Sunday, March 19	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am
March Fellowship Meal Fellowship Hall	12:00pm

March Fellowship Meal

Sunday, March 19, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Contact: Kyra Moncrief

Make plans to join us at the first Fellowship Meal of 2023! BBQ pork and chicken will be provided as well as bread and beverages. Bring your family and a side dish to share. **Sign up in the Narthex today!**

Discovering Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church Our Culture, Confession, and Calling

Would you like to learn what kind of church we are trying to be, our beliefs, ministry, and mission? Our next Discovering SCPC class will be starting soon! It is open to all - the curious and those desiring to join SCPC. **Sign up no later than TODAY** in the Narthex or on our website springcypresschurch.com.

Mission Trip to Honduras - July 1-8, 2023

Contact: Justin, justin@springcypresschurch.com

There are still slots available for members of SCPC to go on a short-term mission trip this summer to support Aaron & Rachel Halbert, PCA Missions to the World missionaries in Honduras. If interested please **contact Justin no later than NEXT SUNDAY, March 19th** to get details.

VBS - Summer SeaQuest - Volunteer Survey

Monday-Friday, June 19-23. 9am-noon

Contact: Ashley Lin

There are multiple opportunities to help before and during VBS week. Complete the **VBS Volunteer Survey** on our website springcypresschurch.com/vbs or contact Ashley to be a part of this wonderful program!

Save the Dates for Purpose Week!

Monday-Friday, July 10-14

Created for a Purpose, mornings

Contact: Amy Haaland

Girls who have completed 3rd-8th grade

Watch your email this week for registration information exclusively for SCPC members.

Built for a Purpose, evenings

Contact: Erik Haaland, erik@springcypresschurch.com

Boys who have completed 3rd-8th grade

Youth Group Event - Roller Skating

Saturday, March 25, 3-5pm

Skate Champions, 5504 Fellowship Ln, Spring

Cost: \$10/student

Contact: Felix

Junior and Senior High students - make plans to join us for an afternoon of fun!

Officer Nominations

The selection of men to serve in the offices of Elder or Deacon is the duty and privilege of the members of the congregation of SCPC. Officer Nomination forms will be available in the Narthex beginning March 5 and will contain more information about the process and qualifications. **All nominations must be received by March 31, 2023.**

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Our Session - Pray for our Session as they seek the Lord's direction and will for our church, and wisdom as they shepherd our covenant community.

Pray for Our Congregation

Michael & Laurie Byerly - for the development of their baby's heart and for a full-term pregnancy.

Cara Dobson - complete healing of arm and shoulder.

Amy Haaland and family - comfort and peace as they mourn the loss of Amy's dad Gary Boldt.

Christine & Daniel Harris, Gideon - PRAISE Gabriella Elizabeth was born Thursday, March 2nd! Christine and Gabriella are doing well. Pray for continued good health and for the family's adjustment to the newest addition to their family.

Jeff Kuhn - PRAISE for a good report from his latest PET scan: cancer-free!

Jeanne Maddy - complete healing of fractured leg.

Beth Moore and family - comfort and peace as they mourn the loss of Beth's dad George Washington, Jr.

John Morrison - successful treatment of prostate cancer.

Mary Spiritosanto & family - comfort and peace as they mourn the loss of Jim Spiritosanto.

Eleanor Tracey & family - comfort and peace as they mourn the loss of her mother Christena Craik.

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

Katie Medeiros, 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, Georgia

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Jessy Wykes, Army, Europe

Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, Samford University

Claire Achterkirch, Samford University

Zach Allan, Tarleton State University

Rebekah Duncan, Montana State University

Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Justin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Jenna Haaland, Samford University

Rebekah Kooiman, Abilene Christian University

Ayden Steagall, Lone Star College

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Izzy Tousha, Lone Star College

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Kathryn Ritchie is due in April.

Laurie Byerly is due in June.

Prayer for Say & Amy Rutherford, *Reformed University Fellowship, Baylor University, Waco, TX*

Praise and thanks to God for a great fall semester and a great Fall Conference weekend, successful outreach to freshmen and new students, fruitful sermon series through Luke, and evidence of His work in the students' hearts in countless ways.

Pray that God will work in the hearts and minds of the students through the upcoming sermon series, for our intern Justin Blizzard and staff person Olivia Shields, for the seniors who will be graduating in a few of months, for students to become members of the Ministry team, and for Summer Conference in Panama City Beach, FL in May.

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.

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