



*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 13, 2022

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRELUDE

*Janice Bradshaw*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor Ben*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Janice Bradshaw*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on Hebrews 12:28b-29,*

*“Let us offer to God acceptable worship,  
with reverence and awe,  
for our God is a consuming fire.”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

*Pastor Ben*

*Psalm 113:1-4*

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,

People: **Praise the name of the LORD!**

Leader: Blessed be the name of the LORD

from this time forth and forevermore!

People: **From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

Leader: The LORD is high above all nations,

All: **And his glory above the heavens!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Pastor Ben*

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

*Wonderful, Merciful Savior*  
(Rodgers, Wyse)

*In Christ Alone*  
(Getty, Townend; arr. Galbraith)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

*Ruling Elder Ian Achterkirch*

*1 Peter 2:1-2*

So put away all malice and deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.  
Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may  
grow up into salvation.

✦*Please stand if able*

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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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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Ian Achterkirch*

Leader: Almighty God, we are thankful that your mercy  
is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings,  
and deeper than all of our sin.

People: **Please forgive us for our frivolous attitude toward life,  
our callousness toward others,  
our envy of those who have more than we have,  
our indifference to the treasures of heaven,  
and our neglect of your wise and gracious Law.**

Leader: Father, transform us by your grace so that we might desire  
what is good, love what you love, and do what you command.  
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**

*Ian Achterkirch*

*Psalm 103:2-4*

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,  
who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

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

*Ian Achterkirch*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

***Jesus, Priceless Treasure*** (Hymn #656, vs. 1, 2, and 5)  
(Franck, Crüger)

**DIACONAL PRAYER**

*Deacon David Farmer*

**OFFERTORY**

***In Your Footsteps***

*Choir*

(Nichols, Forrest)

Lead me to Gethsemane where all alone You prayed.  
Let me see the rebel kiss, and where You were betrayed.  
Then before the angry mob You stood condemned to die.  
Soon to drink the bitter cup and breathe the mortal sigh. *Alleluia.*

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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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Lead me to the wondrous cross where You were crucified.  
Let me see Your hands and feet, and touch Your wounded side.  
Show me where the piercing thorns were thrust upon Your head.  
Cruel were the fatal blows You suffered in my stead. *Alleluia.*

Lead me to the empty tomb where on that glorious day  
You declared the victory, and death released its prey.  
God the Father raised You up to reign with Him on high.  
Giving me a living hope, that I shall never die. *Alleluia.*

✦ **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** James 1:26-27 *Pastor Ben*

**SERMON** *Pure Religion* *Pastor Ben*

✦ **SONG OF PREPARATION** *Congregation*  
*Take My Life, and Let It Be* (Hymn #585, vs. 1, 2, and 3)  
(Havergal, Malan)

**OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM** *Pastor Ben*  
*Mackenzie Reese Ayles*

✦ **SONG OF RESPONSE** *Congregation*  
*Take My Life, and Let It Be* (Hymn #585, vs. 5 and 6)  
(Havergal, Malan)

✦ **BENEDICTION** *Pastor Ben*

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

**POSTLUDE** *Janice Bradshaw*

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

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## **Sermon Notes**

*Pure Religion*

March 13, 2022

James 1:26-27

# Announcements

<b>Monday, March 14</b> SAA Meeting Youth Building 7:30pm
<b>Tuesday, March 15</b> NO Women in the Word Men's Bible Study Room 116 CODA Meeting Youth Building 7:00pm 7:30pm
<b>Wednesday, March 16</b> Discovering SCPC Room 119 Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary NO Youth Group Youth Building 6:30pm 6:30pm
<b>Thursday, March 17</b> MOPS Room 130 NO Women in the Word Room 119 7:00pm
<b>Friday, March 18</b>
<b>Saturday, March 19</b>
<b>Sunday, March 20</b> Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream Sunday School for all ages Praise & Worship Night The Gallery 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm

## March Fellowship Meal

**TODAY at 12:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**  
Join us for a Cajun fun time!

## Praise & Worship Night - Collaborative Hymn Sing & Prayer

Sunday, March 20 at 6:00 pm, The Gallery

Contact: Wes, [wesley@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:wesley@springcypresschurch.com)

This month, all are welcome to bring their instruments and play along! We'll set up in the Gallery and sing great hymns of the faith with arrangements for all instruments. (Playing not required, please come and sing along as normal!) Email Wes if you plan to bring an instrument so transposed parts are ready for you (and let him know if you'd like them ahead of time!).

## Officer Nomination Announcement

The selection of men to serve in the offices of Deacon or Elder is the duty and privilege of the members of the congregation of SCPC. Officer Nomination forms are available in the Narthex and contain more information about the process and qualifications. **All nominations must be received by March 27, 2022.**

## Men's Round Table

**Thursday, March 24, 7 pm, Spiritosanto home**  
Contact: Jim

Men, join us for a time of fellowship and theological discussion. Articles to be discussed are emailed one week prior to our meetings. To be added to the distribution list email Elisa, [elisa@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:elisa@springcypresschurch.com).

## Youth Group Game Day

**Saturday, March 26, 3 pm, Youth Building**  
Contact: Felix

Senior and Junior High students, bring a friend and a change of clothes for an afternoon of fun!

## Purpose Week 2022 - July 18-22

Contact: Elisa, [elisa@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:elisa@springcypresschurch.com)

*Registration for both camps is open!* There is special pricing for SCPC members. Contact Elisa for details.

*Created for a Purpose* is for girls who are entering 4th-9th grade in the fall and will meet from 9:00am-1:30pm. *Spots are filling up quickly!*

*Built for a Purpose* is for boys entering 4th-9th grade in the fall and will meet from 5:00-8:30pm.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Good Friday Service

Friday, April 15, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

### Easter Sunday Services

Sunday, April 17, 9:00 am & 11:00 am, Sanctuary

### Easter Brunch

Sunday, April 17, 10:00 am, The Gallery

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

*Staff* - Pray that our staff will stay healthy and be encouraged as they take care of the administrative and ministry tasks of our church.

## **Pray for Our Congregation**

*Felicity & Kyle Bodden family* - PRAISE - Maddock Arthur was born Tuesday, March 1st at 7:30 am! Felicity and Maddock are doing well. Pray for continued good health and the family's adjustment to this newest addition.

*Anne Morrison* - healing following knee replacement surgery on March 3rd.

*Mark Morrow* - healing from chronic asthma/COPD.

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

*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

*Daniel Duncan*, Lone Star College

*Ayden Steagall*, Lone Star College

*Rebekah Duncan*, Montana State University

*AJ Tousha*, Lone Star College

*Austin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*Izzy Tousha*, Lone Star College

*Justin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

## **Pray for Our Families and Friends**

Bob & Renée Pickard's daughter *Lynne* - continued healing from heart issues related to Covid.

Ray Rhoades' mother *Mary Lou* - wisdom, peace, and comfort.

Mindy Burton's father *Tim Nesbitt* - diagnosed with lung cancer. Pray for direction for treatment and peace.

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

*Charlotte Achterkirch*, Short-Term Mission Trip to Greece

Pray for

- the group of nursing and social work students as they prepare to serve together.
- the partnering churches and medical personnel in Greece.
- those they will meet and serve.
- Charlotte's financial responsibility to be met.

*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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