



*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 17, 2024

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRELUDE

Brooke Lewis

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ruling Elder Danny McDaniel

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Brooke Lewis

*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 1 Kings 8:56*

“Blessed be the Lord who has given rest to his people Israel,
according to all that he promised. Not one word has failed
of all his good promise, which he spoke by Moses his servant.”

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

Danny McDaniel

from Psalm 117:1-2

Leader: Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

People: For great is his steadfast love towards us,

Leader: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

All: Praise the LORD!

✦ **SONGS OF ADORATION**

Congregation

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (Hymn #164)
(Wesley, Glaser)

How Great Thou Art (Hymn #44, verses 1, 3, and 4)
(Hine, Swedish folk melody)

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

DECLARATION OF GOD’S LAW

Danny McDaniel

James 1:13-14

Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for
God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But
each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own
desire.

✦ *Please stand if able*

***Denotes song ending on slides*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Danny McDaniel

Leader: Almighty God, we often blame you and others for our sins and shortcomings.

People: **However, you tempt no person, and our sinful actions and decisions are ours alone.**

Leader: Father, forgive us for casting the blame for our sinful and rebellious actions on you or other people. Cause us to turn towards you in faith, love, and obedience. Hear now our silent prayers of personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

...Amen!

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Danny McDaniel

1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Danny McDaniel

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

He Will Hold Me Fast

(Habershon, Merker; arr. by Campbell, Lawrence)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Scott Lewis

OFFERTORY

Christ Be with Me

(See insert for lyrics)

Sanctuary Choir

✦ SONG OF PRAISE

The Doxology (Hymn #731)

(Ken, Bourgeois)

Congregation

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

Ruling Elder Michael Byerly

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.

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

SCRIPTURE TEXT *Judges 6:33-7:15* *TE, Ken Thurman*

SERMON *Gideon's Struggle of Faith* *Rev. Ken Thurman*

✦SONG OF RESPONSE *Congregation*
Whate'er my God Ordains is Right
(Rodigast, Braud)

✦BENEDICTION *Rev. Ken Thurman*

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

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS *Pastor Ben*
(See insert for list of names)

POSTLUDE *Janice Bradshaw*

*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.*

✦ *Please stand if able*
** *Denotes song ending on slides*

Sermon Notes

March 17, 2024

Gideon's Struggle of Faith

Judges 6:33-7:15

Announcements

Monday, March 18	
Tuesday, March 19	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Men's Book Study Room 119	7:00pm
Wednesday, March 20	
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Thursday, March 21	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, March 22	
Saturday, March 23	
Men's Fellowship Pavilion	12:30pm
Enfuego Youth Service Day Youth Bldg.	4:30pm
Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday	
K-5th Grade Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	8:55am
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am

K thru 5th Grade Choir Rehearsals **TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY, Sanctuary**

Contact Amy Dietz

K thru 5th Grade Choir will sing our Palm Sunday offertory music next Sunday! Parents, please leave your children in the Sanctuary following the worship service **TODAY** for a quick rehearsal. Their teachers will escort them to Sunday School classes afterward.

Final rehearsal begins **NEXT SUNDAY** at 8:55am, please be prompt!

Fellowship Meal - Easter Feast

TODAY, after Sunday School, Fellowship Hall
All are encouraged to join us in the Fellowship Hall after Sunday School **TODAY** for a time of breaking bread together, deepening existing relationships, and building new ones! If you brought a non-disposable dish be sure to stop by the kitchen window and pick it up after the meal!

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!

Men's Fellowship BBQ & Cornhole Tournament

THIS SATURDAY, 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

THIS SATURDAY, 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!

Coming up...

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

K-5th Grade Choir Rehearsal, 8:55am, Sanctuary

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!

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Pray for our Music Ministry - Praise God for the many talented music ministry participants who serve week-in and week-out to enhance the worship of our church.

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.

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.

Steve Williams - Pray for strength, courage, and healing during chemotherapy treatments.

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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