



*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 3, 2024

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRELUDE

Brooke Lewis

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Brooke Lewis

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Deuteronomy 8:3*

“And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna,
which you did not know, nor did your fathers know,
that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone,
but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.”

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

✦CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

from Psalm 111

Leader: Praise the LORD! Let us give thanks to the LORD with our
whole hearts!

People: **Great are the works of the LORD! His works are full of
splendor and majesty, and his righteousness endures
forever!**

Leader: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered
amongst his people!

All: **The LORD is gracious and merciful, and he remembers his
covenant forever!**

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

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Holy, Holy, Holy! (Hymn #100, verses 1-3)
(Heber, Dykes)

Come, Thou Almighty King (Hymn #101, verses 1, 2, and 4)
(Anon, Giardini)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Justin Chandler

Deuteronomy 8:5-6

Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord

✦Please stand if able

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your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Justin Chandler

Leader: Almighty God, we come to you confessing that among many other sins, we regularly forget that your correction and discipline in our lives is testament to your love of us, not your rejection of us.

People: **Father, in our forgetfulness we often fail to regard you, the Holy One, properly, while we regard ourselves too highly, and we fail to walk in your ways as we ought. For these sins we repent and seek your forgiveness.**

Leader: Lord, in ourselves we do not deserve forgiveness, but we rejoice that you are gracious and merciful, and that you have sent your Son to fully atone for our every offence. In view of His self-sacrifice, and your gracious character, please hear now our silent personal prayers of confession, and forgive us as your beloved sons and daughters...

silent confession of personal sin

...Amen!

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Justin Chandler

Isaiah 43:25

"I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins."

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Justin Chandler

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Jesus Your Mercy
(Kauflin, Kauflin, Stiff)

Congregation

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Stephen Kovach

OFFERTORY

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery
(Boswell, Papa, Bleecker)

Praise Team

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

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

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

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

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN *Pastor Ben*
After the blessing on the first Sunday of the month, children remain in the service with their parents.

SCRIPTURE TEXT *Matthew 23:1-12* *Pastor Ben*

SERMON *The King's Verdict: Warnings to His Followers* *Pastor Ben*

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE *Congregation*
And Can it Be? (Hymn #455, verses 1 and 3)
(Wesley, Campbell)

✦ 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 is in the colored cups in the outer ring, wine is in the clear cups in the inner rings.***

✦ Please stand if able

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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 REFLECTION

Janice Bradshaw

✦SONG OF RESPONSE

Congregation

And Can it Be? (Hymn #455, verses 4 and 5)
(Wesley, Campbell)

✦BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦SONG OF BLESSING

Congregation

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

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

POSTLUDE

Janice Bradshaw

DEACONS' FUND OFFERING

Announcements

Monday, March 4		
Tuesday, March 5	Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Wednesday, March 6		
<i>Enfuego</i> Youth Group	Youth Building	6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	6:30pm
Thursday, March 7		
Women in the Word Room 119		7:00pm
Friday, March 8		
Saturday, March 9		
Sunday, March 10		
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream		9:30am
Sunday School for all ages		11:00am

Children's Summer Program Extravaganza TODAY, After Worship Service, Gallery

Our 2024 VBS, Created For a Purpose (CFAP), and Built For a Purpose (BFAP) programs are awesome opportunities for the SCPC family to work together towards our goal to make disciples of Jesus who increasingly glorify and enjoy God in their lives! Join our program leaders in the Gallery **TODAY** following the worship service to learn more and sign up to serve in one or more of these important programs!

SCPC Child Protection Policy (CPP) Training TODAY, After Sunday School, Rm. 118

Our summer programs are right around the corner! If you are interested in volunteering for VBS, Purpose Week, or anywhere in the areas of Nursery, Children's Ministry, or Youth Group be sure to join us for this mandatory 30-minute training on important policies and safety procedures.

Fellowship Meal - Easter Feast Sunday, March 17, after Sunday School, FH/Annex

Fellowship meals are a great way to deepen relationships and form new ones as we break bread together! The church will provide ham and rolls - sign up **TODAY** in the Narthex to bring your favorite Easter dinner side(s).

Baby Shower - Brooke Lewis

NEXT SUNDAY, after Sunday School, Annex

Contact: Susy Tousha

Ladies, - Bring a salad to share and join us for a Baby Shower honoring Brooke Lewis! Diapers are welcome!

Sing & Sew w/Pam

Monday, March 11, 1-4pm, Rm. 116

Contact: Pam McDaniel

Young ladies from 3rd thru 5th grade (members and regular attenders) are invited to join Pam for a time of singing, sewing, and a devotional. Please contact Pam with any questions, or to register!



TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER!

Mark Your Calendar...

March 3

Children's Summer Program Extravaganza, after Worship Service, Gallery
CPP Training, after SS, Rm. 118

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 24

Palm Sunday

March 29

Good Friday Service, 7pm, Sanctuary

March 31

Easter Services, 9am & 11am, Sanctuary

Save the Date...

Spring Picnic: Sunday, May 19, 3pm

VBS: June 24 thru 28

Purpose Week: July 15 thru 19

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Pray for our Youth - Pray for the building of healthy relationships within our youth, and for their spiritual development as they grow in their Christian faith.

Pray for Our Congregation

Greg Hill - Prayer for continued recovery from recent foot surgery.

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

Cindy Peterson - PRAISE that Cindy was strong enough to be moved to a rehab facility. Continued prayer for complete healing.

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

Byerly Family - Prayer for daughter, *Hannah*, for surgery on March 5 and recovery. She is getting tubes in her ears for relief from recurrent ear infections

Kritzingner 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.

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

Amy Brink, a friend of many SCPC members, Praise that Amy is making steady progress at rehab.

Continued prayer for complete recovery, and encouragement during the long road ahead.

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

Emily Wykes, due in March

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.

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

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