



*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 5, 2023

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRELUDE *Brooke Lewis*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Pastor Ben*

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH *Way & Amy Rutherford* *Pastor Ben*
Reformed University Fellowship, Baylor University

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP *Brooke Lewis*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Psalm 107:22,*

*“And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,
and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP *Pastor Ben*

Isaiah 44:23

Leader: Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it;
Shout, O depths of the earth!

People: **Break forth into singing, O mountains,
O forest, and every tree in it!**

Leader: For the LORD has redeemed Jacob,

All: **And will be glorified in Israel.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION *Pastor Ben*

✦SONGS OF ADORATION *Congregation*

Praise to the Lord the Almighty (Hymn #53, vs. 1, 2, 3, and 5)
(Neander, *Stralsund Gesangbuch of 1665*; arr. Foster, Sinclair)

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

(Getty, Kauflin, Papa, Boswell, Merker; arr. Galbraith, Lawrence)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW *Ruling Elder Danny McDaniel*

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love
the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all
your might.

*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

Danny McDaniel

Leader: Almighty God, you are one, and there is no god besides you.
Though you are Triune, the persons of the godhead exist
in complete harmony and unity of essence,
being, purpose, and will.

In light of your unity, you call us to
a single-minded devotion to you, and your ways.

**People: Yet our hearts are divided, our minds are distracted,
and our faith and obedience are wavering.
Forgive us for not loving you with all our heart, soul, and might.**

Leader: Father, grant that by the power
of your indwelling and empowering Spirit,
we will live our lives in increasing adoration
and devotion to you.

Lord, bring to mind where we have loved created things
with greater vigor and devotion than we have you,
and hear now our silent prayers of personal confession ...

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

Danny McDaniel

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Danny McDaniel

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (Hymn #599, vs. 1, 3, and 4)
(Thrupp, Bradbury)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Kyle Boddin

OFFERTORY

Blessed Assurance (Hymn #693)
(Crosby, Knapp)

Choir

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 6:1-18 *Pastor Ben*

SERMON *Pastor Ben*
The Surpassing Righteousness Required in the Kingdom: Rightly Motivated Acts of Devotion

✦ SONG OF PREPARATION *Congregation*
Amazing Grace (Hymn #460, vs. 1 & 2)
(Newton, Traditional American melody)

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

✦ 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.**

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

Brooke Lewis

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE

Amazing Grace (Hymn #460, vs. 4 & 6)
(Newton, Traditional American melody)

Congregation

✦ BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Brooke Lewis

DEACONS' FUND OFFERING

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

Announcements

Monday, March 6	
Tuesday, March 7	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Men's Bible Study Room 118	7:00pm
Wednesday, March 8	
Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Thursday, March 9	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, March 10	
Memorial Service for Gary Boldt	11:00am
Saturday, March 11	
Sunday, March 12	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am

Memorial Service for Carl Gregory
Sunday, March 5, 2:00pm, Sanctuary

We will hold an in-house Memorial Service for long-time member Carl Gregory who passed into the presence of the Lord, January 17, 2023. Join us as we remember Carl and reflect on God's goodness to him.

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 NEXT SUNDAY, March 12th** in the Narthex or on our website springcypresschurch.com.

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.**

Memorial Service for Amy Haaland's father,
Gary Boldt

Friday, March 10, 11:00am, Sanctuary

All are welcome to the Memorial Service for Amy's father this Friday.

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!

SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE!
SAVE THE DATES

VBS - Summer SeaQuest

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

Contact: Ashley Lin

Your young sailors will be invited to join our Summer SeaQuest very soon. Be on the look out for registration information!

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

Registration information coming soon.

Created for a Purpose, mornings

Girls who have completed 3rd-8th grade

Built for a Purpose, evenings

Boys who have completed 3rd-8th grade

Daylight Savings Time Begins NEXT SUNDAY

Remember to move your clocks forward one hour Saturday evening!

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Our Missions Ministry - Pray for our Missions team as they pray for and provide encouragement to the missionaries SCPC supports.

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.

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.

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

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

Christine Harris is due in March.

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.

Email prayer requests to robin@springcypresschurch.com.

Sermon Notes (March 5, 2023)

Matthew 6:1-18

*The Surpassing Righteousness Required in the Kingdom:
Rightly Motivated Acts of Devotion*



MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH March 2023

WAY & AMY RUTHERFORD MILES, DAVIS & LUCY RUF at Baylor University ruf.org/ministry/baylor-university



Way has served with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) as Campus Minister at Baylor University for nine years. He was born and raised in Meridian, MS, attended Ole Miss (University of Mississippi) in Oxford, and worked with junior and senior high students at Christ Presbyterian Church. After marrying Amy in 2002, they moved to Jackson, MS to attend Reformed Theological Seminary and work with senior high students at First Presbyterian. Upon graduating from RTS in 2007, they moved to Louisville, KY to start an RUF campus ministry at the University of Louisville, and then moved to Waco in 2014 to begin their work at Baylor. They have been blessed with three children: Miles, Davis, and Lucy.

Praise & Prayer:

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 Genesis, and evidence of His work in the students' hearts in countless ways.

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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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