



*We are a body of believers  
called by the Holy Spirit  
transformed by the Gospel to enjoy and glorify God  
as we proclaim the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ.*

Sunday, March 7, 2021

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Saule Garcia*

PRELUDE

*Janice Bradshaw*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor Ben*

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

*Ruling Elder Danny McDaniel*  
Southwest Church Planting Network

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Janice Bradshaw*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on 1 Samuel 12:24,*

*“Only fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart.  
For consider what great things he has done for you.”*

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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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✦CALL TO WORSHIP

*Pastor Ben*

*Psalm 118:1-4*

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

People: **For his steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: Let Israel say,

People: **“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

Leader: Let the house of Aaron say,

People: **“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

Leader: Let those who fear the LORD say,

All: **“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Pastor Ben*

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

*Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord* (Hymn #465)  
(Johnston, Towner, arr. Greer, Lawrence)

*To God Be the Glory* (Hymn #55)  
(Crosby, Doan e, arr. Holck, Lawrence)

✦*Please stand if able*

**DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW**

*Ruling Elder Erik Haaland*

*Romans 12:2*

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Erik Haaland*

Leader: Almighty God, in love you have called us to be conformed to your character and likeness, that we may discern your will.

People: **Yet hearts so often reflect worldly priorities, values, and interests.**

**Forgive us, Father, for not discerning what is good, and acceptable, and perfect.**

Leader: Father, bring to mind where we have conformed to the pattern of this world rather than to that of your holy will. Grant that we would seek your perfect will and hear now our silent prayers of 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**

*Erik Haaland*

*Romans 5:18-19*

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

*Erik Haaland*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

***What a Friend We Have in Jesus*** (Hymn #629)

(Scriven, Converse)

**DIACONAL PRAYER**

*Deacon Scott Lewis*

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

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## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Psalm 34 (O Taste and See)*  
(Rigney, Shane, arr. Wall, Lawrence)

*Band*

## ✦ SONG OF PRAISE

*The Doxology* (Hymn #731)  
(Ken, Bourgeois)

*Congregation*

## BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

*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.*

*Pastor Ben*

## SCRIPTURE READING

2 Thessalonians 1:3-12

*Pastor Ben*

## SERMON

*Choices and Consequences*

*Pastor Ben*

## ✦ SONG OF PREPARATION

*Rock of Ages* verses 1 & 2  
(Toplady, Hastings, arr. Rice)

*Congregation*

## SERVICE OF COMMUNION

### ✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*the Apostle's Creed*

*Pastor Ben*

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 in the colored cups in the inner ring, wine in the clear cups in the outer 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**

*Scott Thibaut*

**✦ SONG OF RESPONSE**

***Rock of Ages*** verses 3 & 4  
*(Toplady, Hastings, arr. Rice)*

*Congregation*

**✦ BENEDICTION**

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF BLESSING**

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

*Congregation*

**POSTLUDE**

*Saule Garcia*

**DEACONS' FUND OFFERING**

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

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# Announcements

<b>Monday, March 8</b>		
SAA Meeting Youth Building		7:30pm
<b>Tuesday, March 9</b>		
Women in the Word The Gallery		9:30am
CODA Meeting Youth Building		7:30pm
<b>Wednesday, March 10</b>		
Youth Group Youth Building		6:30pm
New Member Class B119-121		7:00pm
<b>Thursday, March 11</b>		
MOPS Play Date Pavilion & Playground		10:00am
Women in the Word The Gallery		7:00pm
Diaconate Meeting Pastor's Office		7:00pm
<b>Friday, March 12</b>		
<b>Saturday, March 13</b>		
<b>Sunday, March 14 - Daylight Savings begins</b>		
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream		9:00am
Adult Sunday School Sanctuary		10:30am
Senior High Sunday School B215-217		10:30am
Junior High Sunday School Youth Bldg		10:30am
Children's Sunday School Children's Wing		10:30am

### **Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday!**

Remember to move your clocks forward one hour Saturday evening!

### **Deacon Nominations**

The selection of men to serve in the office of Deacon is the duty and privilege of the members of the congregation of Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church. Deacon Nomination forms are available in the Narthex and contain more information about the process and qualifications. All nominations must be received by March 28, 2021.

### **Missions Presentation during Sunday School Sunday, March 21, 10:30 am, Sanctuary**

Adults and Youth, make plans to join us as we learn about the work of Gospel Lakes Ranch in New Waverly, TX.

### **Youth Meals**

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

Please consider blessing our youth by providing a meal before their Wednesday Youth Group meetings. Contact Elisa for a link to the sign-up schedule.

### **Palm Sunday Children's Choir**

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

The children of the church will be aiding us in worship on March 28! There will be a rehearsal on March 21 immediately following Sunday School.

## SAVE THE DATE

### **Vacation Bible School 2021 - June 21-25 mornings**

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

We are excited to be offering Vacation Bible School for children PreK-3rd grade June 21-25! More information coming soon.

### **Created for a Purpose 2021 - July 12-16**

**Contact:** Amy

Created for a Purpose is a creative arts camp for girls who are entering 4th-9th grade in the fall and is designed to teach that they are created by God in his image, for a purpose. This year's camp will be July 12-16 from 9:00am-1:30pm. Space is limited so register NOW on the church website! There is special pricing for SCPC members. A members-only link was sent by email last Sunday. Contact Elisa ([elisa@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:elisa@springcypresschurch.com)) if you need the link.

### **Built for a Purpose 2021 - July 13-17 evenings**

**Contact:** Erik, [erik@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:erik@springcypresschurch.com)

This summer we are launching Built for a Purpose! This camp is for boys entering 4th-9th grade in the fall and will teach them that they are built by God in his image, for a purpose! The camp will run evenings beginning July 13 and end with an overnight campout on the 16th. More information and registration will be coming soon!

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

*Music* - Pray that the Lord would continue to use the music ministry of SCPC in mighty ways as the staff and volunteers prepare music for worship on Sundays, Wednesdays, and upcoming special services.

## **Pray for Our Congregation**

*Nicholas Ritchie and family* - peace and comfort following the death of his father, Wayne.

*Tony Tousha* - employment.

Ongoing health concerns: *Eldon & Virginia Faries, Carl & Rose Gregory, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, and Katie Medeiros*

## **Pray for Our Military and First Responders**

*Peter Achterkirch*, Army, Washington

*Christian Cory*, Army, New York

*Chris Dietz*, Navy, Texas

*Shawn Maya*, Spring Fire Department

*Jessy Wykes*, Army, Georgia

## **Pray for Our College Students**

*Charlotte Achterkirch*, Samford University

*Ian Allan*, Calvin University

*Zach Allan*, Tarleton State University

*Austin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*Justin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*Jacob Kerr*, Texas A&M University

*Rebekah Kooiman*, Abilene Christian University

*Lauren Steagall*, University of Houston

*AJ Tousha*, Lone Star College

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

*Beverly Crowder* and family (SCPC missionary) - peace and comfort following the death of her mother.

Glenn Ayles' father, *Rodney* - peace and comfort while experiencing failing health.

*Gina Rieger* (SCPC-supported missionary) - comfort and encouragement during her ongoing cancer treatments.

## **Pray for Our Expectant Mothers**

*Kathryn Ritchie* is due in March.

*Carrington Jones* is due in July.

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

*Southwest Church Planting Network (SWCPN)*

- Pray for the pastors of church plants that they would boldly preach the Gospel and wisely minister to their growing flocks.
- Pray for RUF campus ministers as they mentor student leaders, plan outreach to students on campus, and share the gospel one-on-one, online, and in small group settings.
- Pray for people to join in SWCPN's mission whether as a planter, one who waters, or one who prays for growth.
- Pray for increased funds to support SWCPN and wisdom in the administration of those funds.

*Email prayer requests to [robin@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:robin@springcypresschurch.com).*

## **Sermon Notes**

## **Choices and Consequences**

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March 7, 2021

2 Thessalonians 1:3-12





## MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH March 2021



"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth."

1 Corinthians 3:6

[plantchurch.org](http://plantchurch.org)

In 1998 the Southwest Church Planting Network (SWCPN) was formed to make expanding the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ a high priority in the Southwest region (covering the states of Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, and the northwest corner of Louisiana). By the grace of God SWCPN surpassed its original goal to plant 50 new churches and initiate 10 Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) chapters by planting 100 churches and initiating 26 RUF chapters.

Today SWCPN comprises 75 churches representing over 18,000 members coming together to fulfill a bold, Gospel vision. Consequently, SWCPN is strategically positioned in terms of visionary leadership, opportunity and resources to plan for the future and become an even greater vehicle for Kingdom expansion in our region. The three major objectives of SWCPN are 1) identifying and training leaders; 2) planting churches and new RUF chapters; 3) nurturing new plants to full maturity.

The most recent church plant is in Scottsdale, Arizona (Scott Korljan) and the three most recent RUF chapters are at UT El Paso (Jeff White), UT Arlington (Nate Waddell), and an RUF International chapter at UT Dallas (David Billingslea).

### **Prayer Needs**

- Pray for the pastors of church plants that they would boldly preach the Gospel and wisely minister to their growing flocks.
- Pray for RUF campus ministers as they mentor student leaders, plan outreach to students on campus, and share the gospel one-on-one, online, and in small group settings.
- Pray for people to join in SWCPN's mission whether as a planter, one who waters, or one who prays for growth.
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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](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 mothers with infants.
- Children ages 4-8 are welcome to go to Children's Worship prior to the sermon. They are returned to the Sanctuary near the end of the service.

### 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 baskets at the back of the Sanctuary, 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

### Elders

Ian Achterkirch	Erik Haaland
Justin Chandler	Tim Kooiman
Chuck Dorau	Danny McDaniel

The elders may be reached at:  
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### Deacons

Jakob Basham	Stephen Kovach
David Farmer	Scott Lewis

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