



*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, May 15, 2022

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Stephanie Hicks

PRELUDE

Janice Bradshaw

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Janice Bradshaw

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Philippians 2:9-10,*

*“Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth.”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben

Isaiah 49:13 and Psalm 30:11-12

Leader: Sing for joy, O Heavens, and exult, O earth;
Break forth O mountains, into singing!
For the Lord has comforted his people
and will have compassion on his afflicted.

People: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
You have loosed my sackcloth
and clothed me with gladness,
That my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

All: O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Hymn #53, vs. 1, 2, and 5)
(Psalm 103, Neander, *Stralsund Gesangbuch* 1665; arr. Lawrence)

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

*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

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Justin Chandler

1 Corinthians 3:18-20

Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Justin Chandler

Leader: Eternal God, we humble ourselves before your great majesty, against which we have frequently and grievously sinned. We often prefer our own perspective to heavenly wisdom.

People: **Almighty God we routinely walk according to the pattern of this world and fail to set apart Jesus as Lord in our hearts. Our fellowship with you and others suffers the disorder of selfish ambition and hurtful practices.**

Leader: Heavenly Father, help us to sow the peace of heavenly wisdom, cultivating gentleness, mercy, and humility, that we may reap a harvest of righteousness as we walk by faith and not by sight. Hear now our silent prayers of personal confession and forgive us for the sake of Christ..

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Justin Chandler

Romans 5:8-9

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Justin Chandler

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

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

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

O Great God
(Kauflin)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Stephen Kovach

OFFERTORY

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal (arr. Helvey)

Choir

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
as I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.
Hallelujah, praise the Lamb! Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM!

And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away.

Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
and I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.

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

✦ SONG OF PRAISE

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

Congregation

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 4:1-10

Pastor Ben

SERMON

The Path to Peace, part 2

Pastor Ben

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

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (Hymn #616)
(Hoffman, Showalter)

Congregation

✦ BENEEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Pastor Ben

*Claire Achterkirch
Joshua Duncan*

POSTLUDE

Stephanie Hicks

Sermon Notes

The Path to Peace, part 2

May 15, 2022

James 4:1-10

Announcements

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| Monday, May 16 | |
| Session Meeting Pastor's Office | 7:00pm |
| SAA Meeting Youth Building | 7:30pm |
| Tuesday, May 17 | |
| Women in the Word Room 119 | 9:30am |
| CODA Meeting Youth Building | 7:30pm |
| Wednesday, May 18 | |
| Youth Group Youth Building | 6:30pm |
| Thursday, May 19 | |
| Women in the Word Room 119 | 7:00pm |
| Friday, May 20 | |
| Saturday, May 21 | |
| Sunday, May 22 | |
| Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream | 9:30am |
| Sunday School for all ages | 11:00am |

Joint Presbytery Evening Worship Service

Sunday, May 29, 6:00 pm

Southwest Presbyterian Church

6033 S Rice Ave, Bellaire, TX 77401

Contact: Elisa, elisa@springcypresschurch.com

Please join in this unique opportunity to worship alongside members of some sister churches in our Presbytery. This will be a joyous celebration of the connectional nature of the Church in the Houston area. A fellowship dinner will be served afterwards. **RSVP by Sunday, May 22 to Elisa.**

Honoring Our High School Graduates

Claire Achterkirch and Joshua Duncan

Congratulations to our High School Graduates! Baskets containing your expression of congratulations and encouragement will be presented to them at the conclusion of worship today.

Church Picnic

TODAY, 3-6:30 pm, Pavilion

Join us for our annual church picnic! Fun for the whole family, with an awesome water slide, bouncy houses, petting zoo, delicious food, and fantastic fellowship - you don't want to miss it!

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Deacons - Pray for our deacons as they fulfill their calling to care for the many and varied physical needs of our church and congregation.

Pray for Our Congregation

Daniel Duncan - PRAISE - started truck driving school on May 9th. Pray that he successfully completes the course and then finds employment.

Catherine Seeland - continued healing and regaining of strength.

Mark Morrow - comfort and peace for Mark and Jan as they wait for test results of muscle biopsy.

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

Mindy Burton's dad, *Tim Nesbitt* - healing with immunotherapy treatments for stage 4 lung cancer; peace for his family.

Arlene Rodney's cousin, *Marilyn* - God's will be done as she is seriously ill with leukemia.

Emily Wykes' friend, *Sydnee Stanley* - healing from neuromyelitis optica (NMO) a central nervous system disorder where the immune system attacks the brain, eyes, and spinal cord; and comfort for her family.

Cason Moncrief - PRAISE, he received a promotion!

Jim & Mary Spiritosanto's daughter, Deb Kovach's sister, *Rebecca Cooper* - wisdom regarding possible heart surgery and physical strength for kidney dialysis.

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month

Joe & Felicity Congdon, Mission to the World, Tokyo, Japan

- **Church Planting** - Pray for Joe as he shepherds Mitsuo & Natsuki who have begun church planting work in Tokyo.
- **Evangelism** - Pray for Congdons as they reach out to those around them through their weekly *Person of Jesus* study on Zoom and through the PTA at their children's school.
- **Sunday School** - Pray for the recently launched Sunday school program for non-Christian elementary school students and their families.

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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