



*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, May 2, 2021

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Janice Bradshaw

PRELUDE

Saule Garcia

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

*Ruling Elder Erik Haaland
Reformed Youth Ministries*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Saule Garcia

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Hebrews 12:28-29,*

*“Let us offer to God acceptable worship,
with reverence and awe,
for our God is a consuming fire.”*

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

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben

Psalm 113:1-4

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!

People: **Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!**

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!

All: **The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (Hymn #521)
(Mote, Bradbury)

Behold Our God
(Baird, Altrogge)

✦Please stand if able

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Justin Chandler

1 Peter 2:1-2

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Justin Chandler

Leader: Almighty God, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all of our sin.

People: Please forgive us for our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, and our neglect of your wise and gracious Law.

Leader: Father, transform us by your grace so that we might desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command.

Hear now our silent prayers of personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Justin Chandler

Psalm 103:2-4

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Justin Chandler

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

Psalm 62
(Keyes, Townend)

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.

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.

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon David Farmer

SPECIAL MUSIC

You Are the Lord Our God
(Toothman)

Rick Toothman

✦ 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

Genesis 1:1

Pastor Ben

SERMON

The Beginning of Beginnings

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF PREPARATION

Congregation

All Creatures of Our God and King (Hymn #115, vs. 1, 2, 3)
(St. Francis of Assisi, 1225; *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*)

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 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

Janice Bradshaw

✦SONG OF RESPONSE

Congregation

All Creatures of Our God and King (Hymn #115, vs. 4, 5)
(St. Francis of Assisi, 1225; *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*)

✦BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Janice Bradshaw

DEACONS' FUND OFFERING

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

Announcements

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| Monday, May 3 | | |
| SAA Meeting Youth Building | | 7:30pm |
| Tuesday, May 4 | | |
| Women in the Word The Gallery | | 9:30am |
| CODA Meeting Youth Building | | 7:30pm |
| Wednesday, May 5 | | |
| Youth Group Youth Building | | 6:30pm |
| Thursday, May 6 | | |
| Women in the Word The Gallery | | 7:00pm |
| Men's Bible Study Zoom | | 7:00pm |
| MOPS Fellowship Hall | | 7:15pm |
| Friday, May 7 | | |
| Saturday, May 8 | | |
| Sunday, May 9 | | |
| Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream | | 9:00am |
| Sunday School for all ages | | 10:30am |

Honoring Our High School Graduates

Jenna Haaland, Aiden Steagall, Izzy Tousha

Beginning TODAY we have baskets for each graduate in The Gallery. Please consider filling these baskets with cards containing expressions of congratulations and encouragement for these young people as we celebrate with them the completion of one chapter of their lives and the beginning of another! The baskets will be presented to them immediately after worship on Sunday, May 16th.

Church Picnic

Sunday, May 16th, 3-6 pm, Pavilion

Make plans to join your church family 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! Please sign up to volunteer in the Narthex.

New Sunday School Classes begin TODAY!

See insert for details

New Women in the Word Study begins this week!

Tuesdays at 9:30 am, The Gallery

Childcare available by reservation (contact Elisa, elisa@springcypresschurch.com)

Thursdays at 7:00 pm, The Gallery

Ladies, discover how to strengthen and deepen your faith as we study 1, 2, 3 John. These three books will lead us through doctrine, obedient living, and fervent devotion. Invite a friend and let's pursue righteousness and mature in Christ together as we learn and apply these truths to our lives.

VBS Olympion

Monday-Friday, June 21-25, 8:45am-12:00pm

Cost: \$10

Contact: Elisa, elisa@springcypresschurch.com

Calling all 4 year olds - 3rd graders! Join us for a week of Bible stories, crafts, and fun at VBS Olympion this summer. **Registration is open NOW on the church website.**

Built for a Purpose - July 12-17, 5-9 pm

Cost: \$75

Contact: Erik, 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 5-9 pm beginning July 12 and end with an overnight campout on the 16th. **Registration is open NOW on the church website.**

Youth Group Mission Trip to Opelousas, 6/27-7/3

Cost: \$70 (includes t-shirt)

Contact: Justin, justin@springcypresschurch.com

Senior and Junior High students, mark your calendar to return to Opelousas this summer to serve with *Hope for Opelousas!* **Registration is open NOW.** Look for an email Elisa sent 4/21.

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

College Students & Professors - Pray for good health and perseverance as our college students and professors prepare for the end of the spring semester.

Pray for Our Congregation

Barbara Honts - wisdom for her medical team as they makes plans for her to have surgery to relieve migraines in the near future.

Mike Hume - successful eye surgery this week for an impending macular hole in his right eye, patience during recovery, and complete healing.

Jackie Toothman - wisdom for medical team to correctly identify and correct the source of her anemia. 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

Jim & Mary Spiritosanto's daughter and Deb Kovach's sister, *Rebecca* - healing following surgery to insert port to prepare for kidney dialysis.

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

Gina Rieger (SCPC-supported missionary) - healing, comfort, and encouragement following surgery and preparation for radiation treatments.

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Carrington Jones is due in July.

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month

Reformed Youth Ministries

- Pray for additional churches and individuals to partner with RYM through prayer and financial support.
- Pray for staff and interns as they fulfill the RYM mission.

Email prayer requests to robin@springcypresschurch.com.

Sermon Notes

The Beginning of Beginnings

May 2, 2021

Genesis 1:1



MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

May 2021



rym.org

For nearly 50 years RYM has labored to fulfill their mission to help the church reach and equip youth for Christ. They work on fulfilling this mission through conferences, training, and resources.

Conferences: At RYM summer conferences, Scripture-saturated teaching is prioritized through daily large group worship services, elective seminars, small groups, and devotionals. They believe that this is a time in which students and leaders will be encouraged and challenged by the Word of God, grow closer together as the body of Christ, and enjoy times of fun and fellowship.

Training: RYM is committed to helping youth leaders develop a theology and philosophy of ministry upon which to building a healthy and sustainable ministry to youth and families. They do this primarily through their Church Intern program and through youth leader training conferences.

Resources: RYM provides resources for youth leaders, students, and parents. This is done in part through developing and gathering web-based Bible study materials, writing and editing books, and reviewing and recommending existing books and curriculum.

Prayer Needs

- Pray for additional churches and individuals to partner with RYM through prayer and financial support.
- Pray for staff and interns as they fulfill the RYM mission.

New Sunday School Classes Beginning TODAY, 10:30-11:15 am

ADULTS

Sanctuary

Worship: What We Do and Why We Do It

various teachers

When it comes to Sunday morning worship services many Christians often participate without understanding the rationale for what is taking place during the service. Even less consideration is typically given to numerous other factors that inform and shape our worship. In this team-taught class we will discuss the rationale, elements, and circumstances of our worship service in order to increase the understanding, appreciation, and participation of our church members in our weekly services.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

B215-217

James

taught by Justin Chandler & Erik Haaland

James is a beloved and practical book full of exhortations to live a godly life. In just a few pages, the author offers concrete counsel on many issues that confront Christians on a daily basis. James certainly stirs us to action, but it also reveals our sins and inability to do what this letter commands. So, how then are we to live? Join us as we dig into this letter (and the rest of Scripture) to find the answer.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH

Youth Building

Teach Me Your Way

taught by Felix Espino

Junior High students will continue to study the Sermon on the Mount and how it demonstrates the character of a true believer: surrendering to Jesus in salvation and submitting to His way in obedience. *“Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.”* -Psalm 86:11

CHILDREN

Children’s Wing

Toddlers in our Nursery Ministry hear Bible stories and participate in activities from the *Show Me Jesus* curriculum as they build a sure foundation.

Our Elementary Students will all be using curriculum by Great Commission Publications. This quarter our **Pre-K and Kindergarten students** will learn about Jesus’ great love for his people, his death, resurrection, his ascension, the promised Holy Spirit, and the Lord’s return one day. The **Lower Elementary Sunday school class (grades 1-2)** will be focusing on what it means to become devoted to God’s Word using stories and passages from both the Old and New Testaments. **Upper Elementary Sunday School (grades 3-5)** will continue working through a two-year Bible survey course helping students desire God’s word and grow closer in relationship with Christ. Students will discover the joy of being called to be a part of this grand narrative of redemption as they study the scriptures together!



This summer is filled with exciting activities and opportunities to present the Gospel to the children of our church and community. Vacation Bible School, Created for a Purpose, and Built for a Purpose all exist to proclaim the love of our Savior, but for these programs to be a success we need YOU!

Volunteers are still needed for all of our summer programs - no matter your gifting or availability we can find a place for you to serve. Please consider signing up to help with one or more of our summer programs. The volunteer sign up forms can be found on the church website (see below).

Finally, and most importantly, we need everyone to pray for this summer. Pray for the children attending and the volunteers working. Pray that the name of the Lord would be glorified through all we do this summer!

Vacation Bible School: springcypresschurch.com/vbs

Created for a Purpose: springcypresschurch.com/cfap

Built for a Purpose: springcypresschurch.com/bfap

For more information, contact Elisa at elisa@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 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

Our Church Leadership & Staff

Elders

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