



*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 28, 2023

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Brooke Lewis

PRELUDE

Janice Bradshaw

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Janice Bradshaw

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on 1 Timothy 3:16,*

*“Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:
He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit,
seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations,
believed on in the world, taken up in glory.”*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

Isaiah 44:23

Leader: Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it;

People: **Shout, O depths of the earth!**

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

All: **For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel.**

✦ SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

***Holy, Holy, Holy** (Hymn #100, vs. 1, 2, and 3)
(Heber, Dykes)*

***Come Thou Almighty King** (Hymn #101, vs. 1 and 4)
(Scriven, Converse)*

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.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Danny McDaniel

Romans 8:31-33

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Danny McDaniel

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

(Getty, Getty, Kendrick)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon David Jones

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.*

OFFERTORY

I Love You, Lord
(Klein; arr. Schrader)

Men's Ensemble

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you;
O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what you hear;
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

✦ 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

Luke 14:1-24

Rev. Dr. Jason Pickard

SERMON

Come, for Everything is Now Ready!

Rev. Dr. Pickard

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE

I Love to Tell the Story (Hymn #478, verses 1 and 4)
(Hankey, Fischer)

Congregation

✦ BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Janice Bradshaw

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

Sermon Notes

Come, for Everything is Now Ready!

May 28, 2023

Luke 14:1-24

Announcements

Monday, May 29 - Holiday, office closed	
Tuesday, May 30 Men's Bible Study Room 118	7:00pm
Wednesday, May 31 Youth: Speedy Fast Track	7:00pm
Thursday, June 1	
Friday, June 2	
Saturday, June 3	
Sunday, June 4 Worship & Communion Sanctuary & LS Sunday School for all ages LS = Live Stream	9:30am 11:00am

Wecome Rev. Dr. Jason Pickard

Our guest preacher today is the Rev. Dr. Jason Pickard, son of Bob and Renée Pickard. Both a PCA ordained Teaching Elder and a theological scholar, Jason presently serves as Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at Westminster Seminary California. He and his wife, Sarah, have three children.

No Sunday School TODAY

Classes resume June 4th.

Church Picnic

THANK YOU to Tracy Allen, Kyra Moncrief, Tim Kooiman, Kyle Bodden and the other deacons and all the volunteers who helped make our annual picnic a colossal success!

Bibles for Babies - Stephen Robert Ritchie

Women AND Men, stop by the table in the Narthex and add your name by your favorite Bible verse or write a word of blessing or encouragement in the Bible for Stephen Robert Ritchie!

Church Email Newsletters

Make sure you're getting the latest news and information! Pastor Ben periodically emails an *ePistle* and *Church News* is emailed every Friday. If you are not already receiving these emails and would like to contact Robin, robin@springcypresschurch.com.

Men's Summer Bible Study

Tuesday, May 30, 7:00 pm

Contact: Tony Tousha

Men, join us as we continue our study of 2 Kings! We will meet weekly beginning May 30th through July 25th (no meeting 6/20). Hope to see you then!

Youth Group Event: Speedy Fast Track

Wednesday, May 31, 7-9pm

11440 Hempstead Rd, Houston 77092

Contact: Felix

Senior and Junior High students, make plans to enjoy an evening of go-karts, laser tag, and food for \$10 (bring additional money for arcade games and prizes). If you **need transportation contact Felix ASAP** and be at the church by 6:15pm.

Church Work Day

Saturday, June 10, 8am-noon

Contact: Bob Pickard, bob@springcypresschurch.com

The deacons invite **adults and youth** to join them in many projects around campus including masonry repair, beautification, storage, yard work, etc. Breakfast and supplies will be provided. **Sign up in the Narthex so we know how many people to expect!**

Youth Group Event: Six Flags Hurricane Harbor

Splashtown

Saturday, June 10, noon-5pm

Contact: Felix, 832-865-6087

Cost: \$35/person (includes entry and food)

Youth, participate in the Church Work Day (beginning at 9am) to receive free admission to this event! If you have any questions contact Felix.

Bridal Shower honoring Rebekah Kooiman

Sunday, June 11, 12:00pm

Contact: Susy

Ladies, please join us for a bridal shower honoring Rebekah Kooiman. Bring a salad to share for a potluck luncheon. If you wish to bring a gift Rebekah is registered on Amazon. Gift cards are welcome!

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Our Diaconate - 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

Virginia Faries - healing following surgery to remove her gall bladder.

Jeanne Maddy - healing of infection in the wound and bone of her leg.

John Morrison - PRAISE - John is now cancer free! Pray for increased strength.

Ongoing health concerns: *René & Clairice Chapelle, Jeff Kuhn, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, Katie Medeiros,*

John Morrison, 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, North Carolina

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Jessy Wykes, Army, Kentucky

Pray for Our College Students

Claire Achterkirch, Samford 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

Aiden Steagall, Lone Star College

Izzy Tousha, Lone Star College

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Laurie Byerly is due in June.

Pray for Our Friends

Christine Achterkirch's father *Stephen Ummel* - PRAISE - surgery to remove part of his pancreas went well; pray for complete healing.

Jolene Wykes' brother *Kevin* - healing of heart complications.

Pray for Julian Zugg, MINTS International Seminary

- Pray for the students from the smallest villages to the largest cities in Africa as they seek to be faithful ministers of the Word.
- Pray for the students in China. They are being pressured and have had to shut things down a bit and are uncertain about when they'll be able to open again.
- Pray for Julian as he faces a number of administrative challenges in his new role as President of MINTS. Pray that they will find a new admin assistant to help process the student registration and degrees.

Email prayer requests to robin@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 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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*If you've lost or misplaced an item, please check with the office.
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