



*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, November 19, 2023

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Susan Cochran

PRELUDE

Janice Bradshaw

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Janice Bradshaw

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

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Psalm 46:10*

*"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

from Psalm 95:3-7

Leader: The LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods!

People: **In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.**

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker!

All: **For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

*"Give me
understanding
that I may keep
your law and
observe it with
my whole heart."
Psalm 119:34*

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Hymn #457)
(Robinson, Nettleton)

Holy, Holy, Holy (Hymn #100)
(Heber, Dykes)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Pastor Ben

Luke 9:23-25

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?"

✦Please stand if able

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Ben

Leader: Father, you have called us in Christ to be your children, and you have set before us the example of Jesus, our elder brother and king, and you have told us to listen to him.

People: **Yet we often fail to heed the word of Jesus, and instead live as if we are our own, and as if the preservation and promotion of self is our most cherished goal.**

Leader: Father, bring to mind where we have not followed the way of Christ, where we have sought to save our lives instead of dying to self, and where we have recoiled from, rather than embraced, our cross. Hear now our silent prayers of personal confession and look down from Heaven and forgive us for the sake of Jesus...

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

Pastor Ben

Galatians 2:16

...yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Pastor Ben

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING

All I Have Is Christ
(Kauflin)

Congregation

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Reed Wykes

OFFERTORY

Sing to the Lord of Harvest
(Monsell, Steurlein)

Adult Choir
Bell Choir

✦SONG OF PRAISE

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

Congregation

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

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

Acts 9:1-8

Rev. Julian Zugg

SERMON

Paul's Conversion

Rev. Julian Zugg

✦SONG OF PREPARATION

Congregation

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (Hymn #679, verses 1 and 2)
(Stead, Kirkpatrick)

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

Stephen Robert Ritchie

Pastor Ben

✦SONG OF RESPONSE

Congregation

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (Hymn #679, verses 3 and 4)
(Stead, Kirkpatrick)

✦BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Susan Cochran

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

Sermon Notes

November 19, 2023

Paul's Conversion

Acts 9:1-8

Announcements

Monday, November 20
Tuesday, November 21
Wednesday, November 22
Thursday, November 23 Service of Thanksgiving Sanctuary 10:00am We are thankful for YOU! HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Friday, November 24
Saturday, November 25
Sunday, November 26 Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream 9:30am Sunday School for all ages 11:00am

Rev. Julian Zugg, Guest Preacher

Sunday, November 19, 9:30am, Sanctuary

Julian was born in England and raised in South Africa. In 2001 he graduated from RTS (M.Div. Jackson) and worked in all areas of pastoral ministry in the PCA from 2002-2008. In 2008 he was called as the Director of Theology at Belize Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Belize, and he is currently the President of Miami International Theological Seminary (MINTS).

Following the worship service, adults and youth are invited to remain in the sanctuary and learn more about Julian's work through MINTS to meeting the need for flexible, affordable, and accessible theological education in Africa, China, and Central Asia.

Children's Sunday school will meet at normal time/location. Please check your child(ren) in at the Children's Kiosk and pick them up following the Missionary Presentation.

Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal

TODAY, after the Missions Presentation, FH

Contact: Kyra Moncrief

Join us in the Fellowship Hall **TODAY** for a Thanksgiving feast with expanded seating to accommodate our growing church family!

Service of Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 23rd, 10:00am, Sanctuary

Contact: Susan Cochran, susan@springcypresschurch.com

Don't miss the opportunity to bring your family for this brief but meaningful service as we begin Thanksgiving Day sharing our thankfulness for God's gracious mercies to us individually and as a church family this year.

Deck the Halls

Sunday, November 26rd, 11:00am AND

Monday, November 27th, 9:30am

Contact: Jolene Wykes

NEXT SUNDAY after the worship service we need as many hands as possible to help decorate our campus for the Christmas season! We will be defrocking fall décor, pulling out our Christmas décor, etc. We could especially use some manpower for heavy lifting and ladder work! On **MONDAY the 27th**, the Décor Team welcomes all who are interested/available to join them at 9:30am to finish decorating the campus.

Bridal Shower Honoring Rebekah Duncan

Saturday, December 2nd, 10:00am, Annex

Contact: Susy Tousha

Ladies, join us for a Bridal Shower in celebration of Rebekah Duncan and her upcoming marriage to Matthew Sedillo. Please bring a brunch item to share as we shower her with love. Rebekah and Matthew are registered at Walmart, gift cards are welcomed.

Save the Date - Women's Christmas Party

Thursday, December 7th, 6:30pm

Contact: Susy Tousha

Ladies, mark your calendar, it's almost time for our annual Women's Christmas Party! More information coming soon!

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Pray for our Men, Pray that our men will grow in their faith and in their relationships with one another and their families as they grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord.

Pray for Our Congregation

Greg Hill - Pray for quick recovery from a reverse shoulder replacement surgery, and for the mobility and strength of his arm.

Musima family - Ebenezer has been placed on dialysis and is need of a transplant. *Thecla's* father passed away. Please pray for comfort and strength as they trust in God's perfect will and timing during this challenging time.

Jackie Toothman - Please pray for healing, pending test results, and treatment options.

Ongoing health concerns: *Neal Benedict, Hannah Byerly, René & Clairice Chapelle, 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, North Carolina

Felix Espino, Army Reserves, Texas

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Jessy Wykes, Germany

Pray for Our College Students

Claire Achterkirch, Samford University

Rebekah Allcorn, Abilene Christian University

Kyle Benedict, Lone Star College

Ben Chandler, Samford University

Rebekah Duncan, Blinn College

Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Jenna Haaland, Samford University

Aiden Steagall, Texas A&M

Izzy Tousha, Texas State

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Pray for Our Friends & Family.

Vincent & Eleanor Tracey's grandson *Elijah* - Pray for stable platelet counts, positive response to chemo, continued overall healing and good reports from upcoming MRI and lumbar stick on Dec. 1.

Emily Wykes friend, *Annabelle Valadez*, for the unexpected loss of her father.

Thecla Musima's mother *Elizabeth Maloba* - Please pray for safety and comfort as she has traveled to Cameroon for the burial of her husband, Thecla's father.

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Carrington Jones, due in November

Rachel Camden, due in December

Maretha Kritzinger, due in March

Emily Wykes, due in March

Brooke Lewis, due in April

Katelyn Schaeffer, due in May

Pray for Paul Miller, Regional Director for Metanoia Prison Ministries in Texas

- Please pray for the LORD to provide mentors for the Boyd Unit.
- Please pray that I will find churches around the Boyd Unit that will be willing to partner with me and send mature believers into the Boyd Unit to mentor inmates.
- Please pray that the LORD will send volunteers for our correspondence ministry.
- Please pray that I will continue to find financial partners.
- Please pray that the LORD will use Metanoia to spread the gospel to prisoners here in Texas, and around the nation.

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.

Our Church Leadership & Staff

Our Session

Justin Chandler
Ben Duncan

Erik Haaland
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Glenn Ayles
Jakob Basham
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If you've lost or misplaced an item, please check with the office.

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