

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 5, 2023

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Brooke Lewis

PRELUDE Janice Bradshaw

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Ben

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Pastor Ben

Paul Miller, Regional Director Metanoia Prison Ministries in Texas

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Janice Bradshaw

Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship, and reflect on Jeremiah 6:16

"Thus says the Lord: "Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.""

+CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

from Psalm 145:1 and Deuteronomy 32:3

Leader: Extol your God and King!

People: We bless his name forevermore!

Leader: Let us proclaim the name of the Lord, All: We will ascribe greatness to our God!

+SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

(Perronet, Holden)

And Can It Be That I Should Gain (Hymn #455, verses 1, 4, and 5) (Wesley, Campbell)

"Give me understanding

that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart."

Psalm 119:34

Worship begins

where spiritual

life begins - with God's call.

Appropriately, we respond with prayers and

songs of adoration.

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Danny McDaniel

Leviticus 20:7-8

Consecrate yourselves, therefore, and be holy, for I am the Lord your God. Keep my statutes and do them; I am the Lord who sanctifies you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Danny McDaniel

Leader: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

People: You have called us, as your children, to be holy, even as you are holy. Yet we disobey you by what we do, and by what we do not

Leader: Father, by your Spirit bring to mind where we have not kept your statutes and hear our prayers of personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

...amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Danny McDaniel

Colossians 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD Danny McDaniel concluding with the Lord's Prayer

+SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

(Townend)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Wayne Lin

OFFERTORY

His Eye Is On The Sparrow

(Gabriel, Sprunger)

Janice Bradshaw

Brooke Lewis

+SONG OF PRAISE The Doxology (Hymn #731) Congregation (Ken, Bourgeois)

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.

God's law

"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 on the first Sunday of the month, children remain in the service with their parents.

SCRIPTURE TEXT

Judges 6:1-32

Teaching Elder Ken Thurman

SERMON

The Call and Commissioning of Gideon

Ken Thurman

+SONG OF PREPARATION

Congregation

Amazing Grace (Hymn #460, verses 1 and 2) (Newton, Traditional American melody; arr. by Excell)

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 is in the colored cups in the outer ring, wine is in the clear cups in the inner rings.

We confess our common faith as an expression or

our unity in

coming to the Lord's Table.

We are called to

be faithful stewards of

God's Word.

Therefore, we eagerly and unashamedly

read and proclaim the whole counsel of

Scripture.

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

Brooke Lewis

+SONG OF RESPONSE

Congregation

Amazing Grace (Hymn #460, verses 4 and 6) (vs. 4 Newton, vs. 6 A Collection of Sacred Ballads) (Traditional American melody; arr. by Excell)

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Pastor Ben

Having received

God's blessing,

we depart blessing the name of the

+SONG OF BLESSING

Gloria Patri (Hymn #735)

Congregation

(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

Puo alsa I auria

Brooke Lewis

DEACONS' FUND OFFERING

Announcements

Monday, November 6	
Tuesday, November 7 Women in the Word Room 119 Men's Book Study Room 119	9:30am 7:00pm
Wednesday, November 8 Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Thursday, November 9 ESL Informational Meeting Room 116 Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, November 10	
Saturday, November 11	
Sunday, November 12 Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream Sunday School for all ages	9:30am 11:00am

Missionary Presentation - Paul Miller Sunday, November 12, Sanctuary Contact: Justin Chandler

NEXT SUNDAY adults and youth are invited to a presentation by our missionary of the month, Paul Miller. Paul will be sharing about his ministry as the Regional Director of Metanoia Prison Ministries in Texas in the sanctuary during the Sunday school hour. Children's Sunday school will meet at normal time/locations.

Operation Christmas Child Sunday, November 5 thru 12 Contact: Justin Chandler

Operation Christmas Child sends shoeboxes full of gifts to children in some of the hardest to reach places in the world as an expression of God's love. The Missions Team invites you to take shoe boxes from beneath the tree in the Narthex, **TODAY** is the last day! Instructions and gifts suggestions are included with each box. Shoeboxes must be returned **NEXT SUNDAY**!

Enfuego Youth - No Youth Group this week Wednesday, November 8th Contact: Felix Espino

Enfuego Youth - Altitude Trampoline Park Friday, November 17th, 7pm Contact: Felix Espino

Mark your calendar and invite your friends! More information coming soon!

ESL Ministry Informational Meeting Thursday, November 9th, 7:00pm, Room 116 Contact: Gail Hume

Church based English (ESL) classes can effectively reach out to immigrant communities. The PCA's director of ESL ministries, Nancy Booher, will be here on November 9th to share how our church could begin offering ESL. Interested? Come find out how you can participate! **TODAY** is the last day to RSVP, be sure to sign up in the Narthex.

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Pray for 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

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

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

Ongoing health concerns: Neal Benedict, Hannah Byerly, René & Clairice Chapelle, Joyce Hill, 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 Felix Espino, Army Reserves, Texas Joshua Duncan, Army, North Carolina 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 protection from infection, fevers, and severe side-effects as he has started another round of chemo treatments. Pray for stable blood count numbers, healing, strength, and for him to regain all motor functions.

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Carrington Jones due in November.

Maretha Kritzinger due in March.

Emily Wykes due in March.

Brooke Lewis due in April.

Katelyn Schaeffer 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.
- Please pray that my family and I will continue to grow in our faith, and that we will seek to honor the LORD in all we do.

Email prayer requests to susan@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 touchscreen 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		Our Prir
Justin Chandler Ben Duncan	Erik Haaland Danny McDaniel	Rev. Ber

Our Diaconate

Glenn Ayles	Stephen Kovach
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If you've lost or misplaced an item, please check with the office.

Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm