



*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, October 8, 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 Matthew 10:39*

*“Whoever finds his life will lose it,
and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”*

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

✦CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

Psalm 117:1-2

Leader: Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

People: **For great is his steadfast love towards us,**

Leader: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

All: **Praise the LORD!**

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

All Creatures of Our God and King (Hymn #115, vs. 1-2, and 5)
(Francis of Assisi, Geistliche Kirchengesänge)

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (Hymn #164, vs. 1-4, and 6)
(Noel, Williams)

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

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Danny McDaniel

Exodus 20:16

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Danny McDaniel

Leader: Heavenly Father, your moral law commands us: “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.” In this commandment you reveal your will for truth and justice. You call us to tell the truth at all times, and carefully and honestly to defend and

✦Please stand if able

preserve the reputations of those around us, yet too often we use our speech as a weapon against others.

People: Almighty God, we confess that we have a fascination with rumors, both to hear and to spread them, especially when they serve our own interests by tearing down those we don't like or esteem as enemies. With contrition we acknowledge our tendency to desire to appear right, even at the expense of truth and righteousness. Forgive us, we pray.

Leader: Father, help us to love our neighbors as ourselves, that we would protect not only the person but also the reputation and name of those around us, and that in every way we would treat others the way we desire to be treated. We also ask that by your Holy Spirit you would bring to mind where else we have sinned and hear our prayers of silent personal confession and forgive us for the sake of Christ...

silent confession of personal sin

...amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Danny McDaniel

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Danny McDaniel

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

(Getty, Townend)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Bill Dietz

OFFERTORY

Blessed Assurance

(Crosby, Knapp; arr. Funderburk)

Text can be found on page 693 in the hymnal.

Robin Trygstad

Janice Bradshaw

✦ SONG OF PRAISE

The Doxology (Hymn #731)

(Ken, Bourgeois)

Congregation

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

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

Matthew 17:1-13

Pastor Ben

SERMON

The Transfiguration

Pastor Ben

✦SONG OF PREPARATION

Congregation

Take My Life, and Let It Be (Hymn #585, verses 1-2)
(Havergal, Malan)

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

Eleanor Grace Bowers

Pastor Ben

✦SONG OF RESPONSE

Congregation

Take My Life, and Let It Be (Hymn #585, verses 5-6)
(Havergal, Malan)

✦BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Brooke Lewis

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

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

Sermon Notes

The Transfiguration

October, 8 2023

Matthew 17:1-13

Announcements

Monday, October 9	
Tuesday, October 10	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Wednesday, October 11	
<i>Enfuego</i> Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Thursday, October 12	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, October 13	
Saturday, October 14	
Sunday, October 15	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am

Church-Wide Fall Workday

Saturday, October 21, 8am - 11am (or until finished)

Contact: Steve Kovach

Adults and youth are invited to join the Deacons for some repair and beautification projects around our church campus. We have some scraping and painting to do, new picnic tables to assemble, and plenty of additional projects depending on participation. Coffee, breakfast, and supplies will be provided. Sign up in the Narthex **TODAY** so we can have an idea of how many people to expect and plan accordingly!

Reformation Party Volunteer Sign-Up

TODAY, Following the worship service, Narthex

Contact: Susan, susan@springcypresschurch.com

Our 5th annual Reformation Party will be here before we know it! We need volunteers to help with everything from setup/decorating to tear down/cleanup, and everything in between. If you haven't already signed up online please stop by the table in the Narthex after the worship service!

Candy Donations

Sunday, Oct. 15, Visitor Kiosk

Contact: Susan, susan@springcypresschurch.com

We are accepting candy donations to make goody bags for children attending the Reformation Party. Please drop your donations off at the Visitor Kiosk **NEXT SUNDAY**.

Willing to help stuff the goody bags? **Contact Susan**, or sign up in the Narthex after the worship service!

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Pray for our Music Ministry, Pray that the staff and many volunteers in the music ministries would remain healthy and able to serve, and that our music will be a source of vibrant praise to our Savior!

Pray for Our Congregation

Jackie Toothman - Jackie's renal cancer has returned. Please pray for continued healing following a recent surgery, and for Jackie and her medical team as they consider surgical and treatment options.

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 no fevers during 3-week break from radiation/chemo and clear test results from October 3 lumbar stick.

Liz Zapp's nephew's son, *Ethan* is in serious condition following a car accident. He has had 5 surgeries, spleen and kidney removed, and other complications.

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Carrington Jones due in November.
Maretha Kritzing due in March.
Emily Wykes due in March.
Brooke Lewis due in April.

Pray for the Geneva Relief Fund, Care for Widows and Pastors in Need

- For peace and comfort for the PCA widows, ministers, and ministry families served by this fund.
- For wisdom in the administration of the fund.
- For increased donations so that more people may be served.

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 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

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Our Diaconate

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*If you've lost or misplaced an item, please check with the office.
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