



*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, September 24, 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 Genesis 1:1,*

*"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."*

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION** *Pastor Ben*  
*from Deuteronomy 32:3-4*

Leader: Let us proclaim the name of the LORD!

People: **We ascribe greatness to our God!**

Leader: The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice.

All: **A God of faithfulness and without iniquity,  
just and upright is he!**

✦ **SONGS OF ADORATION** *Congregation*

*To God Be the Glory*  
(Crosby, Doane; arr. by Kreider)

*Living Waters*  
(Getty, Cash)

**DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW** *Pastor Ben*  
*Exodus 20:14*

You shall not commit adultery.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *Pastor Ben*

Leader: Almighty God, you have both created and blessed us with the gift of sex to be enjoyed and protected within the bounds of marriage, which you have likewise given to us as a gift to be guarded. And we know that your 7th commandment, "you shall

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

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

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✦ *Please stand if able*

not commit adultery,” forbids not only the act of marital unfaithfulness, but also impurity of imagination, as well as any unnatural or unchaste desire or behavior. Lord, we understand that the 7th commandment calls us to a high and noble faithfulness to our spouse as our covenant partner, to holding the marriage bed in honor, and to representing the Church’s relationship with her Husband in its purity. Yet with great contrition we acknowledge that we often fall short.

**People:** O God, you know the thoughts and intentions of our hearts, and nothing can be hidden from your sight. You know the many ways in which we have let our eyes, minds, and hearts indulge in inappropriateness, and how we have treated neither sex nor marriage with the honor and sacredness we ought. Forgive us, we pray.

**Leader:** Father, we ask you to forgive us for our transgressions of your 7th commandment, and we ask that by your Spirit you would sanctify us that we might better love our neighbors as we love ourselves, that we would cherish your good gifts of sex and marriage by honoring and protecting them as you instruct us. Please also bring to mind where else we have sinned against you and hear our silent prayers of personal confession...

*silent confession of personal sin*

...amen.

#### **PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD’S GOSPEL**

*Pastor Ben*

*1 Corinthians 15:56-57*

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **PRAYER FOR CHRIST’S CHURCH AND THE WORLD**

*Pastor Ben*

*concluding with the Lord’s Prayer*

#### **✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* (Hymn #521, verses 1, 3, and 4)

*(Note, Bradbury)*

#### **DIACONAL PRAYER**

*Deacon Jakob Basham*

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*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.*

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

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

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

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## OFFERTORY

*I Set My Hope*  
(Getty, Boswell, Papa)

*Scott & Cathy Thibaut*

When this life of trials tests my faith, I set my hope on Jesus  
When the questions come and doubts remain, I set my hope on Jesus  
For the deepest wounds that time won't heal, there's a joy that runs still deeper  
There's a truth that's more than all I feel, I set my hope on Jesus

*I set my hope on Jesus  
My rock, my only trust  
Who set His heart upon me first  
I set my hope on Jesus*

Though I falter in this war with sin, I set my hope on Jesus  
When I fail the fight and sink within, I set my hope on Jesus  
Though the shame would drown me in its sea, and I dread the waves of justice  
I will cast my life on Calvary, I set my hope on Jesus

Though the world call me to leave my Lord, I set my hope on Jesus  
Though it offer all its vain rewards, I set my hope on Jesus  
Though this heart of mine is prone to stray, give me grace enough to finish  
'Till I worship on that final day, I set my hope on Jesus

## ✦ SONG OF PRAISE

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

*Congregation*

## BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

*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.*

*Pastor Ben*

## SCRIPTURE TEXT

*Matthew 16:13-20*

*Pastor Ben*

## SERMON

*On This Rock*

*Pastor Ben*

## ✦ SONG OF RESPONSE

*How Firm a Foundation* (Hymn #94, verses 1, 2, and 6)  
(Rippon's Selection of Hymns, Traditional American melody)

*Congregation*

## ✦ BENEDECTION

*Pastor Ben*

## ✦ SONG OF BLESSING

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

*Congregation*

## POSTLUDE

*Brooke Lewis*

## **Sermon Notes**

September 24, 2023

## **On This Rock**

Matthew 16:13-20

# Announcements

<b>Monday, September 25</b>	
<b>Tuesday, September 26</b>	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
<b>Wednesday, September 27</b>	
<i>Enfuego</i> Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
<b>Thursday, September 28</b>	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
<b>Friday, September 29</b>	
<b>Saturday, September 30</b>	
Men's Fellowship Luncheon	12:30pm
<b>Sunday, October 1</b>	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am

**Directory Photos**

**TODAY is the last day** to have your picture updated or added in the online directory. Please be sure to stop by the Gallery after worship service if you have not already done so.

**Food Drive to benefit Tomball Emergency Assistance Ministries (TEAM)**

**Contact: Stephen Kovach**

**TODAY is the last day** we are collecting items for the TEAM Food Drive. One of TEAM's many services to families in our area is a food pantry that provides wholesome food for a balanced diet.

**Robin is Retiring! (sort of)**

Robin will be semi-retiring at the end of September. She will be continuing to work on a part-time basis, helping with finance administration. Susan is now the full-time Office Administrator and is the primary contact for all SCPC administrative purposes going forward. Please congratulate both ladies in their new roles!

**Men's Ministry Kick-Off Luncheon**

**Saturday, September 30, 12:30pm, Fellowship Hall**

**Contact: Michael Byerly**

Men, join us for the '23 - '24 Men's Ministry Kick-Off Luncheon! Don't miss out on this opportunity to fellowship and hear about our exciting plans for the coming year! Pulled pork sandwiches will be provided. Side dishes are welcomed but not required.

**Bridal Shower honoring Hana Corona Ahumada**

**Saturday, October 7, 10am, Annex**

**Contact: Susy Tousha**

Ladies, join us as we shower Hana with gifts for her new home with her soon-to-be husband Felix Espino! Please consider bringing a brunch item to share as we partake in Hana's joy. Hana and Felix are registered at Amazon and Target.

***Enfuego* Youth Group, Cidercade Retro Arcade**

**Saturday, October 7, 1pm**

**Contact: Felix Espino**

Jr. & Sr. high students - Invite a friend and join us for a day of fun! \$15 covers an all-day pass that will allow you to play any arcade game or activity AND food will be provided! **RSVP by October 4th!**

CiderCade is located at 2320 Canal Street, Suite, 100, Houston. Those needing transportation please contact Felix for information.

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

Pray for our youth parents, Sunday School teachers, and Director of Youth Ministry as they work together to help our youth grow in their Christian faith.

## **Pray for Our Congregation**

*Rita Rivera and family* - for comfort following the passing of Rita's sister, Jamie Valdez. Please especially pray for Jamie's son and granddaughter that she lived with.

*Jackie Toothman* - Jackie's renal cancer has returned. Please pray as she and her medical team 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

*Joshua Duncan*, Army, North Carolina

*Shawn Maya*, Spring Fire Department

*Jessy Wykes*, Germany

## **Pray for Our College Students**

*Claire Achterkirch*, Samford University

*Ben Chandler*, Samford University

*Rebekah Duncan*, Blinn College

*Austin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*Jenna Haaland*, Samford University

*Rebekah Allcorn*, Abilene Christian University

*Aiden Steagall*, Texas A&M

*Izzy Tousha*, Texas State

*AJ Tousha*, Lone Star College

## **Pray for Our Friends & Family**

Mindy Burton's daughter, *Mackelle Cannon* - for dissipation of blood clot from her brain/sinus cavity down her neck toward her heart.

Sara Carrera's sister, *Candace*, and friend, *Stephanie*, both have cancer. Pray for healing, comfort, and endurance for both of them and their families..

Bill & Denise Cooper's two-year-old grandson *Daniel* - PRAISE, his body cast was removed, the femur is healed solid!

Vincent & Eleanor Tracey's grandson *Elijah* - PRAISE, he has completed first phase of radiation/chemo, regained the ability to swallow, and continued to improve during physical therapy! Pray for no fevers during 3-week break and clear test result on October 3 lumbar stick.

Reed & Jolene Wykes' daughter *Jessy Wykes* - Jessy has relocated for a permanent change of station in Germany. Pray for safety and her adjustment to her new responsibilities.

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 Kritzinger* due in March.

*Emily Wykes* due in March.

*Brooke Lewis* due in April.

## **Praise with & Pray for Rick & Betty Aschmann, Anne & Nathan, PCA Mission to the World, Ecuador**

Praise for the progress in translating the Old Testament in the Central Highland Quichua language. Pray for the work of Quichua translator, Daniel Sigla, for the editing team of which Rick is a part, and the Quichua community leaders as they start checking the translation.

## 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](http://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](http://springcypresschurch.com/give).

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## Our Church Leadership & Staff

### Our Session

Justin Chandler  
Ben Duncan

Erik Haaland  
Danny McDaniel

### Our Diaconate

Glenn Ayles  
Jakob Basham  
Kyle Bodden  
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