



*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 3, 2023

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRELUDE

Brooke Lewis

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Pastor Ben

Rick & Betty Aschmann

PCA Mission to the World in Ecuador

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Brooke Lewis

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Isaiah 64:4,*

*“From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.”*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

from Revelation 1:5-8

Leader: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins
by his blood and made us a kingdom,
priests to his God and Father,

People: To him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen!

Leader: Behold he is coming with the clouds,
and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him.

**All: He is the Alpha and the Omega,
who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty!**

✦ SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Creation Sings the Father's Song

(Getty, Townend)

His Mercy Is More

(Boswell, Papa)

*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*

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Erik Haaland

Exodus 20:8-11

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Erik Haaland

Leader: Heavenly Father, your fourth commandment, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy" is a generous commandment that we have taken to be burdensome. Though your Word teaches us that rest is held out to us and there remains a sabbath rest for your people, we have vainly searched for rest in worldly pleasures and pursuits rather than in the Lord's Day.

People: Almighty God, we confess that "time" is our most precious commodity, and you are Lord of our time. Yet we have filled the Lord's Day with ordinary work, inordinate leisure, and even overtly sinful behaviors, instead of laying before you our time and serving you by resting in Christ with it. Forgive us, we pray.

Leader: Father, help us to reorient our hearts to delight in your day as a gift from you for our refreshment, and help us to restructure our lives and schedules to acknowledge that you are Lord of our time. 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

Erik Haaland

Ephesians 2:13-14a

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace.

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

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Erik Haaland

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord (Hymn #465)
(Johnston, Towner)

Congregation

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Bob Pickard

OFFERTORY

Behold Our God
(Baird, Baird, Baird, Altrogge).

Choir and Band

✦ SONG OF PRAISE

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

Congregation

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

*After the blessing on the first Sunday of the month,
children remain in the service with their parents.*

Pastor Ben

SCRIPTURE TEXT

Matthew 15:21-39

Pastor Ben

SERMON

Receiving Grace

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF PREPARATION

In Christ Alone
(Getty, Townend)

Congregation

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

the Apostle's Creed

Pastor Ben

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.

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

*We confess our
common faith as
an expression of
our unity in
coming to the
Lord's Table.*

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.***

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

In Christ Alone
(Getty, Townend)

Congregation

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

✦ BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Brooke Lewis

DEACONS' FUND OFFERING

Announcements

Monday, September 4 - Holiday, office closed	
Tuesday, September 5	
Wednesday, September 6	
<i>Entfuego</i> Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Thursday, September 7	
Friday, September 8	
Saturday, September 9	
<i>Entfuego</i> Youth Paint War Youth Building	5:00pm
Sunday, September 10	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Missions Presentation Sanctuary	11:00am
Children's Promotion Sunday Ch Wing	11:00am
Hymn Sing Sanctuary	6:00pm

Fall Kick-Off TODAY at 11:00am

Learn about our church's ministry plans for the fall trimester from new Sunday School classes to mid-week activities and special events for everyone!

**Missions Presentation - Rick & Betty Aschmann
Sunday September 10, 11:00 am, Sanctuary**

Contact: Gail Hume

Adults and Youth, join us as we hear from Rick and Betty Aschmann about their work in Ecuador with (PCA) Mission to the World. Additionally, for those who desire to interact with them in a more intimate context, you are invited to attend an *evening social on Saturday, September 9 at 7pm* at the home of Mike and Gail Hume. For more information contact Gail.

Hymn Sing

Sunday, September 10, 6:00pm, Sanctuary

Make plans to join us for hymn singing, prayer, and worship!

**Discovering Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church
*Our Culture, Confession, and Calling***

Wednesdays, September 27-October 25, 6:30-8pm

Would you like to learn what kind of church we are trying to be, our beliefs, ministry, and mission? The class is open to all - the curious and those desiring to join SCPC. Sign up no later than **September 17th** in the Narthex or on our website, springcypresschurch.com. Childcare is available upon request.

Food Drive to benefit Tomball Emergency Assistance Ministries (TEAM)

September 3 - 24

Contact: Stephen Kovach,
stephen@springcypresschurch.com

One of TEAM's many services to families in our area is a food pantry that provides wholesome food for a balanced diet. YOU can help TEAM by bringing a donation of any of the items listed on the flyer in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

***Entfuego* Youth Group**

Contact: Felix, felix@springcypresschurch.com

Junior and Senior High students, stop by Room 116 TODAY to learn about the great events planned for the year! This week we will have **Wednesday Night Gathering beginning at 6:15pm** and **Paint War on Saturday, 5-6:30pm**. Parents: sign up to provide meals in Room 116 or by text (will be sent this afternoon).

**Men's Ministry Lunch & Fellowship Kick-Off
Saturday, September 16, 12:30pm, Fellowship Hall**

Contact: Michael Byerly

Men, join us for the inaugural event of our new Men's Ministry! Don't miss out as we will be explaining what we plan to do over the next year. Swing by Room 117 TODAY to learn more and to sign up to bring a side to complement our pulled pork sandwich lunch.

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Pray for our Men that they 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

Tracy & Rusty Allen & family - peace and comfort following the death of Tracy's brother Bill.

David & Linda Farmer and their family - peace and comfort, especially for their daughter Kristina, following the death of their son-in-law Russell Skrehot.

Joyce Hill - PRAISE - Joyce is home from rehab. Pray for continued healing.

Ongoing health concerns: *Neal Benedict, Hannah Byerly, René & Clairice Chapelle, Jeff Kuhn, Barbara Langford, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, Katie Medeiros, Mark Morrow, Mary Spiritosanto.*

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Washington

Joshua Duncan, Army, North Carolina

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Chris Dietz, Navy Reserves, Texas

Jessy Wykes, Germany

Pray for Our College Students

Claire Achterkirch, Samford University

Rebekah Kooiman Allcorn, Abilene Christian University

Ben Chandler, Samford University

Aiden Steagall, Texas A&M

Rebekah Duncan, Blinn College

Izzy Tousha, Texas State

Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Jenna Haaland, Samford University

Pray for Our Friends & Family

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

Kathryn Ritchie's friend *Melody* - comfort and peace following the unexpected death of her 1 day old baby.

Kathryn Ritchie's aunt *Nancy Villarreal* - recently diagnosed with advanced stage bone cancer.

Bill & Denise Cooper's two-year-old grandson *Daniel* - complete healing of broken femur.

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

Ruth Stacy's *Aunt's sons and their families* - pray for peace and comfort following the death of Ruth's aunt, Neil Casey.

Vincent & Eleanor Tracey's grandson *Elijah* - PRAISE he is halfway through his radiation and chemo treatments. Pray for effectiveness of treatments with minimal side effects, return of his ability to swallow, return of fine and gross motor skills, and strength for Elijah and his family.

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Carrington Jones due in November.

Maretha Kritzinger due in March.

Emily Wykes due in March.

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

See praise and prayer requests on the insert.

Email prayer requests to robin@springcypresschurch.com.

Sermon Notes

Receiving Grace

September 3, 2023

Matthew 15:21-29



MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH September 2023

RICK & BETTY ASCHMANN ANNE & NATHAN MISSION TO THE WORLD, QUITO, ECUADOR



Rick and Betty serve in Ecuador among the Quichua Indians. Their ministry focuses on Bible translation, leadership training, church planting, and literature production in the Quichua Indian language. Rick was ordained as a pastor in 2014, after a two-year church planting internship in Bogotá, Colombia. The Aschmanns then returned to Ecuador to begin a new church-planting work among the Quichua Indians. Rick is also involved in Bible translation projects in two Indigenous languages to provide God's Word in the heart language of the Ecuadorian people.

Prayer/Praise:

- 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.
- Pray for safety for the Aschmanns and their Christian friends in Ecuador. Crime is rampant and continuing to get worse.
- Pray for Anne and Nathan as they study at Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska. Anne is starting her third year, studying math education and Nathan is in his freshman year studying Physics.
- Pray for Rick and Betty's travels throughout the U.S. this 2023-24 school year as they visit partners in the ministry in about 10 different states.

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

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