



*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, April 21, 2024

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

### PRELUDE

*Janice Bradshaw*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor Ben*

### PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Janice Bradshaw*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on Psalm 107:22*

*“And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,  
and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!”*

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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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### ✦CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Pastor Ben*

*Isaiah 44:23*

Leader: Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it;  
Shout, O depths of the earth!

People: **Break forth into singing, O mountains,  
O forest, and every tree in it!**

Leader: For the LORD has redeemed Jacob,

All: **And will be glorified in Israel.**

### ✦SONGS OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

***Come, Christians, Join to Sing*** (Hymn #302)

(Bateman, Traditional Spanish melody; arr. by Evans)

***Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love***

(Papa, Keyes, Brown, Getty)

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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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### DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

*Ruling Elder Ian Achterkirch*

*Deuteronomy 6:4-5*

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love  
the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and  
with all your might.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Ian Achterkirch*

Leader: Almighty God, you are one, and there is no god besides you.  
Though you are Triune, the persons of the godhead exist in

✦Please stand if able

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complete harmony and unity of essence, being, purpose, and will. In light of your unity, you call us to a single-minded devotion to you, and your ways.

**People:** Yet our hearts are divided, our minds are distracted, and our faith and obedience are wavering. Forgive us for not loving you with all our heart, soul, and might.

**Leader:** Father, grant that by the power of your indwelling and empowering Spirit, we will live our lives in increasing adoration and devotion to you. Lord, bring to mind where we have loved created things with greater vigor and devotion than we have you, and hear now our silent prayers of personal confession...

*silent confession of personal sin*

...Amen!

**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Ian Achterkirch*

*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**

*Ian Achterkirch*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

*Blessed Assurance* (Hymn #693)  
(Crosby, Knapp)

**DIACONAL PRAYER**

*Deacon Bill Dietz*

**OFFERTORY**

*Rejoice the Lord is King*  
(Wesley, Darwall; arr. by Pethel)  
Lyrics are verses 1, 2, and 5 of Hymn #309

*Sanctuary Choir*

**✦ SONG OF PRAISE**

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

*Congregation*

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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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**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 24:1-51

*Pastor Ben*

**SERMON**

*The Olivet Discourse: Being Prepared for the Future*

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF RESPONSE**

*Congregation*

*Rejoice, All Ye Believers* (Hymn #320, verses 1, 2, and 4)  
(Findlater, Smart)

**✦ BENEDICTION**

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF BLESSING**

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

*Congregation*

**POSTLUDE**

*Linda Stringer*

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

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**Sermon Notes** *The Olivet Discourse: Being Prepared for the Future*  
April 21, 2024 *Matthew 24:1-51*

# Announcements

<b>Monday, April 22</b>	
<b>Tuesday, April 23</b>	
Women's Bible Study Room 119	9:30am
Men's Bible Study Room 119	7:00pm
<b>Wednesday, April 24</b>	
Enfuego Youth Meal Fellowship Hall	6:15pm
Enfuego Youth Group Youth Building	6:30pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
<b>Thursday, April 25</b>	
Women's Bible Study Room 119	7:00pm
<b>Friday, April 26</b>	
<b>Saturday, April 27</b>	
<b>Sunday, April 28</b>	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am

**Welcome - Linda Stringer!**

Join us in welcoming Linda Stringer - she will be serving on our Praise Team and worshipping with us throughout Brooke's maternity leave.

**Fiesta Fellowship Meal**

**TODAY, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall/Annex**

No time to siesta, it's time for a fiesta with your SCPC family! Join us in the Fellowship Hall/Annex after Sunday School **TODAY** for a great time of fellowship and some amazing TEX-MEX! If you brought a non-disposable dish, be sure to pick it up at the kitchen window at the end of the meal!

**No Sunday School classes next Sun., April 28th.**

**SCPC Spring Workday**

**Saturday, May 4, 8am-NOON**

**Contact: David Jones**

The SCPC Deacons invite the church family to join them for a day of doing projects around campus, caring for that which the Lord has blessed us with! Coffee and breakfast will be provided! Sign up in the Narthex **TODAY!**

**Summer Trimester Sunday School Classes**

**Beginning Sunday, May 5, 11:15am**

**Youth - Westminster Shorter Catechism, Youth Bldg.**

Enfuego Youth - Come one, come all as we embark on a fascinating journey through the Westminster Shorter Catechism! Delve into the rich heritage of our faith and deepen your understanding of fundamental Christian beliefs through exploration of this timeless document! It provides a concise and profound framework for understanding the core principles of the knowledge and love of God. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Adults - A Biblical Response to the Current Cultural Climate, Sanctuary**

Join us this summer for this Session-led class on how we as Christians can both interpret and respond in a Biblically faithful manner to various cultural issues.

**One-Month Women's Study**

**Begins Tuesday April 30, 9:30am (childcare available) and Thursday May 2, at 7:00pm**

**Contact: Women's Ministry Team**

SCPC Women - Join us for this one-month study where we will explore what Biblical wisdom is and how we apply it in our lives! "A Woman's Wisdom", by Lydia Brownback, explores the timeless counsel in the book of Proverbs and six things wise women know. We will also study a portrait of wisdom in the Proverbs 31 woman!

**SAVE THE DATE - SCPC SPRING PICNIC!**

**Sunday, May 19, 3-6:30pm, Pavilion**

**Contacts: Kyra Moncrief and Susan Cochran**

Be sure to mark your calendar and join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship at our annual Spring Picnic, where we will celebrate our 45th Anniversary! We have exciting plans and **NEED YOUR HELP** to make it all happen... Sign up in the Narthex **NEXT WEEK** to help with setup/tear down, food prep/ serving, games/inflatables and more!

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

**Pray for our Deacons** - 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**

*Steve Williams* - Pray for strength, courage, and healing during chemotherapy treatments.

*Clairice Chapelle* - Pray for recovery for a shoulder injury from a recent fall.

*Leslee Stollberg* - Pray for healing from broken ankle.

*Neal Benedict* - Please pray for favor with the UAMS transplant center.

*Christine Achterkirch* - Pray for peace and comfort following the death of her father.

*Cara Dobson* - Prayer for surgery on April 9th, and quick recovery following surgery.

*Tracy Allen* - Pray for complete healing from fractured shoulder.

Ongoing health concerns: *Neal Benedict, René & Clairice Chapelle, Jeff Kuhn, Rick & Jeanne Maddy,*

*Katie Medeiros, Mark Morrow, Ebenezer Musima, Mary Spiritosanto.*

## **Pray for Our Military and First Responders**

*Peter Achterkirch*, Army, Washington

*Levi Camden*, National Guard, Texas

*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*, Army, Germany

## **Pray for Our College Students**

*Claire Achterkirch*, Samford University

*Rebekah Allcorn*, Abilene Christian University

*Kyle Benedict*, Lone Star College

*Ben Chandler*, Samford University

*Jenna Haaland*, Samford University

*Aiden Steagall*, Texas A&M

*Izzy Tousha*, Texas State

*AJ Tousha*, Lone Star College

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

Katie Medeiros daughter, *Karen*, has been diagnosed with an abdominal aneurism and is in a lot of pain.

Please pray for healing.

Elia Reichenberg, for sons in CO, *Alex* - his college classes and job, and *Christian* - his job and peaceful heart. Please pray for salvation, grace, and favor for both of them.

Daniel Burch, prayer for *Zack & Lane Winchester* as they struggle with marriage/life, and for *Kyle*

*VanArsdall* as he enters a new phase of life. PRAISE for *Kyle's* recent sell and purchase of houses, pray this will relieve stress for him.

## **Pray for Our Expectant Mothers**

*Brooke Lewis*, due in April

*Katelyn Schaeffer*, due in May

*Daniela McConnell*, due in June

*Elizabeth Basham*, due in July

## **Pray for Our Missionary of the Month**

Julian Zugg, MINTS International Seminary

- Pray for the students from the smallest villages to the largest cities in Africa as they seek to be faithful ministers of the Word.

- Pray for the students in China. They are being pressured and have had to shut things down a bit and are uncertain about when they'll be able to open again.

- Pray we can collaborate closely with translators and teachers and expand the program in Tanzania to offer more courses.

Email prayer requests to [susan@springcypresschurch.com](mailto: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](http://springcypresschurch.com)

To see how our church participates in the global cause for Christ, check out the touch-screen monitor in the Narthex

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*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

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