



*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 23, 2023

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Janice Bradshaw*

PRELUDE

*Brooke Lewis*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor Ben*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Brooke Lewis*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on Habakkuk 2:19,*

*“Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake;  
to a silent stone, Arise!  
Can this teach?*

*Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver,  
and there is no breath at all in it.”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Pastor Ben*

*from Psalm 95:1-3, 6*

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;**  
**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Leader: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

All: **Oh come, let us worship and bow down;**  
**let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

*Across the Lands*

*(Getty, Townend)*

*To God Be the Glory* (Hymn #55)

*(Crosby, Doane)*

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

*Ruling Elder Erik Haaland*

*Leviticus 18:4-5*

You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the Lord.

✦Please stand if able

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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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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Erik Haaland*

Leader: Almighty God, your rules and statutes are good,  
and life to those who keep them.

People: **Yet we have feet that are quick to depart from your way,  
and hands that are eager to work our own will.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

Leader: Father, bring to mind where we have not followed your rules,  
nor kept your statutes, nor walked in your ways,  
and hear our prayers of silent confession...

*silent confession of personal sin*

...amen.

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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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**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Erik Haaland*

*Ephesians 1:3-4*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed  
us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as  
he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should  
be holy and blameless before him.

**PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD**

*Erik Haaland*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

***Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me***

(Robinson, Thompson, Farren)

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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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**DIACONAL PRAYER**

*Deacon Reed Wykes*

**OFFERTORY**

***Keep Your Lamps***

(Spiritual; arr. Thomas)

*Choir*

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.  
Children, don't get weary. Christian journey soon be over.

**✦SONG OF PRAISE**

***The Doxology*** (Hymn #731)

(Ken, Bourgeois)

*Congregation*

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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 8:18 – 9:13

*Pastor Ben*

**SERMON**

*Following Jesus*

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF RESPONSE**

*Congregation*

*I Am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice* (Hymn #533, vs. 1-3)  
(Crosby, Doane)

**✦ BENEDICTION**

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF BLESSING**

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

*Congregation*

**POSTLUDE**

*Janice Bradshaw*

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

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**Sermon Notes**

April 23, 2023

**Following Jesus**

Matthew 8:18 - 9:13

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## Announcements

<b>Monday, April 24</b>	
<b>Tuesday, April 25</b>	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
<b>Wednesday, April 26</b>	
Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
<b>Thursday, April 27</b>	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
<b>Friday, April 28</b>	
<b>Saturday, April 29</b>	
<b>Sunday, April 30</b>	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am

**New Sunday School Classes Begin May 7**

Information about new classes coming next week!

**VBS: Summer SeaQuest - June 19-23, 9am-noon**

**Contact: Ashley**

*Registration is open!*

[springcypresschurch.com/vbs](http://springcypresschurch.com/vbs)

Students age 4 through entering 6th grade are invited to set sail with us in a high seas adventure this summer at Summer SeaQuest Vacation Bible School. The cost is \$15/student or \$30/family. If you have any questions, contact Ashley.

**Baby Shower honoring Laurie Byerly**

**May 7, 12:00pm**

**Fellowship Hall Annex**

**Contact: Susy**

Ladies, please join us for a baby shower honoring Laurie Byerly. Bring a salad to share for a potluck luncheon. If you wish to bring a gift the Byerlys are registered with Amazon. Diapers are welcome!

**Women in the Word**

**New Study, *Aging with Grace*, begins May 2 and 4!**

**Tuesdays at 9:30am**, childcare provided by reservation, contact Robin, [robin@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:robin@springcypresschurch.com)

**Thursdays at 7:00pm**

**Room 119**

It's never too early, or too late to learn how to Age with Grace! Whatever season of life you're in, God has equipped you to flourish—to live in the transforming power and beauty of his grace. Join us as we discover the joy of flourishing in an anti-aging culture through the study of Psalms 71 and 92 and women of the Bible.

**COMING IN MAY**

May 7 - Baby Shower honoring Laurie Byerly

May 14 - Mother's Day

May 21 - Church Picnic

May 28 - Memorial Day weekend

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

*Our Youth* - Pray for our youth parents, Sunday School teachers, and Youth Group leaders as they work together to help our youth grow in their Christian faith.

## **Pray for Our Congregation**

*David Cate* - peace and comfort following the death of his brother Jimmy.

*Jeanne Maddy* - complete healing of fractured leg.

*John Morrison* - successful treatment of prostate cancer.

Ongoing health concerns: *René & Clairice Chapelle, Rose Gregory, 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*, Army, Kentucky

## **Pray for Our College Students**

*Charlotte Achterkirch*, Samford University

*Claire Achterkirch*, Samford University

*Zach Allan*, Tarleton State University

*Rebekah Duncan*, Montana State University

*Austin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*Justin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*Jenna Haaland*, Samford University

*Rebekah Kooiman*, Abilene Christian University

*Ayden Steagall*, Lone Star College

*AJ Tousha*, Lone Star College

*Izzy Tousha*, Lone Star College

## **Pray for Our Expectant Mothers**

*Kathryn Ritchie* is due in April.

*Laurie Byerly* is due in June.

## **Pray for Our Friends**

Jolene Wykes' brother *Kevin* - healing of heart complications.

Martha Dietz' nine-year-old friend, *Kate Tracey* - healing of a brain tumor.

## **Pray for Ryan & Katie, Claire & Sarah Pekarek, *Mission to the World, Central Asia***

### **Praise**

- They received their temporary residence permits
- Ryan met with the Synod of the International Presbyterian Church and developed relationships and created a foundation for future work
- Katie received her medical license and will begin seeing patients in April

### **Pray**

- Increased proficiency in the language, especially for Claire as she prepares to enter 1st grade in September
- Their church members to step into service and lay leadership roles
- Their church to become more missional and develop a vision for planting other churches
- Upcoming church training event for all the churches in their city-pray for growth, movement, and the working out of ministries
- Getting to know their national partners, friends, neighbors, and community, to gain trust, practice language together, and spend time to develop relationships

## 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

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