



*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 24, 2022

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Janice Bradshaw

PRELUDE

Stephanie Hicks

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Stephanie Hicks

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on John 1:1,*

*“In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben

Isaiah 49:13

Leader: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;

People: Break forth, O mountains, into singing!

Leader: For the LORD has comforted his people

All: And will have compassion on his afflicted.

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love

(Papa, Keyes, Brown, Getty)

Great Is the Lord

(Smith; arr. Sinclair)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Erik Haaland

John 15:8-10

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

✦*Please stand if able*

*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*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Erik Haaland

Leader: Almighty God, we come to you this morning to confess our sin.
We acknowledge that we are sinners,
without hope apart from your grace to us in Jesus Christ.

People: **Lord forgive us for our transgressions of your holy law,
for our neglect of your Word and prayer,
and for being lukewarm concerning eternal matters.**

Leader: Father, we pray that you would cleanse us from our iniquity,
and fill us with love, joy, and peace
that come from the Spirit.

Hear now our silent prayers of personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

*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.*

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Erik Haaland

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever
believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Erik Haaland

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

Jesus Paid It All
(Hall, Grape; arr. Chapman)

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

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Bill Dietz

OFFERTORY

The Lord Is My Salvation

Band and Choir

(Getty, Getty, Nockles, Myrin; arr. Loehrs, Lawrence)
Text will be on the screen, singing along is encouraged!

✦ SONG OF PRAISE

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

Congregation

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.*

*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.*

SCRIPTURE TEXT James 3:13-18 *Pastor Ben*

SERMON *Heavenly Wisdom Described and Demonstrated* *Pastor Ben*

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE *Congregation*
When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder (Hymn #541)
(Black)

✦ BENEDICTION *Pastor Ben*

✦ SONG OF BLESSING *Gloria Patri* (Hymn #735) *Congregation*
(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

POSTLUDE *Janice Bradshaw*

Sermon Notes *Heavenly Wisdom Described and Demonstrated*

April 24, 2022

James 3:13-18

Announcements

Monday, April 25	
SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Tuesday, April 26	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Wednesday, April 27	
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
NO Youth Group	
Thursday, April 28	
MOPS Play Date Pavilion & Playground	10:00am
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, April 29	
Saturday, April 30	
Sunday, May 1	
Worship & Communion Sanctuary & LS	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am
LS = Live Stream	

No Sunday School Today

See the bulletin insert for a description of the new classes beginning next Sunday!

Honoring Our High School Graduates

Claire Achterkirch and Joshua Duncan

Beginning Sunday, May 1st we will have baskets for each graduate in The Gallery. Please consider filling these baskets with cards containing expressions of congratulations and encouragement for these young people as we celebrate with them the ending of one chapter of their lives and the beginning of another! The baskets will be presented to them immediately after worship on Sunday, May 15th.

SAVE THE DATE - Church Picnic

Sunday, May 15, 3-6:30 pm, Pavilion

Make plans to join your church family for our annual church picnic!

Bridal Shower for Elisa Haaland

TODAY at 11:00 am, Annex

Ladies, join us for a potluck luncheon following worship honoring the future Mrs. Rossi.

New Women in the Word study begins 5/3 & 5/5

Tuesdays at 9:30 am, Room 119

Childcare available by reservation, contact Elisa

Thursdays at 7:00 pm, Room 119

Contact: Robin, robin@springcypresschurch.com

Ladies, let's grow deeper in our understanding of God's character and the ways he calls us to reflect it. Invite a friend and join us as we study selected scriptures using Jen Wilkin's book *In His Image* as a guide.

Women's Choir on Mother's Day!

Rehearsals: Wednesday, May 4, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Sunday, May 8, 8:30 am, Sanctuary

Contact: Wes, wesley@springcypresschurch.com

Calling all ladies who love to sing -we will finally be bringing back our tradition of a women's choir anthem on Mother's Day! We will be rehearsing Wednesday, May 4 at 7 pm in preparation of a glorious arrangement of a beloved hymn. Even if you can't make rehearsal, grab a copy of the anthem from Wes and join us on Mother's Day, May 8 at 8:30 am for final prep and polish (coffee and snacks provided). Hope to see you there!

VBS: Space Probe

June 13-17, 9am-noon

Contact: Elisa, elisa@springcypresschurch.com

Boys and girls in PreK-3rd grade, join us for an "out of this world" adventure at VBS: Space Probe! We will be going back to the beginning and learning about our Creator by studying Genesis! Email Elisa for the registration link (or see email sent 4/8). The registration fee is \$10 per child payable by check or cash (please put "VBS" in the memo line).

Built for a Purpose

July 18-22, 5:30-8:30pm

Contact: Elisa, elisa@springcypresschurch.com

Registration is still open for boys entering 4th-9th grade in the fall!

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Hospitality - Praise God for the wonderful volunteers in the hospitality ministry and the wonderful brunch they set up for us last Sunday! Pray that we all would seek to warmly welcome visitors and show hospitality to one another.

Pray for Our Congregation

Virginia Faries - healing from hand surgery on April 18.

Catherine Seeland - healing from autoimmune issues causing low platelet count.

Ray Rhoades and family - comfort and peace following the death of his mother Mary Lou.

Mark Morrow - clarity of testing and wisdom for his medical team.

Ongoing health concerns: *René & Clairice Chapelle, Carl & Rose Gregory, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, Katie Medeiros, Jim Spiritosanto.*

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Washington

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Jessy Wykes, Army, Kentucky

Chris Dietz, Navy Reserves, Texas

Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, Samford University

Jenna Haaland, Samford University

Zach Allan, Tarleton State University

Rebekah Kooiman, Abilene Christian University

Daniel Duncan, Lone Star College

Ayden Steagall, Lone Star College

Rebekah Duncan, Montana State University

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Izzy Tousha, Lone Star College

Justin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Pray for Our Families and Friends

Jim & Mary Spiritosanto's daughter, Deb Kovach's sister, *Rebecca Cooper* - wisdom regarding possible heart surgery and physical strength for kidney dialysis.

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month

John Wiltbank, African Bible University

Prayer Points

- Praise that John's wife Alison was very well taken care of by Good Shepard Church and by her sister. Praise that John and Alison were able to strengthen their marriage during their geographic separation.
- Praise that most of the Junior class that John went to teach have now graduated.
- Thanksgiving that John and Alison were provided for financially much longer than planned. Thank you, Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church!
- Thanks that ABU has just installed its new Vice Chancellor, Dr. Jeremiah Pitts, effective March 1. Please pray for him and his wife and young family as we all work together to strengthen ABU and move it forward. As in many colleges worldwide, COVID took a toll on the students, many of whom are not able to continue. We need new freshmen.
- Please pray for John and Alison both to be sustained in health, provision and grace for the future.

Email prayer requests to robin@springcypresschurch.com.



Sunday School Classes Summer Trimester 2022 Sundays at 11:00-11:45 am

Adults

Spiritual Disciplines of the Christian Life Sanctuary

Teachers: Michael Byerly & Chris Dietz

As Christians our goal should always be to grow in both personal holiness and in conformity to Christlikeness. Spiritual disciplines play an important role in our sanctification and spiritual growth. The primary objective of this class is an overview of the biblical spiritual disciplines as well as providing practical ways of incorporating them into the believer's everyday life. Join us for this thought-provoking and devotion-enhancing study!

Youth (6th-12th grade)

Habits of Grace (Junior High)

118

Teacher: Erik Haaland

As Christians we are called to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is part of God's work of sanctification, where we are renewed more and more to the image of Christ. We will be studying how we are able to participate in this process through regularly and consistently partaking of the means of grace.

Spiritual Disciplines (Senior High)

Youth Building

Teachers: Ian Achterkirch

During the summer trimester we will dig into spiritual disciplines - what they are and how to incorporate them into regular habits that will deepen our faith and daily walk with the Lord. We will explore disciplines such as prayer, personal Bible study, meditation, stewardship, fellowship, and in the second part of the class we will look at how to thrive as a Christian in an increasingly secular world.

Children

Children's Wing

Toddlers in our Nursery Ministry will be in a unit entitled *God's People* learning stories from the Old Testament about God's guidance and deliverance of his people.

Room 127

Our **Pre-K and Kindergarten** students will be using a curriculum by *Great Commission Publications* (GCP) and will spend the summer trimester learning about God's promises! Our children will follow God's amazing unfolding promises to Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Jacob, and David to their fulfillment in Jesus the Savior and will be encouraged by God's love and faithfulness to his people.

Room 126

Students in our **Lower Elementary** Sunday school class (grades 1-2) will be using a curriculum by GCP and will spend the summer trimester in the books of Exodus-Judges learning that the stories of the Israelites are more than the dramatic scenes of baby Moses in the reeds, the 10 plagues, the Passover, the crossing of the Red Sea, and the wandering in the wilderness. God used these events to show us *who* he is, that he has a *plan*, and what it means to *trust* him.

Room 124

Students in our **Upper Elementary** Sunday School class (grades 3-5) will continue their two-year *Bible survey course* by studying the New Testament. Students will discover the joy of being called to be a part of this grand narrative of redemption as they study the scriptures together!

Room 125

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.

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