



*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 28, 2024

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

### PRELUDE

*Linda Stringer*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Ruling Elder Michael Byerly*

### PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Linda Stringer*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on Psalm 46:10*

*“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted  
among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”*

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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

*Michael Byerly*

*Psalm 95:6-7*

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down!

**People:** Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Leader: For he is our God,

**All:** And we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.

### ✦SONGS OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

*All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* (Hymn #4, verses 1, 2, 4, and 6)  
(Schutz, Bohemian Brethren's Gesangbuch)

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (Hymn #92, verses 1, 2, and 4)  
(Luther)

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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

*Michael Byerly*

*Luke 9:23-25*

And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?”

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Michael Byerly*

Leader: Father, you have called us in Christ to be your children, and

✦Please stand if able

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you have set before us the example of Jesus, our elder brother and king, and you have told us to listen to him.

**People:** Yet we often fail to heed the word of Jesus, and instead live as if we are our own, and as if the preservation and promotion of self is our most cherished goal.

**Leader:** Father, bring to mind where we have not followed the way of Christ, where we have sought to save our lives instead of dying to self, and where we have recoiled from, rather than embraced, our cross, and hear our silent prayers of confession...

*silent confession of personal sin*

...Amen!

**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Michael Byerly*

*Galatians 2:16*

Yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

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

*Michael Byerly*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

*My Worth Is Not in What I Own*

(Getty, Getty, Kendrick)

**DIACONAL PRAYER**

*Deacon David Jones*

**OFFERTORY**

*Lead Me to Calvary*

(Kirkpatrick; arr. by Smith and Hustad)

*Janice Bradshaw*

*Linda Stringer*

**✦ SONG OF PRAISE**

*The Doxology* (Hymn #731)

(Ken, Bourgeois)

*Congregation*

**BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN**

*Ruling Elder Justin Chandler*

*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.*

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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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**SCRIPTURE TEXT**

Judges 7:15-8:3

*TE Ken Thurman*

**SERMON**

*The Battle Belongs to the Lord, pt. 1*

*Ken Thurman*

**✦ SONG OF RESPONSE**

*Congregation*

*My Hope Is in the Lord* (Hymn #523)  
(Clayton)

**✦ BENEDICTION**

*Ken Thurman*

**✦ 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 28, 2024

*The Battle Belongs to the Lord, pt. 1*

*Judges 7:15-8:3*

# Announcements

<b>Monday, April 29</b>		
<b>Tuesday, April 30</b>		
Women's Bible Study Room 119		9:30am
<b>Wednesday, May 1</b>		
<b>Thursday, May 2</b>		
Women's Bible Study Room 119		7:00pm
<b>Friday, May 3</b>		
<b>Saturday, May 4</b>		
SCPC Spring Workday Pavilion		8:00am
<b>Sunday, May 5</b>		
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream		9:30am
Sunday School for all ages Education Bldg.		11:15am

**SCPC Spring Workday Signups**  
**THIS 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 the campus, caring for that which the Lord has blessed us with! Coffee and breakfast will be provided! Sign up in the Narthex **TODAY!**

**SCPC SPRING PICNIC & 45th Anniv. Celebration**  
**Volunteer Signups**

**Sunday, May 19, 3-6:30pm, Pavilion**  
**Contacts: Kyra Moncrief and Susan Cochran**  
 The combined Spring Picnic/45th Anniv. Celebration is going to be AWESOME - but we need YOUR help making it happen! Sign up in the Narthex **TODAY** to help with setup/tear down, food prep/serving, games/inflatables and more!

**Bibles for Babies - Winifred Odette Wykes**

The Women's Ministry invites all SCPC family members to sign your name by your favorite verse or write a word of encouragement in a Bible for Winny in the Narthex **TODAY!**

**Men's Breakfast**

**Saturday, May 11, 9am, Fellowship Hall**  
**Contact: Michael Byerly**

All men are invited to this time of fellowship over breakfast tacos & coffee!

**One-Month Women's Study - Begins THIS WEEK!**  
**Tuesday, 9:30am (childcare available upon request)**  
**and Thursday May 2, at 7:00pm**  
**Contact: Women's Ministry Team**

All ladies are invited to 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!

**2024 High School Graduates**

**Sunday, May 5, Narthex**

**Contact: Susan Cochran**

Beginning **NEXT SUNDAY**, there will be a basket in the Narthex for each of our 2024 High School Graduates! Join us in congratulating them and celebrating this milestone by filling their baskets with cards and gifts.

**Summer Trimester Sunday School Classes**

**Beginning NEXT 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.

**Children's Summer Programs**

[www.springcypresschurch.com/childrens-ministry](http://www.springcypresschurch.com/childrens-ministry)

Reminder... Registration for our 2024 VBS is open! Created For A Purpose and Built For A Purpose have only a few openings remaining...sign up now!

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

**Pray for our Staff** - Pray that our staff will stay healthy and be encouraged as they take care of the administrative and ministry tasks of our church.

## **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.

*Lewis Family* - PRAISE - Holly Elaine Lewis was born Monday, April 22. Pray for continued good health and for the family's adjustment to the newest addition to their family.

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

*Felix Espino*, Army Reserves, Texas

*Levi Camden*, National Guard, Texas

*Joshua Duncan*, Army, North Carolina

*Christian Cory*, Army, New York

*Shawn Maya*, Spring Fire Department

*Chris Dietz*, Navy Reserves, Texas

*Jessy Wykes*, Army, Germany

## **Pray for Our College Students**

*Claire Achterkirch*, Samford University

*Jenna Haaland*, Samford University

*Rebekah Allcorn*, Abilene Christian University

*Aiden Steagall*, Texas A&M

*Kyle Benedict*, Lone Star College

*Izzy Tousha*, Texas State

*Ben Chandler*, Samford University

*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 relief from pain for her mother-in-law, *Arla*. For sons in CO, *Alex* - his college classes and job, and *Christian* - his job and peaceful heart. Please pray for salvation for both sons. For *Dan and Elia Reichenberg* to find a home.

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**

*Katelyn Schaeffer*, due in May

*Elizabeth Basham*, due in July

*Daniela McConnell*, due in June

## **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.

## 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

Ian Achterkirch  
Michael Byerly  
Justin Chandler

Ben Duncan  
Erik Haaland  
Danny McDaniel

### Our Diaconate

Glenn Ayles  
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