



*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, February 18, 2024

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRELUDE

Brooke Lewis

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

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.”

*Worship begins
where spiritual
life begins - with
God's call.
Appropriately,
we respond with
prayers and
songs of
adoration.*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

from Revelation 1:4-6

Leader: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and
who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before
his throne,

People: **and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the
dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.**

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,

All: **to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen!**

*“Give me
understanding
that I may keep
your law and
observe it with
my whole heart.”
Psalm 119:34*

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
(Holden, Perronet, Rippon; arr. by Marino)

Jesus Shall Reign
(Hatton, Watts, Getty, Getty, Cash)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Erik Haaland

Ephesians 5:8-9

...for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.
Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good
and right and true)...

✦Please stand if able

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Erik Haaland

Leader: Father, we are gathered before you, the maker of heaven and earth, to confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed.

People: **In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done, for the good we have left undone, and grant that with renewed resolve we would seek to live as befits people called by your Name.**

Leader: Lord, we rejoice that with you there is forgiveness, and you are near to the broken and contrite, so hear now our silent prayers of personal confession, and hear from heaven and forgive...

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

Ephesians 2:17-19

And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Erik Haaland

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

(Townend, Getty)

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

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Bill Dietz

OFFERTORY

I Have a Shelter

Sanctuary Choir

(Kauflin, Cook, Cook; arr. by Kingsmore)

I have a shelter in the storm when troubles pour upon me.
Though fears are rising like a flood my soul can rest securely.
O Jesus, I will hide in You - my place of peace and solace.
No trial is deeper than Your love that comforts all my sorrows.

I have a shelter in the storm when all my sins accuse me.
Though justice charges me with guilt Your grace will not refuse me.
O Jesus, I will hide in You - who bore my condemnation.
I find my refuge in Your wounds, for there I find salvation.

I have a shelter in the storm when constant winds would break me.
For in my weakness I have learned Your strength will not forsake me.
*O Jesus, I will hide in You - the One who bears my burdens.
With faithful hands that cannot fail You'll bring me home to heaven.*

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

✦ SONG OF PRAISE	<i>The Doxology</i> (Hymn #731) (Ken, Bourgeois)	<i>Congregation</i>
BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN	<i>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.</i>	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
SCRIPTURE TEXT	<i>Matthew 21:23 - 22:15</i>	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
SERMON	<i>Confrontation with the Religious Establishment (pt. 1): Three Parables</i>	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
✦ SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>More Love to Thee, O Christ</i> (Hymn #649, verses 1, 2, and 4) (Prentiss, Doane)	<i>Congregation</i>
✦ BENEDECTION		<i>Pastor Ben</i>
✦ SONG OF BLESSING	<i>Gloria Patri</i> (Hymn #735) (Traditional 2nd century text, Creatorex)	<i>Congregation</i>
POSTLUDE		<i>Janice Bradshaw</i>

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

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Sermon Notes

Confrontation with the Religious Establishment (pt. 1): Three Parables

February 18, 2024

Matthew 21:23 - 22:15

Announcements

Monday, February 19	
Church Office Closed	
Tuesday, February 20	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Men's Book Study Room 119	7:00 pm
Wednesday, February 21	
<i>Enfuego</i> Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Thursday, February 22	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, February 23	
Saturday, February 24	
Sunday, February 25	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am

Sing & Sew w/Pam

Monday, March 11, 1-4pm, Rm. 119

Contact: Pam McDaniel

Young ladies from 3rd thru 5th grade (members and regular attenders) are invited to join Pam for a time of singing, sewing, and a devotional. Please contact Pam with any questions, or to register!

Must register by March 3!

SCPC Child Protection Policy (CPP) Training

Sunday, March 3, Following Sunday School, Rm. 118

Our summer programs are right around the corner! If you are interested in volunteering for VBS, Purpose Week, or anywhere in the areas of Nursery, Children's Ministry, or Youth Group be sure to join us for this mandatory training!

BREEZE - Church Management Software

Contact Susan, susan@springcypresschurch.com

SCPC members - Our church management software provides website and app access to our calendar, directory, online giving, volunteer signup, and more! Contact Susan for help setting up your account!

Email prayer requests to susan@springcypresschurch.com

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Pray for our Women - Pray that our women mature into the women God has called and created them to be as they bring glory to God in their families, our church, and our community.

Pray for Our Congregation

Greg Hill - Prayer for continued recovery from recent foot surgery.

Laura Allan - Please pray for recovery from hand surgery, with very limited use during healing.

Please also pray for comfort for *Laura and family* at the passing of her Aunt Bea Hoek.

Cindy Peterson - Pray for thorough recovery following an emergency abdominal surgery.

Catherine Seeland - Pray that there will be a special needs class and church library in the upstairs of the SCPC Education Building.

Mary Seeland - Prayer for daughter, *Naomi*, scheduled for surgery on the morning of Feb. 19.

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

Rebekah Sedillo, Blinn College

Jenna Haaland, Samford University

Aiden Steagall, Texas A&M

Izzy Tousha, Texas State

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Pray for Our Friends & Family

Heather Burch - Please pray for the *staff and students at MJH* following the sudden loss of an 8th grade student last weekend, and for the family of the student.

Amy Brink, a friend of many SCPC members, had a brain aneurism. Pray for her recovery, and that she will be moved to a rehab hospital soon as she is not able to talk or move very much.

Heather Burch's friend's daughter, *Charlotte* - Pray for healing needed to be ready/able to tolerate the next round of chemo, and for 2/28 MRI to show that she is another step closer to beating cancer.

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Emily Wykes, due in March

Maretha Kritzinger, due in March

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

Chris & Beverly Crowder, Global Director of Regional Development, SIM International

- Pray for Bethie - she's missed some school with a sickness
- Pray for Thomas as he is starting his journey to be ready for university in 1.5 years
- Pray for Chris as he will be traveling a lot throughout the first half of 2024
- Pray for Beverly and her next big things:
 - * Retaking the acute care NP licensing exam
 - * Admission to ENP school, hopefully at Vanderbilt
 - * The possibility of working one day a week

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

Our Session

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

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