

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, January 12, 2025

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRELUDE Linda Stringer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Linda Stringer

Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship, and reflect on *Habakkuk 2:20*.

"But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him."

+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

Holy, Holy, Holy! (Hymn #100, verses 1, 2, and 4) (Heber, Dykes)

Come Thou Almighty King

(Giardini, Bailey, Gehri, Michle, Yarbrough - modern arr.)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

RE 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."

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

Worship begins

where spiritual

life begins - with God's call.

Appropriately,

we respond with prayers and songs of

adoration.

⁺Please stand if able

^{**}Denotes song ending on slides

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

prav.

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!

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.

God's law

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

Before the Throne of God Above

(Cook, Bancroft)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Assistant Levi Camden

OFFERTORY Here Is Love

Praise Team

(Rees, Williams, Lowry; arr. by French)

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood; When the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us his precious blood. Who his love will not remember! Who can cease to sing his praise! He can never be forgotten, throughout heav'n's eternal days.

 ${\it Verse}\ 2$

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide, Through the flood-gates of God's mercy, flowed a vast and gracious tide. Grace and love, like mighty rivers poured incessant from above, Heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love. "Let your steadfast love come to me, O LORD, your salvation according to your promise." Psalm 119:41

OFFERTORY

Here is Love (continued)

Praise Team

Verse 3

Let me all your love accepting, love You, ever all my days; Let me seek your kingdom only and my life be to Your praise; You alone will be my glory, nothing in the world I see; You have cleansed and sanctified me, you yourself have set me free.

Verse 4

In your truth you will direct me by your Spirit through your Word; And your grace my need is meeting, as I trust in you, my Lord. Of your fullness you are pouring your great love and pow'r on me, Without measure, full and boundless drawing out my heart to Thee.

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.

We are called to

+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.

SCRIPTURE TEXT

Philippians 1:3-11

Pastor Ben

SERMON

The Impact of Gospel Joy on Relationships

Pastor Ben

+SONG OF RESPONSE

Congregation

We Are God's People (Hymn #355, verses 1-3) (Leech, Brahms; arr. by Bock)

+BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

+SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Janice Bradshaw

⁺Please stand if able

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Sermon Notes

The Impact of Gospel Joy on Relationships

January 12, 2025

Philippians 1:3-11

Announcements

Monday, January 13

Tuesday, January 14

Wednesday, January 15

Youth Group Meal/Mtg. FH-Youth Bldg. 6:15pm Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary 6:15pm

Thursday, January 16

Friday, January 17

Saturday, January 18

Sunday, January 19

9:30am Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream Sunday School for all Ages Ed. Bldg. 11:15am

Annual Called Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 2nd, 6:00pm, Sanctuary Contact: Susan Thompson.

susan@springcypresschurch.com

SCPC Family - Mark your calendar and plan to join us for this important meeting. We will celebrate what God has done in our midst in 2024, share the approved 2025 budget, and hold an election for the offices of Ruling Elder and Deacon. Candidate BIO handouts are on the table in the Narthex.

Ruling Elder Candidate: Chris Dietz

Deacon Candidates: Bill Dietz and Bob Pickard

Italicized candidates are currently serving.

Annual CareNet Baby Bottle Drive Sunday, January 19th - February 2nd, Narthex Contact: Susan Thompson.

susan@springcypresschurch.com

Start saving your change for our upcoming Baby Bottle Drive benefiting CareNet. Bottles will be available in the Narthex NEXT SUNDAY, Sanctity of Human Life Day!

Youth Meals for Spring Trimester Wednesday, January 15th, 6:15pm (weekly) Contact: Felix Espino

Be a blessing to our youth group by signing up to provide a meal for an upcoming Wednesday night meeting. There are several Wednesdays still available... scan here or contact Felix to sign up!



Spring Trimester Sunday School Classes TODAY, 11:15am, Education Bldg.

Spring trimester Sunday School classes begin TODAY! See bulletin insert for class descriptions!

Adults:

Romans 1-8, Rm. #117 Taught by TE Ken Thurman

1 & 2 Thessalonians, Rm. #118 Taught by RE Danny McDaniel

Youth. 6th - 12th Grade:

SH - Revelation and Eschatology, Youth Building Taught by Felix Espino

JH - The Gospel of Matthew, Rm. #116 Taught by Deacon Wayne Lin

Toddlers through 5th Grade:

SCPC Children's Sunday School classes will continue progressing through their curriculum.

Spring Trimester - Wed. Night Youth Group THIS WEDNESDAY, January 15th, 6:15pm Contact: Felix Espino

Enfuego Youth - Our Wed. night meetings resume THIS WEDNESDAY! Bring a friend and join us for dinner at 6:15pm followed by an exploration of the Fruit of the Spirit as we dive into Galatians and learn what it means to grow spiritually and reflect God's character in our daily lives!

Spring Trimester - Women's Bible Study Tuesday, Jan. 21st @ 9:30am, Rm. 119 Thursday, Ian 23rd @ 7:pm. Rm. 119 Contact: Women's Ministry Team

HAPPY NEW YEAR SCPC WOMEN! Let's step into 2025 expectant for God to work His amazing grace into our lives! Pick up your copy of "Steadfast" in the Narthex TODAY (\$10 suggested donation) and join us for this weekly study on the book of James.

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Pray for our Missions Team - Pray for our Missions team as they pray for and provide encouragement to the missionaries supported by SCPC.

Pray for Our Congregation

Heather Burch - Pray for eye surgery scheduled for Jan 15th, and that Heather will rest in the Lord and not be anxious as she awaits the surgery.

Jim & Linda Kay - Rejoice with the Kay's at the birth of their grandson, Vincent James! *Jeff Cory* - Please pray for healing as Jeff recovers from surgery, and for side effects from the surgery.

Ongoing health concerns: Neal Benedict, René & Clairice Chapelle, Jeff Kuhn, Katie Medeiros, Mark Morrow, Ebenezer Musima, Mary Spiritosanto.

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Levi Camden, National Guard, Texas Christian Cory, Army, New York Chris Dietz, Navy Reserves, Texas Joshua Duncan, Army, North Carolina Felix Espino, Army Reserves, Texas Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department Jessy Wykes, Army, Germany

Pray for Our College Students

Claire Achterkirch, Samford University
Kyle Benedict, Lone Star Community College
Ben Chandler, Samford University
Sergio Esteves, Texas A&M

Jenna Haaland, Samford University Olivia Kay, Lone Star Community College Izzy Tousha, Texas State University

Pray for Our Friends & Family

Vince & Eleanor Tracey's *grandson, Elijah* - Please continue to pray for healing for Elijah's eye muscles and walking without assistance, and pray for clear results on upcoming MRI and spinal tests that were rescheduled for late January due to a virus.

Patricia Wyatte's *daughter, Lisa Gilmer, and family* in prayer following the loss of Lisa's husband, James Gilmer. He passed away just before Thanksgiving.

Heidi Niagado and family - Please pray for comfort and peace at the passing of Heidi's dad, and for reparation from recent flooding in their home due to a pipe bursting while they were out of state.

Dianne Robinson's *daughter-in-law, Monica* - has bacterial pneumonia in both lungs and needs prayers! *Charlotte*, daughter of Heather Burch's friend - please continue praying for next steps in treatment having recently found new growth in brain tumors.

Kelly Renee Cory's aunt, Lucy - prayer for treatment to go well in treating stage 4 ovarian cancer

Kelly Renee Cory's brother-in-law, *Keith Warncke* - pray for healing from brain surgery removal of a brain tumor. *Praise God*, the tumor is benign!

Ian Achterkirch's parents - Pray for healing and strength for his father as he is experiencing challenges related to heart health, a heart valve replacement surgery is scheduled for late January. Please also pray for strength and good spirits for his mom.

Ongoing concerns: Pray for prodigals to return to the Father.

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month

Ben & Rebecca Griffith - Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Samford

- God to work in the hearts and minds of the students through the upcoming sermon series
- Our intern and staff
- Students as they begin a new semester of study
- Students to become members of the Ministry team

General Information

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

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 touchscreen monitor in the Narthex

Restrooms are located in the Narthex.



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If you've lost or misplaced an item, please check the Lost & Found at the Visitor's Kiosk!

Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm