



*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 14, 2024

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRELUDE

Janice Bradshaw

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Janice Bradshaw

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Deuteronomy 4:39*

*“...know therefore today, and lay it to your heart,
that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath;
there is no other.*

*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 Isaiah 12:4-6

Leader: To God, who hears our prayers, to him shall all flesh come.

People: Blessed is the one He chooses and brings near.

Leader: Let us offer acceptable worship in the splendor of holiness!

**All: In mercy He has sanctified us that we might praise His name
forever!**

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Hallelujah! Thine the Glory (Hymn #179, verses 1, 2, and 4)
(Mackay/Kuiper, Husband)

I Am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice (Hymn #533, verses 1, 2, and 4)
(Crosby, Doane)

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

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Pastor Ben

Romans 15:19

...by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ;

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Ben

Leader: Almighty God, we thank you for having saved us by your grace and for having revealed to us how we can live in such

a manner as to honor you and reflect your holiness in this world. With great sadness we confess that we often fall short of your most holy law. Forgive us we pray.

People: **Father, we confess that too often we show ambivalence towards the upbuilding of others, and we frequently give ear to gossip, or participate in the spreading of it, and the effect is often disunity and division. Forgive us we pray, for acting as if our own interests are paramount.**

Leader: Father, by your Spirit help us to not merely feel sorry, but to genuinely repent and to turn in faith and obedience to Christ, who cleanses of from all our iniquities. Hear now our silent prayers of personal confession and forgive us for the sake of our Lord, who gave his life as a ransom for us...

silent confession of personal sin

...amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Pastor Ben

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Pastor Ben

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

(Robinson, Thompson, Farren)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Wayne Lin

OFFERTORY

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Congregation

(Boswell, Papa)

✦ SONG OF PRAISE

The Doxology (Hymn #731)

Congregation

(Ken, Bourgeois)

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.

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

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 20:17-28

Pastor Ben

SERMON

Greatness in the Kingdom

Pastor Ben

✦SONG OF RESPONSE

Congregation

Jesus Paid It All (Hymn #308, verses 1, 3, and 4)
(Hall, Grape)

✦BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Brooke Lewis

*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.*

Sermon Notes

January 14, 2024

Greatness in the Kingdom

Matthew 20:17-28

Announcements

Monday, January 15	
HOLIDAY Church Office Closed	
Tuesday, January 16	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Men's Book Study Room 119	7:00pm
Wednesday, January 17	
<i>Enfuego</i> Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Thursday, January 18	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, January 19	
Memorial Service/Reception Sanctuary/FH	5:00pm
Saturday, January 20	
Sunday, January 21	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am

**PACN Sanctity of Human Life Bottle Campaign
Sunday, Weekly thru January 28th, Narthex**

Take a baby bottle from the Narthex and fill it with change, bills, or checks (payable to PACN), and return it by the 28th!

**Memorial Service/Reception - Jackie Toothman
Friday, January 19th, 5:00pm, Sanctuary/FH**

All are invited to join us on Friday evening as we remember Jackie Toothman and praise God for sharing her with us during her time here on earth. There will be a light reception in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

Bibles for Babies - *Juliana Faith Jones*

Women AND Men, add your name by your favorite Bible verse or write a word of encouragement or blessing in the Bible for Juliana Faith Jones in the Narthex **TODAY!**

Women-to-Women (W2W)

Contact: Linda Farmer or Sarah Kooiman

W2W gives SCPC women, members, and regular attenders, the opportunity to ENHANCE relationships they already have and EMBRACE new relationships with one another. Sign up in the Narthex or online: springcypresschurch.com/women

Men's and Women's Studies

Resume **THIS WEEK**, Room 119

Women in the Word Bible Study

Tuesday, 9:30am (Childcare available)

Thursday, 7:00pm

Teachers: Linda Farmer, Kyra Moncrief, and Gayle Thurman

Ladies, be sure to include our weekly Bible study in your 2024 calendar! In this study on the Old Testament books of Ezra and Nehemiah we will discover what it means to put God first as we trust in his great faithfulness in keeping His promises. The joy of the LORD is our strength!

Men's Book Study

Tuesday, January 16th, 7:00pm

Teacher: Michael Byerly

Men, join us as we resume our 1st & 3rd Tuesday night study, "It's Good to Be a Man", reminding us that our natural masculine instincts are a gift from God that are meant to be used to grow the kingdom. We are created to found households, join brotherhoods, and work towards a mission together.

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Sip 'n See

Sunday, January 21st, 12:00pm, Annex

Contact: Susy Tousha

Ladies, please join us for a Sip 'n See honoring Rachel Camden and baby Luke immediately following Sunday School **NEXT SUNDAY!** If you wish to bring a gift, the Camdens will love items sized 6 months and up, and diapers/wipes are welcome. Please bring a salad to share!

ANNUAL CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 4th, 6:00pm, Sanctuary

Members - please join us for this important congregational meeting! We will celebrate what God has done in our midst in 2023, share the approved 2024 budget, and hold an election for the offices of Ruling Elder and Deacon.

RE Candidates: Ian Achterkirch, Michael Byerly, Justin Chandler, Danny McDaniel.

Deacon Candidates: Stephen Kovach, Scott Lewis. Handout with BIOs are available in the Narthex.

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

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

Pray for Our Congregation

Steve Williams - Pray for diagnosis and treatment of a large mass found in his abdomen.

Rick Toothman - Pray for Rick and family, for God's comfort at the passing of Jackie Toothman.

Greg & Barbara Hill - Please keep them in your prayers as Greg is recovering from a recent shoulder surgery and an injured foot, and Barb is recovering from COVID.

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

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 Duncan, 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

Vincent & Eleanor Tracey's grandson *Elijah* - Pray for effectiveness of new meds to improve his body's reaction to chemo, and no lingering infection so he can stay home for the holidays. Fourth, and final, round of chemo began Jan. 8.

Albert Lockwood - Pray for safety and learning/understanding in upcoming Forest Services Fire School.

Liz Zapp - extended family members, *Charlene and Tina*, have recurring breast cancer. Charlene is awaiting test results/treatment options. Tina has been told her cancer is not treatable.

Erik Haaland's parents, *Carl and Marilyn* - Marilyn fell Christmas week, resulting in a broken rib and a bruised hip. Pray for her healing and for sustained health for Carl as he cares for her. Please also pray for a smooth transition for them as they move back to Spring, TX in Feb/March.

Heather Burch's friend's daughter, *Charlotte* - she is halfway through radiation. Praise God that she regained the ability to walk and headaches are subsiding, pray for numerous remaining brain tumors.

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 Pastor Ben Kappers - All Saints Reformed, church plant in Saint George, UT

- *For a continued unity and sweet spirit among the church.*
- *For the conversion of sinners.*
- *For wisdom to proceed in the best possible way in the year to come.*
- *For continued provision for the church.*
- *For God's blessing on the many children in the church.*

Email prayer requests to susan@springcypresschurch.com.

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

Justin Chandler
Ben Duncan

Erik Haaland
Danny McDaniel

Our Diaconate

Glenn Ayles
Jakob Basham
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If you've lost or misplaced an item, please check with the office.

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