



*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 21, 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 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

*Pastor Ben*

*from Psalm 8*

Leader: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth  
of babies and infants you have established strength because  
of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger!

Leader: When we look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, what  
is man that you are mindful of him? Yet you have crowned  
him with glory and honor and given him dominion over the  
works of your hands.

All: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
We will praise you now and forever!

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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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✦SONGS OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

*Come Praise and Glorify*

(Chester, Kaufflin)

*His Mercy is More*

(Boswell, Papa)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

*Ruling Elder Erik Haaland*

*James 1:22-24*

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if  
anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks  
intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away  
and at once forgets what he was like.

✦*Please stand if able*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Erik Haaland*

Leader: Almighty God, we come to you very aware that we are sinners who have failed to do what you have commanded us in your Word.

People: **We know that it is not enough to be hearers of your Word, but that we must be doers of the Word. Despite knowing this, too often we have been pleased to be a law to ourselves, giving in to our selfish desires, rather than obeying your Word.**

Leader: Father, our great hope is that you have sent your Son to redeem us from our sin, and you have sent your Holy Spirit to empower us to obey your law. Grant that we would obey your Word with renewed energy as an expression of our devotion to you, and hear our silent prayers of personal confession...

*silent confession of personal sin*

...amen.

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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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**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Erik Haaland*

*Romans 8:38-39*

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

*Erik Haaland*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God* (Hymn #334)  
(Hatch, Jackson)

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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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**DIACONAL PRAYER**

*Deacon Bob Pickard*

**OFFERTORY**

*Every Knee Shall Bow*  
(See insert for lyrics)

*Sanctuary Choir*

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

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<b>✦ SONG OF PRAISE</b>	<b><i>The Doxology</i></b> (Hymn #731) (Ken, Bourgeois)	<i>Congregation</i>
<b>BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN</b>		<i>Pastor Ben</i>
	<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>	
<b>SCRIPTURE TEXT</b>	<i>Matthew 20:29-34</i>	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
<b>SERMON</b>	<i>Two Blind Men</i>	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
<b>✦ SONG OF PREPARATION</b>		<i>Congregation</i>
	<b><i>Trust and Obey</i></b> (Hymn #672, verses 1-2) (Sammis, Towner)	
<b>SERVICE OF BAPTISM</b>	<i>Amelia Angela McConnell</i>	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
<b>✦ SONG OF RESPONSE</b>		<i>Congregation</i>
	<b><i>Trust and Obey</i></b> (Hymn #672, verses 4-5) (Sammis, Towner)	
<b>✦ BENEDICTION</b>		<i>Pastor Ben</i>
<b>✦ SONG OF BLESSING</b>	<b><i>Gloria Patri</i></b> (Hymn #735) (Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)	<i>Congregation</i>
<b>POSTLUDE</b>		<i>Janice Bradshaw</i>

# Sermon Notes

January 21, 2024

*Two Blind Men*

Matthew 20:29-34

## Announcements

<b>Monday, January 22</b>	
<b>Tuesday, January 23</b>	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
<b>Wednesday, January 24</b>	
<i>Enfuego</i> Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
<b>Thursday, January 25</b>	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
<b>Friday, January 26</b>	
<b>Saturday, January 27</b>	
Board Game Night Youth Building	5:00pm
<b>Sunday, January 28</b>	
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**  
 Today is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, and the **LAST DAY** to take a baby bottle from the Narthex and fill it with change, bills, or checks (payable to PACN). Bottle must be returned by **NEXT SUNDAY!**

**3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off**  
**Sunday, February 4th, 4:30pm, FH/Annex**  
**Contact: Susan, [susan@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:susan@springcypresschurch.com)**  
 Judges and trophies are ready! Sign up in the Narthex **TODAY** and bring a pot of your favorite chili to enter the competition!

**Annual Called Congregation Meeting**  
**Sunday, February 4th, 6:00pm, Sanctuary**  
 Members - please join us for this important annual 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.  
*Handouts with candidate BIOs are available in the Narthex.*

**Sip 'n See**  
**Sunday, January 21st, 12:00pm, Annex**  
 Ladies, please join us **TODAY**, immediately following Sunday School, for a Sip 'n See honoring Rachel Camden and baby Luke!

**Enfuego Board Game Night**  
**Saturday, January 27th, 5:00pm, Youth Building**  
**Contact: Felix Espino**  
 Bring a friend and join us for a fun evening of fellowship and board games. Food will be provided!

**2023 Giving Statements**  
**Contact: Robin Trygstad**  
 An email was sent out on January 12th with a link to 2023 Giving Statements. (If you do not see the email check your junk folder.) If you would prefer a printed copy or have any questions about your statement please contact Robin.

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

**Pray for our Session** - Pray for the pastor and our elders as they seek the Lord's direction and will for our church, and for the upcoming election of officers at our 2/4/24 Congregational Meeting.

## **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* - Praise that they are both fully recovered from COVID. Prayer for Greg's continued recovery from a recent shoulder surgery, and healing for a foot injury.

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**

Vincent & Eleanor Tracey's grandson *Elijah* - Pray for effectiveness of new meds to improve his body's reaction to chemo, for his final round of chemo that began Jan. 8.

*Liz Zapp* - brother's daughter-in-law, *Tina*, passed away over the holidays. Prayer for her husband, Tim, and family. Liz's brother's wife, *Charlene* - healing and strength as she recovers from COVID. She cannot start breast cancer treatment until fully recovered.

*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* - Praise God for progress and prayer for continued radiation treatments and healing.

*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.

## **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.*

## 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

Justin Chandler  
Ben Duncan

Erik Haaland  
Danny McDaniel

### Our Diaconate

Glenn Ayles  
Jakob Basham  
Kyle Bodden  
Bill Dietz  
David Jones

Stephen Kovach  
Scott Lewis  
Wayne Lin  
Bob Pickard  
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### Our Principal Staff

Rev. Ben Duncan, Senior Pastor  
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*If you've lost or misplaced an item, please check with the office.*

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