



*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 28, 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 John 20:21*

“Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.””

*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

Leader: Brothers and Sisters, since we have confidence to enter the
holy places by the blood of Jesus,

People: **By the new and living way that he opened for us through the
curtain, that is, through his flesh,**

Leader: And since we have a great priest over the house of God,

All: **Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,
holding fast the confession of our hope without wavering,
for he who promised is faithful.**

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

To God Be the Glory

(Crosby, Doane)

Living Water

(Getty, Cash; arr. by Lawrence)

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

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Justin Chandler

Jeremiah 17:9-10

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can
understand it? “I the Lord search the heart and test the mind, to give
every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Justin Chandler

Leader: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to
hide, and too deep to undo.

People: Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Leader: Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, and hear now our prayers of silent confession...

silent confession of personal sin

...amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Justin Chandler

Psalm 103:13-14

As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.
For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.

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.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Justin Chandler

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus My Lord (Hymn #175, verses 1 and 4)
(Crosby, Kirkpatrick)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Reed Wykes

OFFERTORY

Ancient of Days

Sanctuary Choir

(Reeves, Robinson, Farren, Thompson)

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall
there is still one King, reigning over all
So I will not fear for this truth remains:
That my God is the Ancient of Days

(Chorus)

Though the dread of night, overwhelms my soul
He is here with me, I am not alone
O His love is sure and He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days

(Chorus)

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

Sermon Notes

January 28, 2024

The Triumphal Entry

Matthew 21:1-11

Announcements

Monday, January 29	
Tuesday, January 30	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Wednesday, January 31	
<i>Enfuego</i> Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Thursday, February 1	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, February 2	
Saturday, February 3	
Sunday, February 4	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am
Chili Cook-Off	4:30pm
Annual Called Congregational Mtg.	6:00pm

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

Today is the last day to return baby bottles in the Narthex. If you forgot to bring yours, you may drop it by the church office this week!

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.

3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off

NEXT SUNDAY, 4:30pm, FH/Annex

Contact: Susan, susan@springcypresschurch.com

Sign up in the Narthex **TODAY** to enter your favorite chili in the competition!

- 4:00-4:30pm Bring chili entries to the kitchen
- 4:30-5:00pm Fellowship and T-U-L-I-P!
(new version of B-I-N-G-O)
- 5:00-5:45pm Dinner Time - Chili, hot dogs, baked potatoes, chips, and trimmings!
- 5:45-5:55pm Head to the Sanctuary...

Annual Called Congregational Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY, 6:00pm, Sanctuary

Members - join us for this important meeting, immediately following the Chili Cook-Off! 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.

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

Deacon Candidates: Stephen Kovach, Scott Lewis.

Handouts with candidate BIODs are available in the Narthex.

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Pray for our Deacons - Pray for our deacons as they fulfill their calling to care for the needs of our church and congregation, and for the upcoming election of officers at our Annual Congregational Meeting next Sunday.

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 Hill - Prayer for recovery from foot surgery, and praise that there is no infection.

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.

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.*

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
Kyle Bodden
Bill Dietz
David Jones

Stephen Kovach
Scott Lewis
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Bob Pickard
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If you've lost or misplaced an item, please check with the office.

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