



*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 7, 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 Zechariah 2:13*

*“Be silent, all flesh, before the Lord,  
for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling..”*

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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 Isaiah 12:4-6*

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that his name is exalted.

People: **Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.**

Leader: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,

All: **For great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel!**

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*(van Dyke, Beethoven)*

*Like a River Glorious* (Hymn #699)

*(Havergal, Mountain)*

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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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DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

*Ruling Elder Justin Chandler*

*Leviticus 20:7-8*

Consecrate yourselves, therefore, and be holy, for I am the Lord your  
God. Keep my statutes and do them; I am the Lord who sanctifies you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Justin Chandler*

Leader: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against  
you in thought, word, and deed.

**People:** You have called us, as your children, to be holy, even as you are holy. Yet we disobey you by what we do, and by what we do not do.

**Leader:** Father, by your Spirit bring to mind where we have not kept your statutes and hear our prayers of personal confession...

*silent confession of personal sin*

...amen.

**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Justin Chandler*

*Colossians 2:13-14*

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

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

*Justin Chandler*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

*Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death*

(Getty, Kauflin, Papa, Boswell, Merker; arr. by Galbraith)

**DIACONAL PRAYER**

*Deacon Scott Lewis*

**OFFERTORY**

*As with Gladness Men of Old* (Hymn #226) *Congregation*

(Dix, Kocher; arr. by Monk)

**✦ SONG OF PRAISE**

*The Doxology* (Hymn #731)

(Ken, Bourgeois)

*Congregation*

**BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN**

*Pastor Ben*

*After the blessing on the first Sunday of the month,  
children remain in the service with their parents.*

**SCRIPTURE TEXT**

*Matthew 20:1-16*

*Pastor Ben*

**SERMON**

*The Parable of the Field Workers*

*Pastor Ben*

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

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✦ SONG OF PREPARATION

*Congregation*

*Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross* (Hymn #264, verses 1 and 2)  
(Crosby, Doane)

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Pastor Ben*

*the Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

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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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INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Pastor Ben*

ABOUT THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized, belong to a church which embraces the Gospel, and who look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. Since Communion is a sacrament of sustaining grace, we request that children not participate until they have professed their faith to the elders of this church or their church of regular worship.*

*As the communion servers pass in front of you, please remember to take **both** of the stacked cups from the tray. Note that the bread is in the bottom cup and is gluten-free. **Grape juice is in the colored cups in the outer ring, wine is in the clear cups in the inner rings.***

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*We confess our  
common faith as  
an expression of  
our unity in  
coming to the  
Lord's Table.*

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*from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper Christ took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

**MUSIC OF REFLECTION**

*Janice Bradshaw*

**✦SONG OF RESPONSE**

*Congregation*

*Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross* (Hymn #264, verses 3 and 4)  
(Crosby, Doane)

**✦BENEDICTION**

*Pastor Ben*

**✦SONG OF BLESSING**

*Congregation*

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

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

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**POSTLUDE**

*Janice Bradshaw*

**DEACONS' FUND OFFERING**

## Announcements

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| <b>Monday, January 8</b>                  |         |
| <b>Tuesday, January 9</b>                 |         |
| <b>Wednesday, January 10</b>              |         |
| <i>Enfuego</i> Youth Group Youth Building | 6:15pm  |
| Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary                 | 6:30pm  |
| <b>Thursday, January 11</b>               |         |
| <b>Friday, January 12</b>                 |         |
| <b>Saturday, January 13</b>               |         |
| Men's Breakfast Fellowship Hall           | 9:00am  |
| <b>Sunday, January 14</b>                 |         |
| Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream           | 9:30am  |
| Sunday School for all ages                | 11:00am |

### **PACN Sanctity of Human Life Bottle Campaign**

**Sunday, January 7th - 28th, Narthex**

**Contact:** Susan, [susan@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:susan@springcypresschurch.com)

Baby bottles are available **in the Narthex TODAY!** Help support Pregnancy Assistance Center (PACN) by taking a baby bottle from the Narthex and filling it with change, bills, or checks (payable to PACN).

### **Youth Meals (Resume this Wednesday!)**

**Contact:** Susan, [susan@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:susan@springcypresschurch.com)

Please consider blessing our youth by providing a meal for their Wednesday Youth Group meetings. Check your inbox for a link in an email/text to be sent this afternoon or contact Susan to sign up!

### **Men's Breakfast**

**Saturday, January 13th, 9:00am, Fellowship Hall**

**Contact:** Susan, [susan@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:susan@springcypresschurch.com)

Men are invited to join us for a time of fellowship and discussion on biblical marriage. Coffee and breakfast tacos will be provided, dishes to share are welcome but not required.

### **Sip 'n See**

**Saturday, January 20th, 10:00am, Annex**

**Contact:** Susy Tousha

Ladies, please join us for a Sip 'n See honoring Rachel Camden and baby Luke. If you wish to bring a gift, the Camdens will love items sized 6 months and up, and diapers/wipes are welcome. Bring a brunch item to share!

### ***New* Sunday School Classes Begin Today!**

**JH Youth SS - Philippians**

Teacher: Felix Espino, Room 116

**SH Youth SS - Romans**

Teacher: Wayne Lin, Youth Building

**Adult SS - Why is Colossians Important?**

Teacher: Ken Thurman, Room 117

**Adult SS - Genesis in Space and Time**

Teacher: Tony Tousha, Room 118



**Men's and Women's Studies**

Resume week of January 14th, Room 119

**Men's Book Study**

Tuesday, January 16th, 7:00pm

Teacher: Michael Byerly

Join us as we resume our 1st & 3rd Tuesday night study, "It's Good to Be a Man" by Michael Foster and Dominic Bnonn Tennant.

**Women in the Word Bible Study**

Tuesday, 9:30am (Childcare available)

Thursday, 7:00pm

Teachers: Linda Farmer, Kyra Moncrief, and Gayle Thurman

Ladies will discover what it means to put God first in this weekly study of the Old Testament books of Ezra and Nehemiah.



**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. Groups of three to four women gather once a month for a time of fun, fellowship, and encouragement. Sign up online at [springcypresschurch.com/women](http://springcypresschurch.com/women), or in the Narthex TODAY.

**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!

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

**Pray for our Hospitality Team** - for the Lord bless the efforts of this team as they work to create a warm, welcoming environment and provide opportunities for our church family to deepen relationships.

## **Pray for Our Congregation**

*Neal Benedict* - Please pray for *Neal* as he is on dialysis and in need of a kidney transplant.

*Musima family - Ebenezer* has been placed on dialysis and is need of a kidney transplant.

*Jackie Toothman* - Jackie is beginning in-home hospice care. Please continue praying for her and family.

*Tony Tousha* - Please pray for GI issues, injured knee, and various metabolic issues.

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

Ongoing health concerns: *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

*Austin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*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 begins Jan. 8.

Cason Moncrief's coworker, *Carlos Aranda* - Pray for comfort, joy, and peace through the holidays following the loss of his maternal grandmother who he was very close to.

*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.

## **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

*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  
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David Jones

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### Our Principal Staff

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