



*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, March 24, 2024

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRELUDE

*Janice Bradshaw*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor Ben*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Janice Bradshaw*

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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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*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*

*Psalm 95:1-3*

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!**

Leader: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**All: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above  
all gods.**

✦ SONGS OF ADORATION

*Pastor Ben*

*All Creatures of Our God and King* (Hymn #115, verses 1, 2, 4, and 5)  
(Francis of Assisi, Kirchengesange)

*Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord* (Hymn #465)  
(Johnston, Towner)

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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

*Pastor Ben*

*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*

\*\**Denotes song ending on slides*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Pastor Ben*

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 love and obey your Word. 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**

*Pastor Ben*

*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**

*Pastor Ben*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

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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 THANKSGIVING** *The Power of the Cross*  
(Getty, Townend)

*Congregation*

**DIACONAL PRAYER**

*Deacon Bob Pickard*

**OFFERTORY**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*  
(St. Theodulph - See Hymn #235 for lyrics)

*K-5th Grade 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>	<i>The Doxology</i> (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 23:37-39</i>	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
<b>SERMON</b>	<i>The King's Verdict: Lamentation</i>	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
<b>✦ SONG OF PREPARATION</b>		<i>Congregation</i>
	<i>Children of the Heavenly Father</i> (Hymn #131, verses 1 and 2) (Sandell Berg, Traditional Swedish melody)	
<b>SERVICE OF BAPTISM</b>	<i>Danika Kritzinger</i>	<i>Pastor Ben</i> <i>Rev. Abri Pelsler</i>
<b>✦ SONG OF RESPONSE</b>		<i>Congregation</i>
	<i>Children of the Heavenly Father</i> (Hymn #131, verses 3 and 4) (Sandell Berg, Traditional Swedish melody)	
<b>✦ BENEDICTION</b>		<i>Pastor Ben</i>
<b>✦ SONG OF BLESSING</b>	<i>Gloria Patri</i> (Hymn #735) (Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)	<i>Congregation</i>
<b>POSTLUDE</b>		<i>Brooke Lewis</i>

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## Announcements

<b>Monday, March 25</b>	
<b>Tuesday, March 26</b>	
<b>Wednesday, March 27</b>	
Enfuego Youth Meal Fellowship Hall	6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Enfuego Youth Group Youth Building	6:30pm
<b>Thursday, March 28</b>	
<b>Friday, March 29</b>	
Good Friday Service Childcare Nursery	6:45pm
Good Friday Service Sanctuary	7:00pm
<b>Saturday, March 30</b>	
<b>Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday</b>	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:00am
Coffee & Donuts Gallery	10:15am
Worship Sanctuary	11:00am

### **Good Friday Service**

**Friday, March 29, 7:00pm, Sanctuary**

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

Join us for a special service remembering Christ's voluntary self-sacrifice on our behalf. Guided by Scripture and music we will reflect upon and stand in awe of the implications of God's deep love for us as displayed by the death of the Son. Childcare is available by reservation, contact the church office to register.

### **Easter Sunday, NEXT SUNDAY!**

**Worship Service, 9am, Sanctuary & Live Stream**

**Coffee & Donuts, 10:15am, Gallery**

**Worship Service, 11am, Sanctuary**

Join us at one of our **two identical services** for joyous worship, celebrating our risen Lord! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Stop by the Gallery in between services to grab a coffee and snack and enjoy a time of fellowship.

### **Easter Photos**

**NEXT SUNDAY, in the Gallery**

Wear your Easter best and take some pictures with family and friends under a beautifully decorated arch—thank you Kyra!  
(Bring your own camera!)

### **Children's Summer Programs**

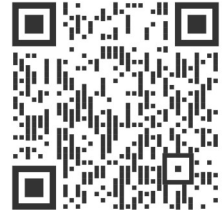
SCPC members are invited to participate in early bird sign up for our 2024 Children's Summer Programs **beginning tomorrow, March 25th, at 8am**. Links to the registration forms will be sent to the email addresses we have on file. Watch for this email *or* use the QR codes below. **Members have until 11:59pm, Sunday, March 31st** to register for CFAP and BFAP before these programs will be opened up for non-member registration! **Don't delay, these classes will fill up!**

### **Created for a Purpose**

**Monday-Friday, July 15-19, 9:00am-1:30pm**

**Contact: Felicity Bodden or Amy Haaland**

Created for a Purpose is a ministry that shares the gospel of Jesus Christ with girls who have completed 3rd-8th grade through creative art projects, sound biblical teaching, worship and small groups. SCPC Member cost \$100/student.



### **Built for a Purpose**

**Monday-Friday, July 15-18, 5:00pm-8:30pm**

**Contact: Erik Haaland or Kyle Bodden**

Built for a Purpose is four nights just for the guys who have completed 2nd-7th grade to build, worship, learn, play, and enjoy time together. SCPC Member cost \$90/student.

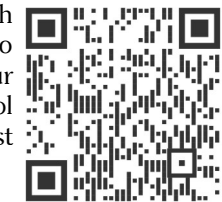


### **VBS: Olympion 2024**

**Monday-Friday, June 24-28, 9am-noon**

**Contact: Ashley Lin**

SCPC students age 4 through entering 6th grade are invited to "Go for the Gold" with us at our Olympion Vacation Bible School adventure this summer! The cost is \$15/student or \$30/family.



# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

**Pray for our Safety Team** - Pray for this team to remain vigilant and dedicated, and that God will grant them health, stamina, and physical strength to carry out their duties.

## **Pray for Our Congregation**

*Laura Allan* - Please pray for recovery from hand surgery, with very limited use during healing.

*Cindy Peterson* - PRAISE that Cindy is home. Continued prayer for complete healing.

Byerly Family - PRAISE that daughter, *Hannah*, had successful surgery and quick recovery, pray that with tubes now in her ears she will no longer have recurrent ear infections.

*Kritzinger Family* - PRAISE - Danika was born Monday, February 26. Pray for continued good health and for the family's adjustment to the newest addition to their family.

*Wykes Family* - PRAISE - Winry Odette was born Monday, March 4. Pray for continued good health and for the family's adjustment to the newest addition to their family.

*Steve Williams* - Pray for strength, courage, and healing during chemotherapy treatments.

*Naomi Seeland* - PRAISE that Naomi's mouth is healing well from recent surgery.

*Clairice Chapelle* - Pray for recovery for a shoulder injury from a recent fall.

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**

Beccy Esteves' *Grandma Vera* is in Brazil trying to find good healthcare. Pray that she will remain safe and that she will find the healthcare she needs.

## **Pray for Our Expectant Mothers**

*Brooke Lewis*, due in April

*Katelyn Schaeffer*, due in May

*Daniela McConnell*, due in June

*Elizabeth Basham*, due in July

## **Pray for Our Missionary of the Month**

*Mission to the World, Aaron & Rachel Halbert*

-Wisdom as we think about where to plant the next church and adding more people to our team.

-Seminary plans - Josué is studying at Puritan Reformed in Grand Rapids with plans to return to help get the seminary off the ground.

-Rachel and the kids as she continues to homeschool them. Pray for grace and energy and patience amongst all of them.

-More leaders in our local congregation. We need more elders and deacons.

-Pray we would be faithful and holy.

## 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

Ian Achterkirch  
Michael Byerly  
Justin Chandler

Ben Duncan  
Erik Haaland  
Danny McDaniel

### Our Diaconate

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

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