



*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 26, 2023

## 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

*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.**

### ✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Pastor Ben*

### ✦SONGS OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

#### *Come Thou Fount*

(Robinson, Traditional American melody; arr. Hogan)

#### *All I Have is Christ*

(Kauflin)

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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 Erik Haaland*

*Luke 9:23-25*

And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?”

✦Please stand if able

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Erik Haaland*

Leader: Father, you have called us in Christ to be your children,  
and you have set before us the example of Jesus,  
our elder brother and king,  
and you have told us to listen to him.

People: **Yet we often fail to heed the word of Jesus,  
and instead live as if we are our own,  
and as if the preservation and promotion of self  
is our most cherished goal.**

Leader: Father, bring to mind where we have not followed the way of Christ,  
where we have sought our lives instead of dying to self,  
and where we have recoiled from, rather than embraced,  
our cross,  
and hear now 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*

*Galatians 2:16*

Yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through  
faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be  
justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of  
the law no one will be justified.

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

*Erik Haaland*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

*Before the Throne of God Above*  
(Bancroft, Cook)

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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 Stephen Kovach*

**OFFERTORY**

*Rock of Ages*

*Ben Chandler*

(Toplady, Ward)

Text can be found on page 500 in the hymnal.



# **Sermon Notes**

## **Righteousness Reflected in the Treatment of Others**

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March 26, 2023

Matthew 7:1-12

# Announcements

<b>Monday, March 27</b>	
<b>Tuesday, March 28</b> Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
<b>Wednesday, March 29</b> Youth Group Youth Building Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:15pm 6:30pm
<b>Thursday, March 30</b> Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
<b>Friday, March 31</b>	
<b>Saturday, April 1</b>	
<b>Sunday, April 2</b> Worship & Communion Sanctuary & LS Sunday School for all ages LS = Live Stream	9:30am 11:00am

### **Children's Choir Rehearsal**

**TODAY** after worship, Sanctuary

The children of SCPC will help lead us in worship on Palm Sunday, April 2nd! There is a rehearsal in the Sanctuary following worship TODAY.

### **Sip 'n See with Christine & Gabriella Harris**

**TODAY** at 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall Annex

Ladies, join us in welcoming baby Gabriella to our covenant family!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### **Good Friday Service**

Friday, April 7, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary  
Childcare available by reservation, contact Lauri Kooiman.

### **Easter Sunday Services**

Sunday, April 9, 9:00 am & 11:00 am, Sanctuary

### **Easter Brunch**

Sunday, April 9, 10:00 am, The Gallery

### **Officer Nominations**

The selection of men to serve in the offices of Elder or Deacon is the duty and privilege of the members of the congregation of SCPC. Officer Nomination forms are available in the Narthex and contain more information about the process and qualifications. **All nominations must be received by March 31, 2023.**

### **VBS - Summer SeaQuest - Volunteer Survey**

**Monday-Friday, June 19-23. 9am-noon**

**Contact: Ashley Lin**

There are multiple opportunities to help before and during VBS week. Complete the **VBS Volunteer Survey** on our website [springcypresschurch.com/vbs](http://springcypresschurch.com/vbs) or contact Ashley to be a part of this wonderful program!

### **Save the Dates for Purpose Week!**

**Monday-Friday, July 10-14**

#### **Created for a Purpose, mornings**

**Contact: Amy Haaland**

Created for a Purpose is a ministry that shares the gospel of Jesus Christ with 3rd-8th grade girls through creative art projects, sound biblical teaching, worship and small groups. *Check your email Monday for registration information exclusively for SCPC members. Registration will open on Monday, March 27, at 5:00 pm.* Spaces will fill up quickly, so don't delay! Volunteers are needed! Online registration will be available for all volunteers this year. Information coming soon!

#### **Built for a Purpose, evenings**

**Contact: Erik Haaland, [erik@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:erik@springcypresschurch.com)**

*Boys who have completed 3rd-8th grade*

Built for a Purpose is four nights just for the guys to build, worship, learn, play, and enjoy time together. Registration information is coming soon.

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

*Our Staff* - Pray that our staff will stay healthy and be encouraged as they take care of the administrative and ministry tasks of our church.

## **Pray for Our Congregation**

*Neal Benedict* - for successful surgery to remove bladder cancer on March 24th.

*Michael & Laurie Byerly* - for the development of their baby's heart and for a full-term pregnancy.

*Christine & Daniel Harris, Gideon* - PRAISE Gabriella Elizabeth was born Thursday, March 2nd! Christine and Gabriella are doing well. Pray for continued good health and for the family's adjustment to the newest addition to their family.

*Jeanne Maddy* - complete healing of fractured leg.

*John Morrison* - successful treatment of prostate cancer.

*Mary Spiritosanto & family* - comfort and peace as they mourn the loss of Jim Spiritosanto.

*Eleanor Tracey & family* - comfort and peace as they mourn the loss of her mother and uncle.

Ongoing health concerns: *René & Clairice Chapelle, Rose Gregory, Jeff Kuhn, Rick & Jeanne Maddy,*

*Katie Medeiros, Mark Morrow, Mary Spiritosanto.*

## **Pray for Our Military and First Responders**

*Peter Achterkirch*, Army, Washington

*Christian Cory*, Army, New York

*Chris Dietz*, Navy Reserves, Texas

*Joshua Duncan*, Army, North Carolina

*Shawn Maya*, Spring Fire Department

*Jessy Wykes*, Army, Europe

## **Pray for Our College Students**

*Charlotte Achterkirch*, Samford University

*Claire Achterkirch*, Samford University

*Zach Allan*, Tarleton State University

*Rebekah Duncan*, Montana State University

*Austin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*Justin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*Jenna Haaland*, Samford University

*Rebekah Kooiman*, Abilene Christian University

*Ayden Steagall*, Lone Star College

*AJ Tousha*, Lone Star College

*Izzy Tousha*, Lone Star College

## **Pray for Our Expectant Mothers**

*Kathryn Ritchie* is due in April.

*Laurie Byerly* is due in June.

## **Pray for Our Family & Friends**

Andy & Kyra Moncrief's son, *Cason Moncrief* - PRAISE - he got engaged!

## **Pray for Way & Amy Rutherford, *Reformed University Fellowship, Baylor University, Waco, TX***

**Praise** and thanks to God for a great fall semester and a great Fall Conference weekend, successful outreach to freshmen and new students, fruitful sermon series through Luke, and evidence of His work in the students' hearts in countless ways.

**Pray** that God will work in the hearts and minds of the students through the upcoming sermon series, for our intern Justin Blizard and staff person Olivia Shields, for the seniors who will be graduating in a few of months, for students to become members of the Ministry team, and for Summer Conference in Panama City Beach, FL in May.

## 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

### Elders

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