



*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, May 12, 2024

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

### PRELUDE

*Linda Stringer*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor Ben*

### PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Linda Stringer*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on Hebrews 11:1-2.*

*"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,  
the conviction of things not seen. For by it the  
people of old received their commendation."*

### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Pastor Ben*

*Scriptural medley*

Leader: God reigns over the nations; He sits on his holy throne.

People: **We gather as the people of the living God, for he is  
highly exalted!**

Leader: We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty!

All: **You, O Lord, are the One who was, and who is,  
and who is to come, and we magnify your name  
now and forever!**

### ✦ SONGS OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

*May the Peoples Praise You*

(Getty, Getty, Townend, Cash, Zimmer; arr. by Campbell, Lawrence)

*There Is One Gospel*

(Robinson, Thompson)

### DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

*Ruling Elder Michael Byerly*

*Proverbs 1:8-9*

Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's  
teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants  
for your neck.

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

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✦ Please stand if able

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Michael Byerly*

Leader: Almighty God, you have given us parents, both a father and a mother, to raise us, and to instruct us in the way we should go. On this day, we especially thank you for the gift of mothers.

People: **Yet as children we often took for granted our parents, as adolescents we chaffed at their rules, and as adults we find it too easy to live our own lives without remembering them.**

Leader: Father, grant that we should honor our father and our mother by remembering them, and showing appreciation for their investment in us, and by walking in what is right, as we were taught. Lord, bring to mind where we have disregarded you by disregarding our father and our mother, and hear our silent prayers of personal confession...

*silent confession of personal sin*

...Amen!

**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD’S GOSPEL**

*Michael Byerly*

*Isaiah 49:15-16a*

“Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.”

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

*Michael Byerly*

*concluding with the Lord’s Prayer*

**✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

***Great Is Thy Faithfulness*** (Hymn #32)  
(Chisholm, Runyan)

**DIACONAL PRAYER**

*Deacon Scott Lewis*

**OFFERTORY**

***I Am Not My Own*** *Children’s Choir*  
(Peterson, Shive, Fowler, Anderson) *Congregation (3rd verse)*  
(Lyrics on page 4) *Guitar, Scott Thibaut*

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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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*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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### ***I Am Not My Own***

#### *Verse 1, Refrain*

The One who made the heavens made my heart and soul.  
Before I drew a breath, I was loved and known.  
I am His creation, the Maker's masterpiece,  
and all that He designs will be done in me.  
*I belong to the Lord; oh, I am not my own.*  
*I belong to the Lord; I am not my own.*  
*I will honor Him, for this I know:*  
*I belong to the Lord; I am not my own.*

#### *Verse 2, Refrain*

My body is a temple of the Living God,  
I'll worship in this house that His blood has bought.  
As I bear His image, oh may I not profane  
the holiness I hold in this earthly frame.

*Verse 3, Refrain* - Congregation please join!  
I am not my own, and now my heart is free;  
oh, Maker, come and make what You will of me.  
There is nothing broken that You cannot repair,  
so Lord, I leave my life in Your loving care.

**✦ SONG OF PRAISE**                      *The Doxology* (Hymn #731)                      *Congregation*  
(Ken, Bourgeois)

**BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN**    *Pastor Ben*  
*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.*

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

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**SCRIPTURE TEXT**                                      *Matthew 24:29-37*                                      *Pastor Ben*

**SERMON**                                      *The Olivet Discourse: Coming on the Clouds*                                      *Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF RESPONSE**    *Congregation*  
*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* (Hymn #345, verses 1, 2, and 4)  
(Newton, Haydn)

**✦ BENEDECTION**    *Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF BLESSING**                                      *Gloria Patri* (Hymn #735)                                      *Congregation*  
(Traditional 2nd century text, Greateorex)

**POSTLUDE**    *Janice Bradshaw*

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Sermon Notes

May 12, 2024

The Olivet Discourse: Coming on the Clouds

*Matthew 24:29-37*

# Announcements

<b>Monday, May 13</b>	
<b>Tuesday, May 14</b>	
Women's Bible Study Room 119	9:30am
Men's Bible Study Room 119	7:00pm
<b>Wednesday, May 15</b>	
Youth Meal Fellowship Hall	6:15pm
Youth Group Youth Building	6:30pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
<b>Thursday, May 16</b>	
Women's Bible Study Room 119	7:00pm
<b>Friday, May 17</b>	
<b>Saturday, May 18</b>	
Spring Picnic Setup Pavilion	10:00am
<b>Sunday, May 19</b>	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:15am
Spring Picnic & 45th Anniv. Celebration	3:00pm

**SPRING PICNIC & 45th Anniversary Celebration**  
**NEXT SUNDAY, 3:00pm-6:30pm. Pavilion**

Contact: Susan Cochran, [susan@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:susan@springcypresschurch.com)  
 Join us for an afternoon of great food, fellowship, plus games and activities for all ages! Don't be late - we will kick off the fun with a surprise you DON'T WANT TO MISS, followed by awesome food, games, activities for all ages, inflatables (prepare to get wet!), and a dunk tank!

**2024 High School Graduates**  
**TODAY in the Narthex**

Contact: Susan Cochran, [susan@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:susan@springcypresschurch.com)  
 Join us in congratulating our 2024 High School Graduates and celebrating this milestone by filling their "Grad Baskets" with cards and gifts. If you brought cards/gifts today, please place them in the baskets in the Narthex! Forgot? No problem! Drop your items off to the church office this week, or in the Narthex *before the Worship Service* next Sunday, May 19th... the baskets will be presented to the students at the end of the service.

Sergio Esteves  
 Olivia Kay

James Musima  
 Naomi Seeland

**Children's Summer Programs**

Reminder... Registration for our 2024 Children's Summer Programs is open, and almost full! Use the QR codes below to register your child(ren) and sign up as a volunteer! Volunteers are needed for prep work, as well as various roles throughout VBS and Purpose weeks. Whether you can come one day or every day, your help is both needed & appreciated!

**VBS: June 24th thru 28th**



Volunteer



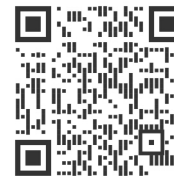
Registration

Created For A Purpose (CFAP) has **four openings** remaining in the 7th & 8th Grade group, all other grade levels are full. Built For A Purpose (BFAP) has only **three openings** remaining... sign up now!

**Purpose Week: July 15th thru 19th**



BFAP  
 Volunteer



BFAP  
 Registration



CFAP  
 Volunteer



CFAP  
 Registration

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

**Pray for our Men** - Pray that our men will grow in their faith and in their relationships with one another and their families as they grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord.

## **Pray for Our Congregation**

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

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

*Leslee Stollberg* - Pray for healing from broken ankle.

*Neal Benedict* - Pray for favor with the UAMS transplant center.

*Cara Dobson* - Prayer for recovery following surgery.

*Lewis Family* - PRAISE - Pray for continued good health and for the family's adjustment to the newest addition to their family, Holly Elaine.

*Sara Carrera* - Pray for peace and comfort for Sara and family following the death of her father.

*Virginia Faries* - Pray for healing, strength, and complete recovery from pneumonia.

*Hannah Byerly* - PRAISE - Rejoice and praise the Lord with the Byerly family for restoring Hannah's hearing through cochlear implants!

*Joyce Hill* - Joyce is in the hospital, please pray for her recovery from a back 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

*Jenna Haaland*, Samford University

*Aiden Steagall*, Texas A&M

*Izzy Tousha*, Texas State

*AJ Tousha*, Lone Star College

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

*Elia Reichenberg* - for relief from pain for her mother-in-law, *Arla*. For *Dan and Elia Reichenberg* to find a home.

*Daniel Burch*, prayer for *Zack & Lane Winchester* as they struggle with marriage/life, and for *Kyle VanArsdall* as he enters a new phase of life. PRAISE for *Kyle's* recent sell and purchase of houses, pray this will relieve stress for him.

## **Pray for Our Expectant Mothers**

*Katelyn Schaeffer*, due in May

*Daniela McConnell*, due in June

*Elizabeth Basham*, due in July

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

Jeff & Katie Saunders, Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) in Tokyo, Japan

- RUF Ministry, Pray for increased student connections as they meet with them one-on-one and at weekly Bible studies.

- Family, Pray that God will strengthen their marriage as they serve him together. Pray for their children, Emerie, Ezra, and Naomi as they learn Japanese alongside English and that they will be a light of kindness to their friends and classmates.

Email prayer requests to [susan@springcypresschurch.com](mailto: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](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  
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Ben Duncan  
Erik Haaland  
Danny McDaniel

### Our Diaconate

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*If you've lost or misplaced an item, please check the Lost & Found at the Visitor's Kiosk!*

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