



*We are a body of believers
called by the Holy Spirit
transformed by the Gospel to enjoy and glorify God
as we proclaim the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ.*

Sunday, May 16, 2021

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Saule Garcia

PRELUDE

Janice Bradshaw

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Janice Bradshaw

*Worship begins
where spiritual
life begins - with
God's call.
Appropriately,
we respond with
prayers and
songs of
adoration.*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on 2 Timothy 3:16-17,*

*“All Scripture is breathed out by God
and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction,
and for training in righteousness,
that the man of God may be complete,
equipped for every good work.”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben

Isaiah 44:23

Leader: Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it;

People: Shout, O depths of the earth;

Leader: Break forth into singing, O mountains,
O forest, and every tree in it!

**All: For the LORD has redeemed Jacob,
and will be glorified in Israel.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Hymn #53, vs. 1, 2, and 5)
(Based on Psalm 103, Neander; *Stralsund Gesangbuch* 1665, arr. Lawrence)

How Great Thou Art (Hymn #44)
(Hine, arr. Greer, Courtney, Lawrence)

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

✦Please stand if able

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Erik Haaland

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Erik Haaland

Leader: Almighty God, you are one, and there is no god besides you. Though you are Triune, the persons of the godhead exist in complete harmony and unity of essence, being, purpose, and will.

In light of your unity, you call us to a single-minded devotion to you, and your ways.

People: Yet our hearts are divided, our minds are distracted, and our faith and obedience are wavering. Forgive us for not loving you with all our heart, soul, and might.

Leader: Father, grant that by the power of your indwelling and empowering Spirit, we will live our lives in increasing adoration and devotion to you. Lord, bring to mind where we have loved created things with greater vigor and devotion than we have you, and hear now our silent prayers of personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Erik Haaland

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Erik Haaland

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

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.

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

*We are called to
be faithful
stewards of
God's Word.
Therefore, we
eagerly and
unashamedly
read and
proclaim the
whole counsel of
Scripture.*

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING	<i>The Perfect Wisdom of Our God</i> (Getty, Townend)	<i>Congregation</i>
DIACONAL PRAYER		<i>Deacon Scott Lewis</i>
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Creation Sings the Father's Song</i> (Getty, Townend)	<i>Robin Trygstad Saule Garcia</i>
✦ SONG OF PRAISE	<i>The Doxology</i> (Hymn #731) (Ken, Bourgeois)	<i>Congregation</i>
BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN		<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>	
SCRIPTURE TEXT	Genesis 1:1 - 2:3	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
SERMON	<i>The Cosmos Formed</i>	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
✦ SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>Christ Our Hope in Life and Death</i> (Boswell, Papa, Merker, Getty, Kauflin, arr. Lawrence)	<i>Congregation</i>
✦ BENEDICTION		<i>Pastor Ben</i>
✦ SONG OF BLESSING	<i>Gloria Patri</i> (Hymn #735) (Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)	<i>Congregation</i>
RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES	<i>Jenna Haaland Aiden Steagall Izzy Tousha</i>	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
POSTLUDE		<i>Saule Garcia</i>

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

Sermon Notes

May 16, 2021

The Cosmos Formed

Genesis 1:1 – 2:3

Announcements

Monday, May 17	
Session Meeting Pastor's Office	7:00pm
SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Tuesday, May 18	
Women in the Word The Gallery	9:30am
CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Wednesday, May 19	
Youth Group Youth Building	6:30pm
Thursday, May 20	
Women in the Word The Gallery	7:00pm
Men's Bible Study Zoom	7:00pm
Friday, May 21	
Saturday, May 22	
Sunday, May 23	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:00am
Sunday School for all ages	10:30am

Church Picnic - TODAY in the Pavilion, 3-6 pm
 Join our church family for the annual church picnic! Fun for the whole family, with an awesome water slide, bouncy houses, petting zoo, delicious food, and fantastic fellowship - you don't want to miss it!

VBS Olympion

Monday-Friday, June 21-25, 8:45am-12:00pm
Cost: \$10

Contact: Elisa, elisa@springcypresschurch.com
 Calling all 4 year olds - 3rd graders! Join us for a week of Bible stories, crafts, and fun at VBS Olympion this summer. **Registration is open NOW on the church website.**

Built for a Purpose - July 12-17, 5-9 pm

Cost: \$75

Contact: Erik, erik@springcypresschurch.com
 This summer we are launching Built for a Purpose! This camp is for boys entering 4th-9th grade in the fall and will teach them that they are built by God in his image, for a purpose! The camp will run 5-9 pm beginning July 12 and end with an overnight campout on the 16th. **Registration is open NOW on the church website.**

Youth Group Mission Trip to Opelousas, 6/27-7/3

Cost: \$70 (includes t-shirt)

Contact: Justin, justin@springcypresschurch.com
 Senior and Junior High students, mark your calendar to return to Opelousas this summer to serve with *Hope for Opelousas!* **Registration is open NOW.** Look for an email Elisa sent 4/21.

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Children - Pray that the children grow in their love for Jesus as we partner with their parents to nurture them in the Lord. Pray for our parents, Nursery workers, Sunday School teachers, and Children's Worship leaders, as well as for our upcoming summer programs.

Pray for Our Congregation

Glenn Ayles and family - peace and comfort following the death of his father, Rodney.

Cara Dobson - peace and comfort following the death of her mother-in-law.

Carl Gregory - recovery from surgery and successful treatment of colon cancer.

Barbara Honts - wisdom for her medical team as they monitor her heart and seek ways to relieve her migraine pain.

Mike Hume - PRAISE for successful eye surgery, patience during recovery, and complete healing.

Ray Rhoades - peace and comfort following the death of his father.

Jackie Toothman - wisdom for her medical team as they prepare for upcoming enteroscopy surgery.

Ongoing health concerns: *Eldon & Virginia Faries, Carl & Rose Gregory, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, and Katie Medeiros*

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Washington

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Jessy Wykes, Army, Georgia

Chris Dietz, Navy, Texas

Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, Samford University

Jacob Kerr, Texas A&M University

Ian Allan, Calvin University

Rebekah Kooiman, Abilene Christian University

Zach Allan, Tarleton State University

Lauren Steagall, University of Houston

Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Justin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Pray for Our Families and Friends

Jeff Cory's sister *Kim Philip* - PRAISE - her tumor is gone!

Ray & Martha Rhoades' daughter *Carolyn* - speedy recovery, successful physical therapy, and pain control following shoulder surgery.

Jim & Mary Spiritosanto's daughter and Deb Kovach's sister *Rebecca* - healing following surgery to insert port to prepare for kidney dialysis.

Gina Rieger (SCPC-supported missionary) - healing, comfort, and encouragement following surgery and preparation for radiation treatments.

Pray for Our Expectant Mother

Carrington Jones is due in July.

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month

Reformed Youth Ministries

- Pray for additional churches and individuals to partner with RYM through prayer and financial support.
- Pray for staff and interns as they fulfill the RYM mission.

Email prayer requests to robin@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 mothers with infants.
- Children ages 4-8 are welcome to go to Children's Worship prior to the sermon. They are returned to the Sanctuary near the end of the service.

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 baskets at the back of the Sanctuary, mail a check to the church office, or give online at springcypresschurch.com/give

Our Church Leadership & Staff

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

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