



*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 18, 2025

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

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

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 *Philippians 2:9-10*.

*"Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him
the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth..."*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

from Isaiah 49:13 & Psalm 30:11-12

Leader: Sing for joy, O Heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth
O mountains, into singing!

People: **For the LORD has comforted his people and will have
compassion on his afflicted.**

Leader: You have turned our mourning into dancing; you have
loosed our sackcloth and clothed us with gladness, that
our glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

All: **O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!**

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Praise Him! Praise Him! (Hymn #173)
(Crosby, Allen)

Blessed Assurance (Hymn #693)
(Crosby, Knapp)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Pastor Ben

1 Corinthians 3:18-20

Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is
wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise.
For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He
catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the
thoughts of the wise, that they are futile."

✦Please stand if able

**Denotes song ending on slides

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Ben

Leader: Eternal God, we humble ourselves before your great majesty, against which we have frequently and grievously sinned. We often prefer our own perspective to heavenly wisdom.

People: Almighty God we routinely walk according to the pattern of this world and fail to set apart Jesus as Lord in our hearts. Our fellowship with you and others suffers the disorder of selfish ambition and hurtful practices.

Leader: Heavenly Father, help us to sow the peace of heavenly wisdom, cultivating gentleness, mercy, and humility, that we may reap a harvest of righteousness as we walk by faith and not by sight. Hear now our silent prayers of personal confession and forgive us for the sake of Christ..

silent confession of personal sin

...Amen!

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Pastor Ben

Romans 5:8-9

"...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God."

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Pastor Ben

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦ SONGS OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

O Great God
(Kauflin)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Glenn Ayles

OFFERTORY

Christ Our Wisdom
(Althoff, Kauflin, Stiff)

Praise Band

verse 1

Christ our wisdom, we are humbled when You hide Your ways from us
You have purposes unnumbered, each one good and glorious
Help us trust when we grow weary. Free us from our anxious thoughts
Give us grace to see more clearly, You are God and we are not

*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.*

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

OFFERTORY

Christ Our Wisdom

Continued

verse 2

Christ our wisdom, be our gladness, when we fail to understand
You ordain all joy and sadness to fulfill Your perfect plan
Help us know You rule with power over every raging flood
In our most uncertain hour, You are God and we are loved

verse 3

Christ our wisdom, we will follow, though the way ahead is veiled
As we journey through the shadows, grant us faith where sight has failed
Help us cling to Your commandments, strengthened by Your faithful word
We will never be abandoned, You are God and we are Yours

verse 4

Christ our wisdom, we adore You, for the beauty of the cross
Once in foolishness we scorned You, but Your blood has ransomed us
Help us sing the endless mercies of Your humble heart to save
Christ our wisdom, Christ our glory, You are God forever praised

✦ SONG OF PRAISE

The Doxology (Hymn #731)
(Ken, Bourgeois)

Congregation

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.*

SCRIPTURE TEXT

Romans 7:14-25

Rev. Felix Espino

SERMON

The War Within: When Sin Feels Stronger

Rev. Felix Espino

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE

There is One Gospel
(Robinson, Thompson)

Congregation

BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Janice Bradshaw

✦ Please stand if able

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Sermon Notes

The War Within: When Sin Feels Stronger

May 18, 2025

Romans 7:14-25

Announcements

Monday, May 19		
Tuesday, May 20		
Women's Bible Study Room 119		9:30am
Wednesday, May 21		
Youth Group Meeting FH/Youth Building		6:15pm
Thursday, May 22		
Women's Bible Study Room 119		7:00pm
Friday, May 23		
Enfuego Movie Night Pavilion		7:00pm
Saturday, May 24		
Sunday, May 25		
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream		9:30am
Children & Youth SS Ed. Bldg./Youth Bldg.		11:15am

2025 Senior Basket Presentation

Thank you for helping us fill the Senior Baskets of our four 2025 high school graduates! They will be presented to the students during our morning worship today!

Our graduates are...

*Andrew Chandler
Dusty Cory*

*Josiah Duncan
Philip Reenders*

2025 Spring Picnic - DON'T MISS IT!!!

TODAY, May 18th, 3:00pm-6:30pm

Contact: Susan Thompson

Our annual Spring Picnic is **TODAY!** Bring your family and friends and join us at the Pavilion at 3:00pm for an AWESOME afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship! The dunk tank is back due to popular demand! There will be hamburgers, hotdogs, games & activities for all ages, inflatables (including water slides and slip & slide), and twice as much foam as last year! Can't wait to see you there!

Special Presentation

TODAY, 11:15am, Sanctuary

Adults - Following the worship service today, help yourself to some coffee in the Gallery and return to the Sanctuary for a special presentation by Pastor Ben, introducing our next Sunday school class.

Enfuego Movie Night

THIS FRIDAY, May 23, 7:00-9:30pm, Pavilion

Contact: Rev. Felix Espino

6th-12th Grade students - Bring your friends and folding chairs and join us for our first ever outdoor movie night in the Pavilion! Pizza will be provided!

Church Email Newsletters

Make sure you're getting *Church News*, emailed every Friday. If you are not already receiving these emails and would like to contact Susan, susan@springcypresschurch.com.

SAVE THE DATE...

Child Protection Policy (CPP) Training

Sunday, June 1st, 11:00am, Room 118

Contact: David Jones

CPP training is required for ALL who volunteer with SCPC Children and Youth ministries. This class will be the last opportunity to complete this training prior to VBS - please contact Ashley ASAP if you are signed up to volunteer and will not be able to complete the training. All who are interested in serving in our children and youth ministries are welcome to attend.

Church Workday

Saturday, June 7th, 8am-Noon

Contact: Deacon Assistant Levi Camden

Save the date...more information coming soon!

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

Kathryn Ritchie - Recent testing identified abnormalities with Kathryn's carotid artery and a small aneurysm. Please pray for Kathryn as she navigates dealing with frequent dizziness, and for the Ritchie's and their medical team as they discuss treatment options.

Amy Haaland - Thank you for 4 years of prayer for our daughter, Jenna... she graduated from Samford University with a BS in Nursing on May 2nd!

Ongoing health concerns: *Neal Benedict, René & Clairice Chapelle, Jeff Kuhn, Katie Medeiros, Nancy Menefee, Mark Morrow, Ebenezer Musima, Mary Spiritosanto, Liz Zapp*

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Aby Chea, due July 27

Laurie Byerly, due Aug. 22nd

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Levi Camden, National Guard, Texas

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Joshua Duncan, Army, North Carolina

Felix Espino, Army Reserves, Texas

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

A.J. Tousha, Acadian Ambulance - Houston

Jessy Wykes, Army, Germany

Pray for Our College Students

Claire Achterkirch, Samford University

Ben Chandler, Samford University

Olivia Kay, Lone Star Community College

Izzy Tousha, Texas State University

Pray for Our Friends & Family

Kelly René Cory's *Aunt Lucy* - PRAISE GOD, her surgery went well and all visible cancer was removed. Pray for healing from the surgery and that she will do well with remaining rounds of chemotherapy.

Vince & Eleanor Tracey's grandson, *Elijah* - please pray for clear results from his scan last week, and for his outpatient eye surgery to correct muscle damage on both eyes, scheduled for May 29th.

Elizabeth Basham's mom, *Kim Borst* PRAISE GOD, Kim's surgery went well last week! Please continue praying for her as she recovers and awaits results from lymph node testing.

Wyke's *family friends* - pray for comfort and consolation following the unexpected loss of their 21 year old daughter, Joanna Lash, following hospitalization with pneumonia.

Rick Toothman's niece, *Robyn*, has had multiple surgeries and will have many more as a result of an accident leaving every bone from her pelvis down broken or crushed. Pray for full healing and salvation.

David Burch's friend, *Kyle* - His dad is in the hospital and needs to transition to assisted living care. Pray for Kyle as he cares for his dad and begins the process of relocating him.

Reedy Buford's wife is having cornea transplant surgery May 13. Pray for successful surgery and quick recovery.

Greg Moore - *Elvin DeShazo* just learned that he has colon cancer. He is the primary caregiver for his wife who has dementia.

Ongoing concerns: Pray for prodigals to return to the Father.

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month

Mission to the World, Aaron & Rachel Halbert

- Pray for Rachel as she finishes up the homeschool year. Pray for perseverance for all of them.
- Pray for Aaron as he continues to work through officer training with 6 men.
- Pray for wisdom about the future.
- Pray for continued deepening of relationships with ministries we partner with in our area.
- Pray we would be faithful and holy.

General Information

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 →

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

Restrooms are located in the Narthex.



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