



*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 19, 2024

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

### PRELUDE

*Janice Bradshaw*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor Ben*

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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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### PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Janice Bradshaw*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on Matthew 10:16.*

*"Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves,  
so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves."*

### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Pastor Ben*

*from Psalms 2:11-12*

Leader: Let us serve the Lord with fear,

**People: and rejoice with trembling.**

Leader: Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way.

**All: Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

### ✦ SONGS OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (Hymn #457)  
(Robinson, Nettleton)

*Holy, Holy, Holy* (Hymn #100, verses 1-3)  
(Heber, Dykes)

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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*

*1 Peter 1:14-16*

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Erik Haaland*

Leader: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways by not fully embracing and enjoying our new identity as your sons and daughters.

✦ Please stand if able

\*\*Denotes song ending on slides

**People:** Not only have we both engaged in futile fleshly thinking and walked in the darkness of ignorant ways, we are often slow to flee these things and are sluggish in fighting the good fight of faith.

**Leader:** Father, have mercy upon us and grant us true repentance. Help us to put on Christ more consistently and thoroughly that we might devote ourselves to you wholeheartedly. Hear now our silent prayers of personal confession, and forgive us for the sake of Christ, who gave himself for us...

*silent confession of personal sin*

...Amen!

**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Erik Haaland*

*John 6:37-40*

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

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

*Erik Haaland*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

***My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*** (Hymn #521, verses 1, 3, and 4)  
(Mote, Bradbury)

**DIACONAL PRAYER**

*Deacon Bill Dietz*

**OFFERTORY**

***The Risen Christ***  
(Getty, Madeira)

*Sanctuary Choir*

O breath of God, come fill this place; revive our hearts to know Your grace; and from our slumber make us rise that we may know the risen Christ.

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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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**OFFERTORY**

(Continued)

*Sanctuary Choir*

O word of God, so clear and true, renew our minds to trust in You;  
and give to us the bread of life that we may know the risen Christ.

O love of God, so unrestrained, refresh our souls in Jesus' name.  
Let us reflect Your sacrifice that we may know the risen Christ.

May God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit make us one.  
In holiness let us unite that we may know the risen Christ.

**✦ 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**

*Matthew 24:35-51*

*Pastor Ben*

**SERMON**

*The Olivet Discourse: Be Ready!*

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF RESPONSE**

*Congregation*

*The Church's One Foundation* (Hymn #347, verses 1, 2, and 6)  
(Stone, Wesley)

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

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**✦ BENEDECTION**

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF BLESSING**

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

*Congregation*

**POSTLUDE**

*Susan Cochran*

✦ Please stand if able

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# Announcements

<b>Monday, May 20</b>	
<b>Tuesday, May 21</b>	
Women's Bible Study Room 119	9:30am
<b>Wednesday, May 22</b>	
Youth Meal Fellowship Hall	6:15pm
Youth Group Youth Building	6:30pm
<b>Thursday, May 23</b>	
Women's Bible Study Room 119	7:00pm
<b>Friday, May 24</b>	
<b>Saturday, May 25</b>	
<b>Sunday, May 26</b>	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am

### 2024 High School Graduates

Today, following the Worship Service

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

Join us in congratulating our 2024 High School Graduates as we present the Grad Baskets to each of them and hear a little bit about their post-high school plans! If you forgot to bring your cards/gifts please contact Susan and drop them by the church office.

Sergio Esteves

Olivia Kay

James Musima

Naomi Seeland

### Spring Picnic & 45th Anniversary Celebration

TODAY, 3:00-6:30pm, Pavilion

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

All are invited to come back this afternoon for our Church Picnic & 45th Anniversary Celebration! We will kick off the fun with a FOAM PARTY at 3pm...you don't want to miss this! There will be several inflatables including a water slide AND a slip and slide, so be sure the kids are dressed for water activities. Add burgers, dogs, and an afternoon of games & activities for all ages. The only question... to dunk or to be dunked???

Enfuego Youth Group - Immediately following the foam party, the Dunk Tank is ALL YOURS for 1 hour! Plenty of time for you to dunk Mr. Felix & Mr. Wayne, AND for them to dunk you too!

### Youth Group Pool Party

Friday, May 31st, 6:30-8:30pm, Cochran Home

Contact: Felix Espino, [felix@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:felix@springcypresschurch.com)

Dive into summer with us at our pool party and enjoy an evening of swimming, snacks, and sunshine! We can't wait to see you there and make unforgettable memories together!

### VBS Volunteer Training Meeting

Saturday, June 8th, 10am, Rm. 118

Contact: Ashley Lin

SAVE THE DATE - Adult and Youth VBS Volunteers please mark your calendars and plan to attend this brief, but important, training meeting as we prepare for VBS week, June 24-28!

### Church Email Newsletters

Make sure you're getting the latest news and information! Pastor Ben periodically emails an *ePistle* and *Church News* is emailed every Friday. If you are not already receiving these emails and would like to contact Susan, [susan@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:susan@springcypresschurch.com).

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

**Pray for our Women** - Pray that our women mature into the women God has called and created them to be as they bring glory to God in their families, our church, and our community.

## **Pray for Our Congregation**

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

*Neal Benedict* - Pray for favor in working through insurance issues associated with pursuing transplant centers with shorter wait times.

*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 a smooth transition as Virginia moves to MS to live with her daughter, and for continued 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 home from the hospital. Please continue to 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

*Felix Espino*, Army Reserves, Texas

*Levi Camden*, National Guard, Texas

*Joshua Duncan*, Army, North Carolina

*Christian Cory*, Army, New York

*Shawn Maya*, Spring Fire Department

*Chris Dietz*, Navy Reserves, Texas

*Jessy Wykes*, Army, Germany

## **Pray for Our College Students**

*Claire Achterkirch*, Samford University

*Jenna Haaland*, Samford University

*Rebekah Allcorn*, Abilene Christian University

*Aiden Steagall*, Texas A&M

*Kyle Benedict*, Lone Star College

*Izzy Tousha*, Texas State

*Ben Chandler*, Samford University

*AJ Tousha*, Lone Star College

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

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

*Elizabeth Basham*, due in July

*Daniela McConnell*, due in June

## **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  
Michael Byerly  
Justin Chandler

Ben Duncan  
Erik Haaland  
Danny McDaniel

### Our Diaconate

Glenn Ayles  
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