



*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 21, 2023

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Janice Bradshaw

PRELUDE

Brooke Lewis

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Brooke Lewis

*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 Psalm 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

Living Waters

(Getty, Townend, Cash; arr. Lawrence)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (Hymn #629)

(Scriven, Converse)

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."

*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*

✦Please stand if able

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.

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

I Will Sing of My Redeemer (Hymn #650, vs. 1, 2, and 3)
(Bliss, McGranahan)

*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.*

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Bill Dietz

OFFERTORY

Jesus, Your Mercy
(Kauflin, Kauflin, Stiff)

Band

✦ 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 11:2-19

Pastor Ben

SERMON

Expectations, Doubts, and Questions

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE

May the Peoples Praise You
(Getty, Townend, Cash, Zimmer; arr. Campbell, Lawrence)

Congregation

✦ BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

Ben Chandler

Pastor Ben

POSTLUDE

Janice Bradshaw

Sermon Notes

Expectations, Doubts, and Questions

May 21, 2023

Matthew 11:2-19

Announcements

Monday, May 22		
Tuesday, May 23	Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Wednesday, May 24		
Thursday, May 25	Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, May 26		
Saturday, May 27	VBS Training Room 118	10:00am
Sunday, May 28	Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
NO Sunday School		

Church Picnic

TODAY! 3-6:30pm

Join your church family for our annual church picnic! Fun for the whole family, with water slides, a bouncy house, yard games, card and board games, delicious food, and fantastic fellowship - you don't want to miss it!

No Sunday School next Sunday, May 28th

Classes resume June 4th.

Bibles for Babies - *Stephen Robert Ritchie*

Women AND Men, stop by the table in the Narthex and add your name by your favorite Bible verse or write a word of blessing or encouragement in the Bible for Stephen Robert Ritchie!

VBS Volunteer Training

Saturday, May 27, 10am, Room 118

Contact: Ashley

If you would like to volunteer at VBS and haven't already signed up, please do so ASAP at springcypresschurch.com/vbs. There will be **training for all volunteers on Saturday, May 27 at 10am in room 118.**

Built for a Purpose - July 10-14, 5-8:30pm

Contact: Erik Haaland, erik@springcypresschurch.com

Built for a Purpose is a week-long skills camp for boys currently in 2nd-7th grade. The goal of the camp is to teach the boys that they are created in the image of God, by God, and for God. This will be a fun-filled week of projects and activities, worship, and fellowship with men, young and old. **Registration is open now at springcypresschurch.com/bfap**

Youth Group Event: Speedy Fast Track

Wednesday, May 31, 7-9pm

11440 Hempstead Rd, Houston 77092

Contact: Felix

Senior and Junior High students, make plans to enjoy an evening of go-karts, laser tag, and food for \$10 (bring additional money for arcade games and prizes). If you **need transportation contact Felix by Monday, May 22** and be at the church by 6:15pm. **Parents, we need two volunteers** for this event. **Contact Felix ASAP** if you are available to help.

Church Work Day

Saturday, June 10, 8am-noon

Contact: Bob Pickard, bob@springcypresschurch.com

The deacons invite **adults and youth** to join them in many projects around campus including masonry repair, beautification, storage, yard work, etc. Breakfast and supplies will be provided.

Youth Group Event: Six Flags Hurricane Harbor Splashtown

Saturday, June 10, noon-5pm

Contact: Felix

Cost: \$35/person (includes entry and food)

Watch your email for the details. If you have any questions contact Felix.

Bridal Shower honoring Rebekah Kooiman

Sunday, June 11, 12:00pm

Contact: Susy

Ladies, mark your calendar to join us in celebrating Rebekah's upcoming marriage to Colton Allcorn. More information coming next Sunday!

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Our Session - Pray for our Session as they seek the Lord's direction and will for our church, and wisdom as they shepherd our covenant community.

Pray for Our Congregation

Kathryn, Nicholas Ritchie & family - PRAISE Stephen Robert Ritchie was born Saturday, April 22nd (9lbs 1 oz, 22")! Kathryn and Stephen are doing well. Pray for continued good health and for the family's adjustment to the newest addition to their family.

Ongoing health concerns: *René & Clairice Chapelle, Jeff Kuhn, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, Katie Medeiros, John Morrison, 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, Kentucky

Pray for Our College Students

Claire Achterkirch, Samford 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

Aiden Steagall, Lone Star College

Izzy Tousha, Lone Star College

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Laurie Byerly is due in June.

Pray for Our Friends

Christine Achterkirch's father *Stephen Ummel* - pray for complete healing from surgery to remove his pancreas.

Jolene Wykes' brother *Kevin* - healing of heart complications.

Pray for Julian Zugg, MINTS International Seminary

- Pray for the students from the smallest villages to the largest cities in Africa as they seek to be faithful ministers of the Word.
- Pray for the students in China. They are being pressured and have had to shut things down a bit and are uncertain about when they'll be able to open again.
- Pray for Julian as he faces a number of administrative challenges in his new role as President of MINTS. Pray that they will find a new admin assistant to help process the student registration and degrees.

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 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.

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