



*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 22, 2022

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Janice Bradshaw

PRELUDE

Stephanie Hicks

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Stephanie Hicks

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Zephaniah 3:14,*

*“Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben

Psalm 18:1-3

Leader: I love you, O LORD, my strength.

People: **The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,**

Leader: My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,

People: **My Shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold,**

Leader: I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,

All: **And I am saved from my enemies.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

(Boswell, Getty, Kauflin, Merker, Papa; arr. Galbraith, Lawrence)

As the Deer

(Nystrom; arr. Galbraith, Lawrence)

*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*

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Erik Haaland

Leviticus 19:17-18

You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Erik Haaland

Leader: Almighty God, you are merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.

**People: Yet like the unmerciful servant,
though we have been forgiven much,
we are hesitant to extend forgiveness to others.
We often nurse grudges and console ourselves
with thoughts of comeuppance.
Lord, forgive us.**

Leader: Father, though we are commanded to love our neighbor as ourselves, we confess that we often do not. For this and many other sins, we come before you now in repentance. Please hear our silent prayers of personal confession and forgive us for Christ's sake...

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Erik Haaland

1 John 2:1

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father Jesus Christ the righteous.

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

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Erik Haaland

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

Jesus! What a Friend of Sinners! (Hymn #498, vs. 1-4)

(Chapman, Pritchard; arr. Harkness, Rawsthorne, Lawrence)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Scott Lewis

OFFERTORY

O Love

Choir

(arr. Hagenberg)

text can be found in the hymnal on page 708

✦ 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.

SCRIPTURE TEXT

James 4:11-12

Pastor Ben

SERMON

Destructive Defamation

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE

Congregation

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (Hymn #164, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6)

(Wesley, Gläser, Mason; arr. Linker)

✦ BENEDECTION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

Gloria Patri (Hymn #735)

Congregation

(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

POSTLUDE

Janice Bradshaw

*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.*

Announcements

Monday, May 23 SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Tuesday, May 24 Women in the Word Room 119 CODA Meeting Youth Building	9:30am 7:30pm
Wednesday, May 25	
Thursday, May 26 Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, May 27	
Saturday, May 28	
Sunday, May 29 Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream NO Sunday School	9:30am

THANK YOU, Tracy Allen and all the volunteers who made the Church Picnic a delight for everyone!

Joint Presbytery Evening Worship Service

Sunday, May 29, 6:00 pm

Southwest Presbyterian Church

6033 S Rice Ave, Bellaire, TX 77401

Contact: Elisa, elisa@springcypresschurch.com

Please join in this unique opportunity to worship alongside members of some sister churches in our Presbytery. This will be a joyous celebration of the connectional nature of the Church in the Houston area. A fellowship dinner will be served afterwards.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 29
All classes will resume June 5.

Child Protection Policy Orientation

June 5, after Sunday School, Room 116

Contact: Elisa, elisa@springcypresschurch.com

If you have not yet attended the in-person Child Protection Training, please make plans to attend this session after Sunday School on June 5. We will go over important policies and safety procedures that help to protect everyone on our campus. **This 30-minute orientation is required for all those who volunteer with our children and youth ministries, including summer programs.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Watch for email and text messages with details about these and other upcoming events!

Youth

Sunday, June 5, 6-9pm, Main Event

Awesome night of bowling, laser tag, and arcade games.

Friday, June 17 - Pool Party, tbd

Sunday, July 10, 5-7:30pm - Scavenger Hunt & BBQ

July 30/31 - tbd

Women

Saturday, June 25, 8am-2pm - Newman's Castle Visit &

Lunch in Belleville for women and children

Saturday, July 8 - Movie Night at SCPC

Saturday, July 30, 4-8pm - Pool Party, Esteves' home

Watch for playdates for moms and children throughout the summer

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Staff - Pray that our staff will stay healthy and be encouraged as they take care of administrative and ministry tasks of our church.

Pray for Our Congregation

Charlotte Achterkirch - Charlotte leaves May 27th for her short-term mission trip to Greece. Pray for safe travel, fruitful ministry, and boldness in sharing the Gospel.

Daniel Duncan - PRAISE - Daniel received his commercial learner's permit; Pray that he successfully learns how to drive a commercial truck.

Neal McGlothlin - Pray that God will provide Neal with sustainable employment. Pray for emotional and mental stability and endurance, and that he will lean on God for strength.

Ongoing health concerns: *René & Clairice Chapelle, Carl & Rose Gregory, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, Katie Medeiros, Mark Morrow, Catherine Seeland, Jim Spiritosanto.*

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Washington

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Chris Dietz, Navy Reserves, Texas

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Jessy Wykes, Army, Kentucky

Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, Samford University

Zach Allan, Tarleton State 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

Ayden Steagall, Lone Star College

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Izzy Tousha, Lone Star College

Pray for Our Families and Friends

Chris & Amy Dietz's nephew, *Johnny* (14 years old) - successful open heart surgery on May 25th.

Mindy Burton's dad, *Tim Nesbitt* - healing with immunotherapy treatments for stage 4 lung cancer; peace for his family.

Arlene Rodney's cousin, *Marilyn* - God's will be done as she is seriously ill with leukemia.

Emily Wykes' friend, *Sydnee Stanley* - healing from neuromyelitis optica (NMO) a central nervous system disorder where the immune system attacks the brain, eyes, and spinal cord; and comfort for her family.

Jim & Mary Spiritosanto's daughter, Deb Kovach's sister, *Rebecca Cooper* - wisdom regarding possible heart surgery and physical strength for kidney dialysis.

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month

Joe & Felicity Congdon, Mission to the World, Tokyo, Japan

- **Church Planting** - Pray for Joe as he shepherds Mitsuo & Natsuki who have begun church planting work in Tokyo.
- **Evangelism** - Pray for Congdons as they reach out to those around them through their weekly *Person of Jesus* study on Zoom and through the PTA at their children's school.
- **Sunday School** - Pray for the recently launched Sunday school program for non-Christian elementary school students and their families.

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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