



*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 26, 2024

## 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 Romans 8:6.*

*"For to set the mind on the flesh is death,  
but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace."*

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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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### ✦CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Pastor Ben*

Leader: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion!

People: **For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

Leader: My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your  
deeds of salvation all the day...

All: **For their number is past my knowledge.**

### ✦SONGS OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

*Hallelujah! Thine the Glory* (Hymn #179, verses 1, 2, and 4)  
(Mackay, Husband)

*I Will Sing the Wondrous Story* (Hymn #180, verses 1, 2, and 5)  
(Rowley, Bilhorn)

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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 Ian Achterkirch*

*Zechariah 8:16-17*

"These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another; render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace; do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath, for all these things I hate, declares the Lord."

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Ian Achterkirch*

Leader: Almighty God, we are sinners. We have done things you have forbidden and left undone things you have commanded.

✦Please stand if able

\*\*Denotes song ending on slides

**People:** We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. As judge of the whole earth, you would be just to condemn us.

**Leader:** Yet in your love you sent Christ to bear the guilt of our sin and suffer the punishment due our offenses. To him we flee. Forgive us for his sake, and by your Spirit help us to live a life worthy of your name. Help us to recall both our sins and your mercies and hear our silent prayers of confession...

*silent confession of personal sin*

...Amen!

**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Ian Achterkirch*

*Ephesians 1:3-4*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

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

*Ian Achterkirch*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

*O Great God*  
(Kauflin)

**DIACONAL PRAYER**

*Deacon Bob Pickard*

**OFFERTORY**

*He's Always Been Faithful*  
(Runyan, Groves, Chisholm)

*Ben Chandler*

Morning by morning, I wake up to find the power and comfort of God's hand in mine.  
Season by season, I watch Him, amazed, in awe of the mystery of His perfect ways.  
All I have need of, His hand will provide. He's always been faithful to me.

I can't remember a trial or a pain He did not recycle to bring me gain.  
I can't remember one single regret in serving God only and trusting His hand.  
All I have need of, His hand will provide. He's always been faithful to me.

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

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**OFFERTORY**

*He's Always Been Faithful*  
(Continued)

*Ben Chandler*

This is my anthem, this is my song. The theme of the stories I've heard for so long.  
God has been faithful, He will be again, His loving compassion, it knows no end.  
All I have need of, His hand will provide. He's always been faithful,  
He's always been faithful, He's always been faithful to me

**✦ SONG OF PRAISE**

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

*Congregation*

**BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN**

*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.*

*Pastor Ben*

**SCRIPTURE TEXT**

*Matthew 25: 1-30*

*Pastor Ben*

**SERMON**

*The Olivet Discourse:  
Parables Illustrating Preparedness*

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF RESPONSE**

*Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*  
(Lyte, Moore)

*Congregation*

**✦ BENEDECTION**

*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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## Announcements

<b>Monday, May 27 - HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY</b>	
Church Office Closed	
<b>Tuesday, May 28</b>	
Women's Bible Study Room 119	9:30am
Men's Bible Study Room 119	7:00pm
<b>Wednesday, May 29</b>	
Youth Meal Fellowship Hall	6:15pm
Youth Group Youth Building	6:30pm
<b>Thursday, May 30</b>	
Women's Bible Study Room 119	7:00pm
<b>Friday, May 31</b>	
<b>Saturday, June 1</b>	
Church Workday Pavilion	8:00am
<b>Sunday, June 2</b>	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for All Ages	11:15am

### **Spring Church Workday**

**THIS SATURDAY, June 1st, 8am-NOON**

Deacons invite all to participate in a Church Workday to knock out some projects around campus that do not require professional skill level. What a great opportunity to be an encouragement by showing up for a few hours and working along-side them as we work together to care for the beautiful church campus with which God has blessed us! Many hands make light work, let's knock their list out! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 8am for a quick briefing on projects over coffee & breakfast... then, divide and conquer!

**Sign up in the Narthex is today ONLY!**

### **Officer Nominations - DEACON ONLY**

**NEXT SUNDAY, Narthex**

The selection of men to serve in the office of Deacon is the duty and privilege of the members of the congregation of Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church. Beginning next Sunday, June 2nd, Officer Nomination Forms will be available in the Narthex, and will contain more information about the process and qualifications. All nominations must be received by June 30th.

### **Youth Group Pool Party**

**THIS FRIDAY, 6:30-8:30pm, Cochran Home**

**Contact: Felix Espino**

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

### **Child Protection Policy (CPP) Training**

**Saturday, June 8th, 9:30am, Rm. 118**

**Contact: Casey Lewis**

CPP training is required for all who volunteer with SCPC Children and Youth Ministries, including summer programs. Be sure to attend this training so you will be able to serve in these important ministries!

### **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!

### **Baby Shower - Daniela McConnell**

**Sunday, June 9th, after Worship Service, Annex**

All ladies are invited to join us to celebrate Daniela McConnell as she prepares for her little baby boy. Bring a salad to share as we shower her with love!

### **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).

Please pray for our upcoming **Vacation Bible School**,

**June 24-28!** Pray for the children who will be on our campus to have hearts open to the gospel, and that their faith and knowledge will grow during the week. Pray for our many volunteers, that they will be encouraged and refreshed by their work and that God will be glorified.

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

**Pray for our College Students** - Pray for our college students to remain firmly grounded in God's Word as they begin their various summer activities, that they will be salt and light to those around them.

## **Pray for Our Congregation**

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

**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.

**Joyce Hill** - Joyce is home from the hospital. Please continue to pray for her recovery from a back injury.

**Schaeffer Family** - PRAISE - Pray for continued good health and for the family's adjustment to the newest addition to their family, Oliver Bryce.

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**

Sara Carrera - prayer for healing, strength, and endurance for her friend, *Stephanie*, who is struggling with cancer. Above all, for Stephanie's faith remain strong, and for her reliance on God to increase.

Susy Tousha - Father had a toe amputated due to infection. Please pray that the infection is fully healed.

Vincent & Eleanor Tracey - PRAISE that their grandson, *Elijah*, is making wonderful progress towards regaining the ability to walk. Please pray for clear results at June 4th MRI and spinal tap.

## **Pray for Our Expectant Mothers**

*Daniela McConnell*, due in June

*Elizabeth Basham*, due in July

## **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

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