



*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 5, 2024

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

### PRELUDE

*Janice Bradshaw*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor Ben*

---

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

---

### PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Janice Bradshaw*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on Zechariah 2:13*

*"Be silent, all flesh, before the Lord,  
for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling."*

### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Pastor Ben*

*from Isaiah 12:4-6*

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

People: **Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.**

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

All: **For great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel!**

---

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

---

### ✦ SONGS OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*** (Hymn #53, verses 1, 2, and 5)  
(Neander, Gesangbuch; based on Psalm 103)

***I Will Sing of My Redeemer*** (Hymn #650, verses 1-3)  
(Bliss, McGranahan)

### DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

*Ruling Elder Justin Chandler*

*Leviticus 20:7-8*

Consecrate yourselves, therefore, and be holy, for I am the Lord your God. Keep my statutes and do them; I am the Lord who sanctifies you.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Justin Chandler*

Leader: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

✦ *Please stand if able*

\*\**Denotes song ending on slides*

**People:** You have called us, as your children, to be holy, even as you are holy. Yet we disobey you by what we do, and by what we do not do.

**Leader:** Father, by your Spirit bring to mind where we have not kept your statutes and hear our prayers of personal confession...

*silent confession of personal sin*

...Amen!

**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Justin Chandler*

*Colossians 2:13-14*

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

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

*Justin Chandler*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Turn Your Eyes*

*Congregation*

(Lemmel, Romanacce, Winebarger, Stiff, Trout; arr. by Loehrs, Lawrence)

**DIACONAL PRAYER**

*Deacon Steve Kovach*

**OFFERTORY**

*Here is Love*

*Flute, Sergio Esteves*

(Lowry; arr. by Ijames)

*Piano, Linda Stringer*

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten, throughout heav'n's eternal days.

Let me, all Thy love accepting, love Thee, ever all my days;  
Let me seek Thy kingdom only, and my life to be Thy praise;  
Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see;  
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me, Thou Thyself has set me free.

In Thy truth Thou dost direct me by Thy Spirit through Thy Word;  
And Thy grace my need is meeting, as I trust in Thee, my Lord.  
Of Thy fullness Thou art pouring Thy great love and pow'r on me,  
Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to Thee.

---

*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.

We confess our common faith as an expression of our unity in coming to the Lord's Table.

✦ **SONG OF PRAISE** *The Doxology* (Hymn #731)  
(Ken, Bourgeois) *Congregation*

**BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN** *Pastor Ben*  
*After the blessing on the first Sunday of the month,  
children remain in the service with their parents.*

**SCRIPTURE TEXT** *Matthew 24:1-51* *Pastor Ben*

**SERMON** *The Olivet Discourse:  
Being Prepared for the Future, pt. 2* *Pastor Ben*

✦ **SONG OF PREPARATION** *Congregation*  
*In Christ Alone* (verses 1 and 2)  
(Townend, Getty)

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Pastor Ben*  
*the Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** *Pastor Ben*

**ABOUT THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

*We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized, belong to a church which embraces the Gospel, and who look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. Since Communion is a sacrament of sustaining grace, we request that children not participate until they have professed their faith to the elders of this church or their church of regular worship.*

*As the communion servers pass in front of you, please remember to take **both** of the stacked cups from the tray. Note that the bread is in the bottom cup and is gluten-free. **Grape juice is in the colored cups in the outer ring, wine is in the clear cups in the inner rings.***

✦ Please stand if able

\*\*Denotes song ending on slides

*from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper Christ took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

---

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

---

**MUSIC OF REFLECTION**

*Janice Bradshaw*

**✦SONG OF RESPONSE**

*Congregation*

*In Christ Alone* (verses 3 and 4)  
(Townend, Getty)

**✦BENEDICTION**

*Pastor Ben*

**✦SONG OF BLESSING**

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

*Congregation*

**POSTLUDE**

*Linda Stringer*

**DEACONS' FUND OFFERING**

# Announcements

<b>Monday, May 6</b>	
<b>Tuesday, May 7</b> Women's Bible Study Room 119	9:30am
<b>Wednesday, May 8</b> Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
<b>Thursday, May 9</b> Women's Bible Study Room 119	7:00pm
<b>Friday, May 10</b>	
<b>Saturday, May 11</b> Men's Breakfast Fellowship Hall	
<b>Sunday, May 12 - Happy Mother's Day!</b> Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	

**SPRING PICNIC & 45th Anniv. Celebration**

Sunday, May 19, 3:00pm-6:30pm. Pavilion

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

The Spring Picnic/SCPC 45th Anniversary Celebration is going to be AWESOME, but **we need YOUR help** making it happen! **Sign up in the Narthex TODAY!**

We will kick off the celebration with a surprise you DON'T WANT TO MISS followed by awesome food, fun games and activities for all ages, inflatables and a dunk tank!

**Bibles for Babies - Winifred Odette Wykes**

The Women's Ministry invites all SCPC family members to sign your name by your favorite verse or write a word of encouragement in a Bible for Winny in the Narthex **TODAY!**

**2024 High School Graduates**

**TODAY in the Narthex**

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

Join us in congratulating our 2024 High School Graduates and celebrating this milestone by filling their baskets with cards and gifts. If you brought cards/gifts today, please place them in the baskets in the Narthex! Forgot? No problem! The baskets will be in the Narthex again next week, and will be presented to the students on Sunday, May 19th!

Sergio Esteves

Olivia Kay

James Musima

Naomi Seeland

**Summer Trimester Sunday School Classes**  
**Beginning TODAY @ 11:15am**

**Youth - Westminster Shorter Catechism, Youth Bldg.**  
Enfuego Youth - Come one, come all as we embark on a fascinating journey through the Westminster Shorter Catechism!

**Adults - A Biblical Response to the Current Cultural Climate, Sanctuary**

Join us for this Session-led class on how we as Christians can both interpret and respond in a Biblically faithful manner to various cultural issues.

**Men's Breakfast**

**THIS SATURDAY, 9am, Fellowship Hall**

Contact: Michael Byerly

All men are invited to this time of fellowship over breakfast tacos & coffee!

**K thru 5th Grade Offertory Music Rehearsal**

**NEXT SUNDAY, Sanctuary**

Contact: Amy Dietz

Parents of K thru 5th grade students, Please bring your children to the Sanctuary for an 8:55am rehearsal **NEXT SUNDAY**. This will be their final opportunity to rehearse their Mother's Day Offertory music. **Please be prompt!**

**Children's Summer Programs**

[www.springcypresschurch.com/childrens-ministry](http://www.springcypresschurch.com/childrens-ministry)

Reminder... Registration for 2024 VBS is open!

There are a few spots remaining for Created For A Purpose (CFAP) and Built For A Purpose (BFAP)... sign up now on our church website!



2024 VBS  
Volunteer



2024 VBS  
Registration

# 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**

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

*Clairice Chapelle* - Pray for recovery for a shoulder injury from a recent fall.

*Leslee Stollberg* - Pray for healing from broken ankle.

*Neal Benedict* - Please pray for favor with the UAMS transplant center.

*Christine Achterkirch* - Pray for peace and comfort following the death of her father.

*Cara Dobson* - Prayer for recovery following surgery.

*Tracy Allen* - Pray for complete healing from fractured shoulder.

*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 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 in the hospital, please 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

*Levi Camden*, National Guard, Texas

*Christian Cory*, Army, New York

*Chris Dietz*, Navy Reserves, Texas

*Felix Espino*, Army Reserves, Texas

*Joshua Duncan*, Army, North Carolina

*Shawn Maya*, Spring Fire Department

*Jessy Wykes*, Army, Germany

## **Pray for Our College Students**

*Claire Achterkirch*, Samford University

*Rebekah Allcorn*, Abilene Christian University

*Kyle Benedict*, Lone Star College

*Ben Chandler*, Samford University

*Jenna Haaland*, Samford University

*Aiden Steagall*, Texas A&M

*Izzy Tousha*, Texas State

*AJ Tousha*, Lone Star College

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

*Elia Reichenberg* - for relief from pain for her mother-in-law, *Arla*. For *Dan and Elia Reichenberg* to find a home.

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

*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 and Ezra, as they learn Japanese alongside English and that they will be a light of kindness to their friends and classmates.

## 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).

---

## Our Church Leadership & Staff

### Our Session

Ian Achterkirch  
Michael Byerly  
Justin Chandler

Ben Duncan  
Erik Haaland  
Danny McDaniel

### Our Diaconate

Glenn Ayles  
Kyle Bodden  
Bill Dietz  
David Jones  
Stephen Kovach

Scott Lewis  
Wayne Lin  
Bob Pickard  
Reed Wykes

### Staff

Rev. Ben Duncan, Senior Pastor  
[ben@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:ben@springcypresschurch.com)

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

Felix Espino, Director of Youth Ministries  
[felix@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:felix@springcypresschurch.com)

*If you've lost or misplaced an item, please check the Lost & Found at the Visitor's Kiosk!*  
*Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm*

6000 Spring Cypress Rd, Spring, TX 77379 · 281-320-3650 · [springcypresschurch.com](http://springcypresschurch.com)