



*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, November 26, 2023

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Janice Bradshaw*

PRELUDE

*Brooke Lewis*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor Ben*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Brooke Lewis*

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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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*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on Hebrews 11:1-2*

*"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things  
not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation."*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Pastor Ben*

*from Psalm 95:3-7*

Leader: God reigns over the nations; He sits on his holy throne.

People: **We gather as the people of the living God, for he is highly  
exalted!**

Leader: We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty!

All: **You, O Lord, are the One who was, and who is, and who is  
to come, and we magnify your name now and forever!**

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

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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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***Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*** (Hymn #604, verses 1, 3, and 6)  
(Plumptre, Messiter)

***Now Thank We All Our God*** (Hymn #98)  
(Winkworth, Cruger)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

*Ruling Elder Erik Haaland*

*Leviticus 19:2*

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them,  
You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Erik Haaland*

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

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**

*Erik Haaland*

*Luke 15:10*

"...I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

*Erik Haaland*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

*Thy Mercy My God Is the Theme of My Song*

*(Stoker, McCracken)*

**DIACONAL PRAYER**

*Deacon Glenn Ayles*

**OFFERTORY**

*His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

*Janice Bradshaw*

*Brooke Lewis*

**✦ 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 19:1-12*

*Pastor Ben*

**SERMON**

*Marriage and Divorce*

*Pastor Ben*

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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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✦SONG OF RESPONSE

*Every Promise*  
(Getty, Townend)

*Congregation*

✦BENEDICTION

*Pastor Ben*

✦SONG OF BLESSING

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

*Congregation*

POSTLUDE

*Janice Bradshaw*

# **Sermon Notes**

November 26, 2023

*Marriage and Divorce*

Matthew 19:1-12

# Announcements

<b>Monday, November 27</b>	
<b>Tuesday, November 28</b>	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Men's Book Study Room 117	7:00pm
<b>Wednesday, November 29</b>	
Enfuego Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
<b>Thursday, November 30</b>	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
<b>Friday, December 1</b>	
<b>Saturday, December 2</b>	
Bridal Shower Annex	10:00am
<b>Sunday, December 3</b>	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am

### Deck the Halls

**TODAY** following worship service AND **TOMORROW, 9:30am**

Contact: Jolene Wykes

**TODAY** after the worship service we need as many hands as possible to help decorate our campus for the Christmas season! We will be defrocking fall décor, pulling out our Christmas décor, etc. We could especially use some manpower for heavy lifting and ladder work! **TOMORROW**, the Décor Team welcomes all who are interested/available to join them at 9:30am to finish decorating the campus.

### Bridal Shower Honoring Rebekah Duncan

**Saturday, December 2nd, 10:00am, Annex**

Contact: Susy Tousha

Ladies, join us **THIS SATURDAY** for a Bridal Shower in celebration of Rebekah Duncan and her upcoming marriage to Matthew Sedillo. Please bring a brunch item to share as we shower her with love. Rebekah and Matthew are registered at Walmart, gift cards are welcomed.

### SCPC ADVENT Events 2023

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

#### Classy Christmas Day

**Sunday, December 3rd, 9:30am**

**NEXT SUNDAY** we will kick off our 2023 Advent weekly themes by wearing classy Christmas colors!

#### Women's Christmas Party

**Thursday, December 7th, 6:30pm**

Contact: Linda Farmer

Ladies, be sure to mark your calendars and join us for our Women's Christmas Party!

#### Family Matinee

**Saturday, December 9th, 1:30pm, Cinemark, 21440 Kuykendahl Rd., Spring, TX**

**REGISTER TODAY** by using the **QR code** or **stopping by the sign-up table** after morning worship service. Doors open at 1pm, movie (ELF) starts at 1:30pm sharp, no trailers!

**You don't *have* to register in order to attend... but if you do sign up, you will get a special gift upon arrival!**



#### Enfuego Youth Christmas Party

**Wednesday, December 13th, 6:15pm, Youth Bldg.**

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

Bring a friend and join us for our Youth Enfuego Christmas party...AND bring a white elephant gift!

# 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**

*Greg Hill* - Pray for continued recovery from shoulder surgery, and for the mobility and strength of his arm.

*Musima family - Ebenezer* has been placed on dialysis and is need of a kidney transplant. *Thecla's* father passed away. Please pray for their family during this challenging time.

*Jackie Toothman* - Please pray for upcoming treatments and complete healing.

*Tony Tousha* - Please pray for GI issues, injured knee, and various metabolic issues.

*Jones Family* - Praise God for the healthy delivery of Juliana!

*Neal Benedict* - Please pray for *Neal* as he is still in need of a kidney transplant and will be starting dialysis after Thanksgiving.

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

*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

*Rebekah Duncan*, Blinn College

*Austin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*Jenna Haaland*, Samford University

*Aiden Steagall*, Texas A&M

*Izzy Tousha*, Texas State

*AJ Tousha*, Lone Star College

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

Vincent & Eleanor Tracey's grandson *Elijah* - Pray for stable platelet counts, positive response to chemo, continued overall healing and good reports from upcoming MRI and lumbar stick on Dec. 1.

Emily Wykes friend, *Annabelle Valadez*, for the unexpected loss of her father.

Thecla Musima's mother *Elizabeth Maloba* - Please pray for safety and comfort as she has traveled to Cameroon for the burial of her husband, Thecla's father.

## **Pray for Our Expectant Mothers**

*Rachel Camden*, due in December

*Emily Wykes*, due in March

*Maretha Kritzinger*, due in March

*Brooke Lewis*, due in April

*Katelyn Schaeffer*, due in May

## **Pray for Paul Miller, Regional Director for Metanoia Prison Ministries in Texas**

- Please pray for the LORD to provide mentors for the Boyd Unit.
- Please pray that I will find churches around the Boyd Unit that will be willing to partner with me and send mature believers into the Boyd Unit to mentor inmates.
- Please pray that the LORD will send volunteers for our correspondence ministry.
- Please pray that I will continue to find financial partners.
- Please pray that the LORD will use Metanoia to spread the gospel to prisoners here in Texas, and around the nation.

## 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

Justin Chandler  
Ben Duncan

Erik Haaland  
Danny McDaniel

### Our Diaconate

Glenn Ayles  
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