



*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, September 08, 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 *Isaiah 64:4*.

*“From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear,  
no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.”*

### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Pastor Ben*

*from Revelation 1:5-8*

Leader: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his  
blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father,

**People: To him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen!**

Leader: Behold he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see  
him, even those who pierced him.

**All: He is the Alpha and the Omega, who is and who was and who  
is to come, the Almighty!**

### ✦ SONGS OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*** (Hymn #38)  
(Smith, Traditional Welsh hymn melody)

***How Firm a Foundation*** (Hymn #94)  
(Rippon, Traditional American melody)

### DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

*Pastor Ben*

*Exodus 20:8-11*

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor,  
and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD  
your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your  
daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock,  
or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD

✦ *Please stand if able*

\*\**Denotes song ending on slides*

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

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made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Pastor Ben*

Leader: Heavenly Father, your 4th commandment, “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy” is a generous commandment that we have taken to be burdensome. Though your Word teaches us that rest is held out to us and there remains a sabbath rest for your people, we have vainly searched for rest in worldly pleasures and pursuits rather than in the Lord’s Day.

People: **Almighty God, we confess that “time” is our most precious commodity, and you are Lord of our time. Yet we have filled the Lord’s Day with ordinary work, inordinate leisure, and even overtly sinful behaviors, instead of laying before you our time and serving you by resting in Christ with it. Forgive us, we pray.**

Leader: Father, help us to reorient our hearts to delight in your day as a gift from you for our refreshment, and help us to restructure our lives and schedules to acknowledge that you are Lord of our time. We also ask that by your Holy Spirit you would bring to mind where else we have sinned and hear our prayers of silent personal confession and forgive us for the sake of Christ...

*silent confession of personal sin*

...Amen!

**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD’S GOSPEL**

*Pastor Ben*

*Ephesians 2:13-14a*

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace...

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

*Pastor Ben*

*concluding with the Lord’s Prayer*

**✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

*Every Promise of Your Word*

(Getty, Townend)

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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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**DIACONAL PRAYER**

*Deacon Glenn Ayles*

**OFFERTORY**

**I Exalt Thee**  
(Sanchez; arr. by Hayes)

*Linda Stringer*

**✦ 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**

*2 Peter 1:2-11*

*Pastor Ben*

**SERMON**

The Church We Are Building:  
Robustly Theological

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF RESPONSE**

***There is One Gospel***  
(Robinson, Thompson)

*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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**Sermon Notes**    *The Church We Are Building: Robustly Theological*

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September 8, 2024

2 Peter 1:2-11

# Announcements

<b>Monday, September 9</b>		
<b>Tuesday, September 10</b>		
Women in the Word Rm. 119		9:30am
<b>Wednesday, September 11</b>		
Enfuego Youth Meal Fellowship Hall		6:15pm
Enfuego Youth Group Rm. 116/Youth Bldg.		6:30pm
<b>Thursday, September 12</b>		
Women in the Word Rm. 119		7:00pm
<b>Friday, September 13</b>		
<b>Saturday, September 14</b>		
<b>Sunday, September 15</b>		
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream		9:30am
Sunday School for all ages Campus-Wide		11:15am

**Fellowship Meal - Southern BBQ**  
**NEXT SUNDAY, 12pm, Fellowship Hall**  
 Contact: Kyra Moncrief



**NEXT SUNDAY** is our annual Southern BBQ! Don't miss this opportunity to get to know your SCPC family while sharing a delicious meal! The church will provide sauce and buns, and we have volunteers lined up to provide the smoked brisket and pulled pork, but **WE NEED YOU** to bring sides and desserts to share! Scan the QR code above or stop by the sign-up table in the Narthex following the worship service **TODAY** to let us know what you will bring!

**Food Drive to benefit Tomball Emergency Assistance Ministries (TEAM)**

**September 8 - 29**  
 Contact: Steve Kovach

One of TEAM's many services to families in our area is a food pantry. Donations may be placed on the TEAM Food Pantry table in the Narthex through Sept. 29. Not sure what to bring? Flyers listing items needed are available on the donation table.

**SCPC Service Opportunities**

Plugging in to serve at SCPC is a year-round event! If you missed Fall Kick-Off last Sunday, grab a handout in the Narthex and contact the Ministry Leader for team(s) where you would like to serve!

**New Sunday School Classes begin TODAY!**  
 Sundays, 11:15am, Education Building

**Adult**

**reDiscovering Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church**  
*Required for those desiring to join SCPC, open to all.*  
 Rm. 117 Teacher: Pastor Ben

**God Dwells Among Us: A Biblical Theology of the Temple**  
 Rm. 118 Teacher: Tony Tousha

**Youth**

**Right with God: Our Justification (Junior High)**  
 Rm. 116 Teacher: Deacon Wayne Lin

**What is Reformed Theology? (Senior High)**  
 Youth Building Teacher: Felix Espino

**Children**

Toddlers Nursery, Rm. 127  
 "God's Family" - series from Genesis

PreK - Kindergarten Rm. 126  
 God's rescue of Israel from Egypt, pointing the Savior

1st - 3rd Grade Rm. 128  
 Series covering Genesis & Exodus

4th - 5th Grade Rm. 125  
 "Investigating God's Word: Luke & Acts"

**Women in the Word (WITW)**  
**Begins THIS WEEK, Rm. 119**  
 Contact: Women's Ministry Team



**"Remember Your Joy" by C. Doctor and M. Kruger**

Tuesdays, 9:30am - Childcare available by reservation  
 Thursdays, 7:00pm

SCPC Ladies, Join us as we trace the promised seed of the woman from Genesis 3:15 through seven Old Testament stories. We will reflect on and discuss how these stories reveal the scarlet thread of redemption woven throughout them and remind us of the joy we have in our salvation through Christ. No signup necessary, just show up! Books are provided with a suggested donation of \$10.

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

***Pray for our Music Ministry*** - Praise God for the many talented music ministry participants who serve week-in and week-out to enhance the worship of our church.

## **Pray for Our Congregation**

*Cason Moncrief* - PRAISE God for answered prayer - Cason has been blessed with a new job!

*Kathryn Ritchie* - Please pray for relief from pain and wisdom for her doctor as she begins a year-long therapy to realign her jaw due to complications from a 25 year old injury.

*Bill & Sue Dietz* - Pray for complete healing from recent surgery for *Bill*, and that he will be able to resume activity soon. Pray for *Sue* as she cares for him throughout his recovery.

*Cory Family* - PRAISE God for Christian's safe, and early return from deployment!

Ongoing health concerns: *Neal Benedict, René & Clairice Chapelle, Jeff Kuhn, Katie Medeiros, Mark Morrow, Ebenezer Musima, Mary Spiritosanto.*

## **Pray for Our Military and First Responders**

*Levi Camden*, National Guard, Texas

*Christian Cory*, Army, New York

*Chris Dietz*, Navy Reserves, Texas

*Joshua Duncan*, Army, North Carolina

*Felix Espino*, Army Reserves, Texas

*Shawn Maya*, Spring Fire Department

*Jessy Wykes*, Army, Germany

## **Pray for Our College Students**

*Claire Achterkirch*, Samford University

*Kyle Benedict*, Lone Star Community College

*Ben Chandler*, Samford University

*Sergio Esteves*, Texas A&M

*Jenna Haaland*, Samford University

*Oliva Kay*, Lone Star Community College

*Izzy Tousha*, Texas State University

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

Erik Haaland's parents, *Carl and Marilyn Haaland* - Marilyn has late stage Alzheimer's and had a hip replacement. Please pray for healing and strength, and for Carl and other care givers.

Mary Spiritosanto's neighbors, *Harper & Heather Jones & four young children* following Harper's recently surviving 3 heart attacks and having his right leg amputated above the knee.

## **Pray for Our Missionary of the Month**

### ***Ryan & Katie Pekarek* - Mission to the World, Central Asia**

- Pray for their move to a new apartment, that the move and transition will go smoothly.
- Pray for their daughters, Claire and Sarah, as they adjust to a new home and school.
- Pray for the three men from summer internship, that God will give Ryan discernment on next steps and that God will use them.
- Pray for those onboarding in the fall, that the team will be unified and have clear goals and good communication. Pray for God to prepare visas, homes, and clear paths for their arrival.

Email prayer requests to [susan@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:susan@springcypresschurch.com)

## General Information

### 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) →

### 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

Restrooms are located in the Narthex.



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## Our Church Leadership & Staff

### Our Session

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