



*We are a body of believers
called by the Holy Spirit
transformed by the Gospel to enjoy and glorify God
as we proclaim the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ.*

Sunday, December 13, 2020

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Saule Garcia*

PRELUDE *Saule Garcia*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Ruling Elder Chuck Dorau*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP *Saule Garcia*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Numbers 24:17,*

*“I see him, but not now;
I behold him, but not near:
a star shall come out of Jacob,
and a scepter shall rise out of Israel.”*

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

LIGHTING OF THE JOY CANDLE *Widows of Spring Cypress*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP *Chuck Dorau*

Leader: Rise, O church, and lift your voices,

People: Christ has conquered death and hell!

Leader: Sing as all the earth rejoices;

People: Let your resurrection anthems swell!

Leader: Come and worship, come and worship,

All: Worship Christ, the Risen King!

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION *Chuck Dorau*

✦SONG OF ADORATION *Congregation*

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (Hymn #203)
(Wesley, Mendelssohn, arr. Cummings, Lawrence)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW *Chuck Dorau*

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Chuck Dorau

Leader: Almighty God, the content of our inner person
spills out into words and deeds,
thus you call us to take care to fill our minds with good things.

People: **However, we confess that we are too careless
in what we allow to shape our sense of right and wrong,
good and bad, pure and impure.**

Leader: Father, forgive us for allowing our sensibilities
to be shaped by fallen creation
rather than your inspired and inerrant Word.
Create within us a hunger for every word
that proceeds from your mouth, O Lord,
and hear now our silent prayers of personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

*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.*

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Chuck Dorau

1 Corinthians 1:7-9

You wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you
to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful,
by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Chuck Dorau

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

It Came upon the Midnight Clear (Hymn #200, verses 1, 3, 4)
(Sears, Willis)

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

Ruling Elder Ian Achterkirch

*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.*

*We are called to
be faithful
stewards of
God's Word.
Therefore, we
eagerly and
unashamedly
read and
proclaim the
whole counsel of
Scripture.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:22-40

Rev. Joshua Rieger

SERMON

A Promised Child

Rev. Rieger

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

- ✦ **SONG OF PREPARATION** *Congregation*
Angels We Have Heard on High (Hymn #214)
(Traditional French Carol & Melody, arr. Barnes, Greer, Lawrence)
- ✦ **BENEDICTION** *Rev. Rieger*
- ✦ **SONG OF BLESSING** *Gloria Patri* (Hymn #735) *Congregation*
(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)
- POSTLUDE** *Saule Garcia*

Sermon Notes

December 13, 2020

A Promised Child

Luke 2:22-40

Announcements

Monday, December 14		
SAA Meeting Youth Building		7:30pm
Tuesday, December 15		
CODA Meeting Youth Building		7:30pm
Wednesday, December 16		
Youth Group Youth Building		6:30pm
Thursday, December 17		
MOPS Christmas Party Peterson home		7:00pm
Men's Bible Study Zoom		7:00pm
Friday, December 18		
Saturday, December 19		
Youth Christmas Party Youth Building		6:30pm
Sunday, December 20		
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream (LS)		9:00am
Adult Sunday School Sanctuary & LS		10:15am
Senior High Sunday School B215-217		10:15am
Junior High Sunday School Youth Bldg		10:15am
Children's Sunday School Fellowship Hall		10:15am
Christmas Caroling Parking Lot		5:30pm

Music Ministry Christmas Program

TONIGHT, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

Enjoy an evening filled with wonderful music, carol singing, and fellowship as the members of our music ministry perform a program of Christmas music!

Congregational Survey

Don't forget to complete the brief survey about service times **by tomorrow, December 14**. To access the survey click on the banner on the home page of our website. For further information see Pastor Ben's ePistle from December 1.

4th Sunday of Advent - Flannel Sunday

Join us as we continue our celebration of Advent by wearing your flannel!

Christmas Pictures!

Feel free to take advantage of our elegantly decorated Christmas tree in the Gallery, a scene made with Christmas Photos in mind! Grab your family, grab a friend, and take advantage of this photo opportunity!

Mission Possible: *Christmas Edition*

Our summer children's program *Mission Possible* continues with weekly Advent challenges and activities for children PreK - 5th grade! Mission folders can be picked up in the Narthex on Sunday mornings.

MOPS Christmas Party

Thursday, December 17, 7:00 pm, Peterson home
RSVP: Emily

Mothers of PreSchoolers, join us for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship as we celebrate the birth of Jesus!

Youth Christmas Party

Friday, December 19, 6:30 pm, Youth Building
Contact: Susy

Junior and Senior High students! Mark your calendar for an evening of food, games, and a movie!

Christmas Blessing Service Project Update

Thank you for your prayers and generosity! Because of YOU each of our missionary children ages 18 and under will receive a gift and know that they are loved and prayed for by members of our church!

LOOKING AHEAD

No Sunday School December 27 & January 3.
 New classes will begin January 10!

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Staff - Pray that our staff stays healthy physically and spiritually as they take care of the administrative and ministry needs of our church.

Pray for Our Congregation

Bill Dietz - PRAISE for successful treatment of afib.

Mike Hume - successful radiation treatment that will continue through January.

Rick Maddy - peace and comfort following the passing of his father, Jack Maddy.

Those who have tested positive for COVID-19 - complete healing.

Ongoing health concerns: *Eldon & Virginia Faries, Carl & Rose Gregory, Rick & Jeanne Maddy*

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Washington

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Chris Dietz, Navy, Texas

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, Samford University

Ian Allan, Calvin University

Zach Allan, Tarleton State University

Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Justin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Jacob Kerr, Texas A&M University

Rebekah Kooiman, Abilene Christian University

Aaron Lewis, Texas Tech University

Lauren Steagall, University of Houston

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Pray for Our Families and Friends

Marc Esteves' mother, *Vera Lucia Esteves* - healing of pelvic fractures.

Kelly Renee's step-mother, *Wanda Kiesling* - healing of recently diagnosed lymphoma.

Jeff Cory's sister, *Kim* - strength as she undergoes treatment for colon cancer and complete healing.

Glenn Ayles' father, *Rodney Ayles* - healing of stage 5 kidney failure and congestive heart failure.

Pray for Our Expectant Mother

Kathryn Ritchie is due in March.

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month

Joshua & Gina Rieger, Mission to the World (MTW), Hexham, England

- Pray for Joshua as he works remotely with the church plant.
- Pray for Gina as she receives cancer treatments.
- Pray for their children, Jackson, Riley, & Rutherford as they are away from their home for a time.

Email prayer requests to robin@springcypresschurch.com.



Advent at SCPC Sundays

First Sunday of Advent Denim Sunday



Second Sunday of Advent Classy Christmas Colors



Third Sunday of Advent Ugly Sweater Sunday December 13th



Continue our advent fun by showing off your ugliest Christmas sweater on the 3rd Sunday of Advent!

Fourth Sunday of Advent Flannel Sunday December 20th



Soft flannel, plaid flannel, solid-colored flannel - be warm and comfy in your flannel on the 4th Sunday of Advent!



Advent at SCPC Special Events



Music Ministry Christmas Program TONIGHT at 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

A program of Christmas music performed by members of our music ministry. A time of wonderful music, carol singing, and fellowship.



Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 20th at 5:30 pm

RSVP: elisa@springcypresschurch.com

Join us as we bring Christmas Cheer to some of the brothers and sisters in our congregation who have been shut in during much of 2020. Meet in the church parking lot at 5:30 (we will caravan to various homes), and we will finish around 7:30 back at the church for some cider and snacks. Please RSVP so we can plan routes. See you there!

Christmas Eve Service

December 24th, 6:00pm
in our Sanctuary
Childcare by reservation
(elisa@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 at the Visitor's Center.
- If you do not have a Bible of your own, please stop by the Visitor's Center.
- 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.

To learn more about us and our ministries, visit our website, springcypresschurch.com

Like and follow us on Facebook: *Spring Cypress Church*

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 mothers with infants.
- Children ages 4-8 are welcome to go to Children's Worship prior to the sermon. They are returned to the Sanctuary near the end of the service.

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.

If you would like to give via **check**, please make your check payable to SCPC. **Online giving** is available at springcypresschurch.com/give. **Text** any amount to **84321** to give (standard message and data rates may apply).

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