



*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, January 24, 2021

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Saule Garcia*

PRELUDE *Janice Bradshaw*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Pastor Ben*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP *Janice Bradshaw*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on Zephaniah 3:14,*

*“Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;  
shout, O Israel!*

*Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter of Jerusalem!”*

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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 *Pastor Ben*

*Psalm 18:1-3*

Leader: I love you, O LORD, my strength.

People: **The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation,  
my stronghold.**

Leader: I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,

All: **And I am saved from my enemies.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION *Pastor Ben*

✦SONGS OF ADORATION *Congregation*

***My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*** (Hymn #521)

(Mote, Bradbury)

***How Firm a Foundation*** (Hymn #94, verses 1, 3, 4, 6)

(Rippons *Selection of Hymns* 1787, Traditional American Melody, arr. Linker)

✦*Please stand if able*

**DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW**

*Ruling Elder Chuck Dorau*

*Leviticus 19:17-18*

You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Chuck Dorau*

Leader: Almighty God, you are merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.

People: **Yet like the unmerciful servant,  
though we have been forgiven much,  
we are hesitant to extend forgiveness to others.  
We often nurse grudges and console ourselves  
with thoughts of comeuppance.  
Lord, forgive us.**

Leader: Father, though we are commanded to love our neighbor as ourselves, we confess that we often do not. For this and many other sins, we come before you now in repentance. Please hear our silent prayers of personal confession and forgive us for Christ's sake...

*silent confession of personal sin*

Amen.

**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Chuck Dorau*

*1 John 1:9*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

*Chuck Dorau*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

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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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*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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<b>✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING</b>	<b><i>O Great God</i></b> (Kauflin)	<i>Congregation</i>
<b>DIACONAL PRAYER</b>		<i>Deacon Bob Pickard</i>
	<i>If you would like to give to SCPC as an act of worship you may leave your gift in the offering baskets at the back of the Sanctuary.</i>	
<b>SPECIAL MUSIC</b>	<b><i>Is He Worthy?</i></b> (Peterson, Shive, arr. Mauldin)	<i>Ensemble</i>
<b>✦ SONG OF PRAISE</b>	<b><i>The Doxology</i></b> (Hymn #731)	<i>Congregation</i>
<b>BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN</b>		<i>Pastor Ben</i>
	<i>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.</i>	
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	Joel 2:18-27	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
<b>SERMON</b>	<i>Rejoice, O Child of Zion!</i>	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
<b>✦ SONG OF RESPONSE</b>	<b><i>Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)</i></b> (Newton, Giglio, Tomlin)	<i>Congregation</i>
<b>✦ BENEDICTION</b>		<i>Pastor Ben</i>
<b>✦ SONG OF BLESSING</b>	<b><i>Gloria Patri</i></b> (Hymn #735) (Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)	<i>Congregation</i>
<b>POSTLUDE</b>		<i>Saule Garcia</i>

## **Sermon Notes**

## **Rejoice, O Child of Zion!**

January 24, 2021

Joel 2:18-27

## Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 31, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

Members - please join us for this important congregational meeting! We will be celebrating what God has done in our midst over the course of 2020 and sharing key goals for 2021 - to include presenting the approved 2021 budget as being instrumental in realizing these goals, and holding an election for officers. Contact Pastor Ben with any questions or concerns!

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Session has approved the following men to be on the ballot at our Congregational Meeting on January 31st at 6:00 pm.



#### **JUSTIN CHANDLER, Elder**

Justin and his wife Kristen have been married for 17 years and have four active children (1st grade through 11th grade). Justin has been working in the oil & gas industry for 13 years, largely as a Quality Manager. He currently serves on the SCPC Missions Team and Youth Leadership team. He has taught 5th and 6th grade Sunday School, as well as youth and adult Sunday School.



#### **DANNY MCDANIEL, Returning Elder**

Danny and his wife Pam have been married for 35 years (as of this February) and have one adult son and daughter-in-law. Danny is a practicing CPA in the area. He is a past treasurer of SCPC, and has previously taught adult Sunday school.



#### **JAKOB BASHAM, Deacon**

Jakob and his wife Elizabeth have been members of SCPC for four years. They have two young children, Joram and Nova. Jakob came to the Lord at a young age and was baptized in high school. His faith has grown through his role as husband, father, and provider for his family, and his knowledge of reformed theology has grown the last four years at Spring Cypress. Jakob enjoys time with his family adventuring out of doors and creating/fixing things.



#### **STEPHEN KOVACH, Deacon**

Steve and his wife Deborah have been at SCPC for over two years. They have four crazy kids (Lilly, Travis, Anna, and Daniel) and have both served in many ministries since joining the church including Children's Church, teaching children's Sunday School, Missions Team, MOPS, Nursery, and Meals Ministry, and are blessed to have found the Spring Cypress family. Steve was saved at a young age and came to the reformed faith while serving in the Navy. He has been in the PCA since 2005, recently serving as a deacon at a PCA church for four years and he looks forward to serving Spring Cypress on the diaconate.



#### **SCOTT LEWIS, Returning Deacon**

Scott grew up in Biloxi where he met his wife Misti on the first day of high school, and they have been married for 35 years. Scott works in purchasing for Coca-Cola. He became a Christian shortly after moving to Houston in 1987. They have three adult children and have been members of SCPC for 12 years.

# Announcements

<b>Monday, January 25</b>		
SAA Meeting Youth Building		7:30pm
<b>Tuesday, January 26</b>		
Women in the Word The Gallery		9:30am
CODA Meeting Youth Building		7:30pm
<b>Wednesday, January 27</b>		
Youth Group Youth Building		6:30pm
<b>Thursday, January 28</b>		
MOPS Playday Pavilion & Playground		10:00am
Women in the Word The Gallery		7:00pm
Men's Round Table Spiritosanto home		7:00pm
<b>Friday, January 29</b>		
<b>Saturday, January 30</b>		
<b>Sunday, January 31</b>		
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream		9:00am
Adult Sunday School Sanctuary		10:30am
Senior High Sunday School B215-217		10:30am
Junior High Sunday School Youth Bldg		10:30am
Children's Sunday School Children's Wing		10:30am
Congregational Meeting Sanctuary		6:00pm

**Congregational Meeting**

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**2021 Baby Bottle Campaign**

**Today is the last day to drop off your filled baby bottles.** This campaign is in support of Pregnancy Assistance Center North in The Woodlands. For more information about the work of PACN and CareNet Pregnancy Center Houston (both ministries are supported by our church) go to:

[pacn.org](http://pacn.org)

[houstonpregnancy.com](http://houstonpregnancy.com)

Pray for these ministries and their volunteers as they share the good news of the Gospel and empower women to choose LIFE!

**Men's Round Table**

**Thursday, January 28, 7:00 pm, Spiritosanto home**  
**Contact Jim**

Men, join us for a time of fellowship and theological discussion! If you have not yet received the article to be discussed, contact Elisa, [elisa@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:elisa@springcypresschurch.com).

**Youth Group Retreat and Service Project**

**SAVE THE DATE**, Friday & Saturday, March 5 & 6  
 Senior and Junior High youth, mark your calendars! More information coming soon in Sunday School and Youth Group.

**2020 Giving Statements**

An email with a link to your 2020 Giving Statement was sent last week. If you would like a print copy contact Robin, [robin@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:robin@springcypresschurch.com).

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

*Men* - Pray that men will grow in their faith and in their relationships with another as they grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord.

## **Pray for Our Congregation**

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

*McGlothlin family* - success in finding a nanny for Kariss as Jess goes back to work in February.

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

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

## **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

*Jessy Wykes*, Army, Georgia

## **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

*Lauren Steagall*, University of Houston

*AJ Tousha*, Lone Star College

## **Pray for Our Families and Friends**

Felix Espino's father, *Felix* - comfort and peace while facing terminal cancer.

*Gina Rieger* (SCPC-supported missionary) - comfort and encouragement as she begins her second round of cancer treatments.

Georgia Hofman's sister, *Gloria* - PRAISE - she is home from the hospital.

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.

## **Pray for Our Expectant Mother**

*Kathryn Ritchie* is due in March.

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

*PCA Ministerial Relief Fund*

Pray for peace and comfort for the PCA widows, ministers, and ministry families served by this fund.

Pray for wisdom in the administration of the fund.

Pray for increased donations so that more people may be served.

## **Pray for Our Missionaries as they return to their work overseas**

*Chris Crowder* - plans to return to Chad for 2-1/2 weeks in January.

*Derek & Shannon Ebberts* - have returned to Romania.

*Tim & Cheri Hoke* - plan to return to Uganda by February.

*Email prayer requests to [robin@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:robin@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](http://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](http://springcypresschurch.com/give). **Text** any amount to **84321** to give (standard message and data rates may apply).

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