



*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 27, 2022

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Janice Bradshaw*

PRELUDE

*Brooke Lewis*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor Ben*

LIGHTING OF THE HOPE CANDLE

*The Adams Family*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Brooke Lewis*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on Genesis 3:15,*

*I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel.*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

*Pastor Ben*

*based on Philippians 4:4-6*

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always.

People: **I will say it again: Rejoice!**

Leader: Let your gentleness be evident to all.

People: **The Lord is near; do not be anxious about anything.**

Leader: We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming...

All: **Therefore, let us worship the Lord in hopeful anticipation!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Pastor Ben*

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

*Joy Has Dawned*  
(Getty, Townend)

*What Child Is This?*  
(Dix; arr. Wasson, Lawrence)

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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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✦Please stand if able

**DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW**

*Ruling Elder Erik Haaland*

*Matthew 24:42*

Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Erik Haaland*

Leader: Almighty God, your Word repeatedly calls us  
to remain watchful, vigilant, and attentive,  
that we might understand the times,  
discern the godly course of action,  
and not miss what you are doing among us.

**People: Your Son lamented over Jerusalem that,  
due to the spiritual disinterest of the people,  
they missed the time of their visitation.**

**Lord, forgive us for being so preoccupied  
that we fail to see your work in our midst.**

Leader: Father, grant that we would maintain a watchful alertness  
based upon our hope in your continued work  
and eventual coming.

Hear now our silent prayers of personal confession  
and forgive us for the sake of Christ..  
*silent confession of personal sin*

...amen.

**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Erik Haaland*

*Matthew 1:21*

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his  
people from their sins.

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

*Erik Haaland*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory* (Hymn #218, vs. 1, 4, & 5)  
(Montgomery, Smart)

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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 Kyle Bodden*

**OFFERTORY**

***Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence***  
(Moultrie, French melody, Williams)  
*Text can be found on page 193 in the hymnal.*

*Band*

**✦ 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**

Matthew 1:1-17

*Pastor Ben*

**SERMON**

*The Beginning of the Good News of the Messiah* *Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF RESPONSE**

***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*** (Hymn #196, vs. 1, 3, & 4)  
(Wesley, Pritchard; arr. Rawthorne, Lawrence)

*Congregation*

**✦ BENECTION**

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF BLESSING**

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

*Congregation*

**POSTLUDE**

*Janice Bradshaw*

**Sermon Notes    The Beginning of the Good News of the Messiah**

November 27, 2022

Matthew 1:1-17

## Announcements

<b>Monday, November 28</b>	
SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
<b>Tuesday, November 29</b>	
Men's Bible Study Room 118	7:00pm
CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
<b>Wednesday, November 30</b>	
Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
<b>Thursday, December 1</b>	
Women's Christmas Party Annex	7:00pm
<b>Friday, December 2</b>	
<b>Saturday, December 3</b>	
<b>Sunday, December 4: Classy Christmas Colors</b>	
Worship & Communion Sanctuary & LS	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am
Children's Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	11:45am
Digging Deeper Annex	6:00pm
LS = Live Stream	

### **Advent Devotionals**

The Christmas season is one of the busiest times of the year. But it is also a season of reflection and preparation for that special day when we mark Emmanuel's coming - the arrival of our eternal God in our own frail humanity. To assist you in keeping Jesus at the center of this Advent season copies of several different Advent devotionals are available **TODAY** in the Narthex.. One per household, please.

### **Women's Christmas Party**

**Thursday, December 1, 7:00pm**

**Fellowship Hall Annex**

**Contact: Susy**

**REGISTER IN THE NARTHEX OR ONLINE TODAY!**

Ladies, begin your Christmas celebrations with the ladies of SCPC as we reflect on the wonder of the Son of God becoming man! Help us create a beautiful dining experience by volunteering to set and decorate a table with your special touch. We will enjoy an evening of enticing food, entertaining games, exquisite singing, and an engaging devotional. For more information and to register go to [springcypresschurch.com/womens-christmas-party](http://springcypresschurch.com/womens-christmas-party).

### **Children's Choir Rehearsal**

**Sundays, December 4 & 11, after worship, Sanctuary**

**Contact: Robin, [robin@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:robin@springcypresschurch.com)**

The children of SCPC will be helping lead us in worship on December 18th and again on Christmas Eve! They have begun learning a song during Sunday School but will have extra rehearsals in the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service on December 4 and 11.

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

*Youth* - Pray for the parents of our youth, Sunday School teachers, and Youth Group leaders as they work together to help our youth grow in their Christian faith.

## **Pray for Our Congregation**

*Neal Benedict* - recovery from surgery to remove a cancerous kidney.

*Jeff Kuhn* - staying hydrated & gaining strength in preparation for surgery to remove an esophageal tumor.

*Leslee Stollberg and family* - peace and comfort following the death of her father James Brandenburg.

Ongoing health concerns: *René & Clairice Chapelle, Carl & Rose Gregory, Rick & Jeanne Maddy,*

*Katie Medeiros, Mark Morrow, Jim & Mary Spiritosanto.*

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

*Peter Achterkirch*, Army, Washington

*Christian Cory*, Army, New York

*Chris Dietz*, Navy Reserves, Texas

*Joshua Duncan*, Army, Georgia

*Shawn Maya*, Spring Fire Department

*Jessy Wykes*, Army, Europe

## **Pray for Our College Students**

*Charlotte Achterkirch*, Samford University

*Claire Achterkirch*, Samford University

*Zach Allan*, Tarleton State University

*Rebekah Duncan*, Montana State University

*Austin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*Justin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*Jenna Haaland*, Samford University

*Rebekah Kooiman*, Abilene Christian University

*Ayden Steagall*, Lone Star College

*AJ Tousha*, Lone Star College

*Izzy Tousha*, Lone Star College

## **Pray for Our Expectant Mothers**

*Theresa Adams* is due in February.

*Christine Harris* is due in March.

*Kathryn Ritchie* is due in April.

*Laurie Byerly* is due in June.

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

Charles Zapp's nephew *Wesley McCool* - wisdom and peace while handling marital issues.

*Liz Zapp* - complete and quick recovery from hand surgery.

Christine Harris' cousin *Mary* - comfort and peace for Mary's family on the death of her mother and healthy pregnancy for Mary.

Heather Burch's sister *Kerri* - her surgery was postponed; pray that it can be rescheduled for this year.

Jolene Wykes' brother *Kevin* - healing from complications from open heart surgery.

## **Prayer and Praise for Our Missionary of the Month**

*Aaron & Rachel Halbert*, Mission to the World (PCA), Tegucigalpa, Honduras

### **Prayer requests:**

Continued growth for the church not only in number, but in depth and love and affection for the Lord

Jesus; wisdom as we seek to purchase the property we met at so we can expand our worship space;

Sunday School starting in the spring for the first time; recruiting more church planters.

### **Thanksgiving:**

We had our largest attendance to date in October!

The Lord has been gracious to us in the next steps of establishing a seminary in Tegucigalpa.

God's kindness in granting us multiple men with the desire to go into the ministry.

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



# Advent at SCPC Sundays



**First Sunday of Advent - TODAY!**

**Denim Sunday**

**November 27th**

*Let's kick off the advent season with Denim Sunday. Show off your denim and join in on our Advent fun!*



**Second Sunday of Advent - NEXT SUNDAY!**

**Classy Christmas Colors**

**December 4th**

*Wear your classiest Christmas-colored clothes to worship on the 2nd Sunday of Advent.*



**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Ugly Sweater Sunday**

**December 11th**

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



**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Flannel Sunday**

**December 18th**

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





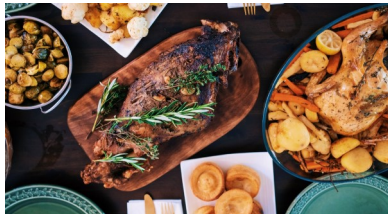
# Special Events



## Music Ministry Christmas Program

Sunday, December 11th at 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

*Our tradition continues! A program of beloved old and new songs celebrating the birth of Christ shared by members of our music ministry. A time of wonderful music, carol singing, and fellowship.*



## Christmas Fellowship Meal

Sunday, December 18th after Sunday School

*Mark your calendar for an early Christmas feast! Watch for a sign-up for side dishes and desserts.*

Christmas Eve Service

December 24th  
6:00pm

*Bring your family and join us for a relaxed and intimate service.*



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## 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

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