



*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 28, 2021

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Janice Bradshaw*

### PRELUDE

*Stephanie Hicks*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor Ben*

### PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Stephanie Hicks*

*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."*

### LIGHTING OF THE HOPE CANDLE

*The Ayles Family*

### ✦CALL TO WORSHIP

*Pastor Ben*

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.**

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

**All: Let us worship the Lord!**

### ✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Pastor Ben*

### ✦SONGS OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

#### *Light of the Stable*

(Steve & Elizabeth Rhymer; arr. Lawrence)

#### *Joy Has Dawned*

(Getty, Townend; arr. 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*

*What Child is This?*

(Dix, trad. English melody; arr. Wasson, Lawrence)

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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 David Farmer*

**OFFERTORY**

***Sussex Carol***

*Choir*

(arr. Helvey)

text can be found in the hymnal on page 227

**✦ SONG OF PRAISE**

***The Doxology*** (Hymn #731)

*Congregation*

(Ken, Bourgeois)

**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**

Luke 3:23-38

*Pastor Ben*

**SERMON**

*Hope That Your Story is Going Somewhere*

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF RESPONSE**

***Go, Tell It on the Mountain*** (Hymn #224)

*Congregation*

(Spiritual; arr. Work, Galbraith, Lawrence)

**✦ BENEEDICTION**

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF BLESSING**

***Gloria Patri*** (Hymn #735)

*Congregation*

(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

**POSTLUDE**

*Stephanie Hicks*

**Sermon Notes**

*Hope That Your Story is Going Somewhere*

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November 28, 2021

Luke 3:23-38

## Announcements

<b>Monday, November 29</b>	
SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
<b>Tuesday, November 30</b>	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Men's Bible Study Room 116	7:00pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	7:00pm
CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
<b>Wednesday, December 1</b>	
Choir Sanctuary	6:30pm
Youth Group Youth Building	6:30pm
<b>Thursday, December 2</b>	
MOPS Room 130	7:00pm
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
<b>Friday, December 3</b>	
<b>Saturday, December 4</b>	
Wonderfully Made Fellowship Hall	9:00am
<b>Sunday, December 5 - Classy Christmas Colors</b>	
Worship & Communion Sanctuary & LS	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am
Music Ministry Christmas Program	6:00pm
Sanctuary	
LS - Live Stream	

### Children's Choir Rehearsals

**TODAY** November 28 and December 5

After worship, Sanctuary

Contact: Elisa, [elisa@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:elisa@springcypresschurch.com)

The children of SCPC will be helping to lead us in worship on December 12! Rehearsals in the Sanctuary are immediately following worship on today and next Sunday.

### Bell Choir for Christmas!

Tuesdays, Nov. 30 & Dec 14, 7:00 pm

Contact: Wesley, [wesley@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:wesley@springcypresschurch.com)

Join us for the first of two rehearsals in preparation for playing for worship on December 19. No experience necessary!

### 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 pick up a copy of Tim Chester's devotional *Fixated* in the Narthex (1 per household).

### Wonderfully Made

**Saturday, December 4, 9am-1pm, Fellowship Hall**

Girls 3rd-9th grade, join us for a Saturday morning time of study in God's Word to define a true woman's purpose and discover what it means to be a helper according to our creation design. We will also learn a new skill: making crescent rolls from scratch! **RSVP to Elisa by Wednesday, December 1** to join in the fun.

### Music Ministry Christmas Program

**Next Sunday, December 5, 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.

### Women's Christmas Party & Ornament Exchange

**Thursday, December 9, 7:00 pm, Tracy Allen's home**

Contact: Linda

**RSVP by Friday, December 3**

Celebrate Christ's birth with SCPC ladies as we gather for food, fun, and fellowship. You will be blessed! Look for the email sent November 23 with further details and a link to RSVP.

### Church-wide Movie: *Elf!*

**Saturday, December 11**

**Cinemark Spring-Klein, 21440 Kuykendahl Rd**

Join your church family for an afternoon filled with holiday merriment and laughter as we watch the modern Christmas classic *Elf!* **Register by December 9 at [springcypresschurch.com](http://springcypresschurch.com).**

### Christmas Dinner Fellowship Meal

**Sunday, December 12, 12:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**

Contact: Tracy

Mark your calendar for an early Christmas feast! Watch for an email and text to sign-up to bring side dishes and desserts to complete our meal.

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

*Missions* - Pray for our Missions team as they pray for and provide encouragement to the missionaries SCPC supports.

## **Pray for Our Congregation**

*René & Clairice Chapelle* - PRAISE - René and Clairice are healing well and enjoying time with their family.

*Carl Gregory* - complete recovery from successful surgery.

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

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

*Peter Achterkirch*, Army, Washington

*Shawn Maya*, Spring Fire Department

*Christian Cory*, Army, New York

*Jessy Wykes*, Army, Kentucky

*Chris Dietz*, Navy Reserves, Texas

## **Pray for Our College Students**

*Charlotte Achterkirch*, Samford University

*Jenna Haaland*, Samford University

*Zach Allan*, Tarleton State University

*Rebekah Kooiman*, Abilene Christian University

*Daniel Duncan*, Lone Star College

*Ayden Steagall*, Lone Star College

*Rebekah Duncan*, Montana State University

*Lauren Steagall*, University of Houston

*Austin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*AJ Tousha*, Lone Star College

*Justin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*Izzy Tousha*, Lone Star College

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

Heather Burch's mother, *Susan* - successful surgery on 12/2 to repair a perforated colon and complete healing.

Thecla Musima's mother, *Elizabeth* - peace and comfort following the death of her son and mother-in-law and as she spends time with her family in Cameroon.

## **Pray for Our Expectant Mothers**

*Emily Wykes* is due in December.

*Felicity Bodden* is due in March.

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

*Tim & Cheri Hoke*, African Bible University in Kampala, Uganda

### **Pray for**

- Travel details to Uganda, especially with Covid-19 restrictions.
- Safety in Uganda - friends recently were accosted and beaten while driving in Uganda and a bomb was set off in a cafe.
- Additional student recruitment as Covid-19 has reduced the student body and incoming students.

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



# Advent at SCPC Sundays



**First Sunday of Advent**  
**Denim Sunday**  
**November 28th**

*Today we're kicking off the Advent season with Denim Sunday!*



**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Classy Christmas Colors**  
**December 5th**

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



**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**Ugly Sweater Sunday**  
**December 12th**

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



**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**Flannel Sunday**  
**December 19th**

*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 5th 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.*

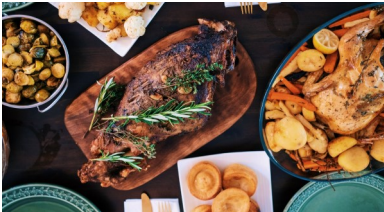


## Church-wide Movie

Featuring *Elf*, Saturday, December 11th, 2:00 pm

Cinemark Spring-Klein, 21440 Kuykendahl Rd

*Join your church family for an afternoon filled with holiday merriment and laughter as we watch the modern Christmas classic Elf! Register by Dec. 9th at [springcypresschurch.com](http://springcypresschurch.com)*



## Christmas Fellowship Meal

Sunday, December 12th after Sunday School

*Mark your calendar for an early Christmas feast! Watch for an email and text to sign-up for side dishes and desserts at the end of November.*



## Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 19th at 5:00pm, meet at the church

*Come "fa-la-la" with us as we visit home-bound members of our church family and bring wonderful encouragement to our brothers and sisters through song. Then join us back at the church for Christmas cookies and fellowship!*

# Christmas Eve Service

December 24th, 6:00pm

In our Sanctuary

Childcare by reservation  
([elisa@springcypresschurch.com](mailto: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 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

### Elders

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