



*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, August 29, 2021

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

### PRELUDE

*Saule Garcia*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Ruling Elder Ian Achterkirch*

### PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Saule Garcia*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on Psalm 46:10,*

*“Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!”*

### ✦CALL TO WORSHIP

*Ian Achterkirch*

*Psalm 95:3-7*

Leader: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: **In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

Leader: The sea is his, for he made it,

People: **And his hands formed the dry land.**

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

All: **For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.**

### ✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Ian Achterkirch*

### ✦SONGS OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (Hymn #32)  
(Chisholm, Runyan, arr. Courtney)

*Jesus, I Come*  
(Sleeper, Thompson)

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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**

*Ian Achterkirch*

*Luke 9:23-25*

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?"

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Ian Achterkirch*

Leader: Father, you have called us in Christ to be your children,  
and you have set before us the example of Jesus,  
our elder brother and king,  
and you have told us to listen to him.

**People: Yet we often fail to heed the word of Jesus,  
and instead live as if we are our own,  
and as if the preservation and promotion of self  
is our most cherished goal.**

Leader: Father, bring to mind where we have not followed the way of Christ,  
where we have sought to save our lives instead of dying to self,  
and where we have recoiled from, rather than embraced, our cross,  
and hear our silent prayers of confession...

*silent confession of personal sin*

Amen.

**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Ian Achterkirch*

*Galatians 2:16*

Yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

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

*Ian Achterkirch*

*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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*"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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<b>✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING</b>		<i>Congregation</i>
	<i><b>Just As I Am</b></i> (Hymn #501, vs. 1, 5, and 6) (Elliott, Bradbury, arr. Greer, Lawrence)	
<b>DIACONAL PRAYER</b>		<i>Deacon Scott Lewis</i>
<b>SPECIAL MUSIC</b>		<i>Saule Garcia</i>
<b>✦ SONG OF PRAISE</b>	<i><b>The Doxology</b></i> (Hymn #731) (Ken, Bourgeois)	<i>Congregation</i>
<b>BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN</b>		<i>Ian Achterkirch</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 TEXT</b>	Acts 18:1-11	<i>Rev. Josh Rieger</i>
<b>SERMON</b>	<i>Do Not Be Silent</i>	<i>Rev. Rieger</i>
<b>✦ SONG OF RESPONSE</b>		<i>Congregation</i>
	<i><b>When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder</b></i> (Hymn #541) (Black)	
<b>✦ BENEDICTION</b>		<i>Rev. Rieger</i>
<b>✦ SONG OF BLESSING</b>	<i><b>Gloria Patri</b></i> (Hymn #735) (Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)	<i>Congregation</i>
<b>POSTLUDE</b>		<i>Saule Garcia</i>

# **Sermon Notes**

# **Do Not Be Silent**

August 29, 2021

Acts 18:1-11

# Announcements

<b>Monday, August 30</b>	
Session Meeting Pastor's Office	7:00pm
SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
<b>Tuesday, August 31</b>	
CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
<b>Wednesday, September 1</b>	
<b>Thursday, September 2</b>	
<b>Friday, September 3</b>	
<b>Saturday, September 4</b>	
<b>Sunday, September 5 - FALL KICK-OFF!</b>	
Worship & Communion Sanctuary & LS*	9:30am
Fall Kick-Off Presentation Sanctuary	11:00am
*LS - Live Stream	

### **Welcome back, Rev. Josh Rieger!**

Josh serves with Mission to the World in England in two roles: Church Planting Minister of Hexham Presbyterian Church and Dean of Students for Westminster Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He and his family have been in the Houston area for the last year while his wife Gina has received cancer treatment, but will be returning to the UK in the next few weeks. They have three children, Jackson age 11, Riley, age 8, and Rutherford, age 6.

### **Directory Photos**

Whether it's your first photo or just an update be sure and stop by **The Gallery after worship TODAY** and have your picture taken for our online directory!

### **NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE BEGINNING NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH**

Worship at 9:30 am  
Sunday School for all ages at 11:00 am

### **FALL KICK-OFF NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH AT 11:00 AM**

Learn about our church's ministry plans for the fall trimester, from new Sunday School classes to mid-week activities and special events for everyone!

### **Home Group Questionnaire**

If you haven't already, please complete the Home Group Questionnaire found on the table in the Narthex and place it in the basket.

### **Nursery Workers Needed**

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

Our nursery ministry is growing and we need you! We are in need of more paid nursery staff for Sunday mornings. If you or anyone you know is interested please contact Elisa for more information and an application.

# Prayer

## Pray for Our Church

*Music* - Please be in prayer for the re-launching of music ministries like the band and the choir, as well as the launching of new music ministries this fall. We are also seeking the person God has in mind to be our next staff pianist, and prayers for that search are greatly appreciated. Praise the Lord for all he continues to do through music at Spring Cypress!

## Pray for Our Congregation

*Carl Gregory* - Carl's well-being as his son and daughter-in-law care for him.

*Barbara Honts* - healing following surgery to reduce pain from migraine headaches.

*Paul Rodney* - proper treatment for dangerously low white blood cell count and weight loss.

Ongoing health concerns: *René & Clairice Chapelle, Eldon & Virginia Faries, Carl & Rose Gregory, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, and Katie Medeiros, Jackie Toothman*

## 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, 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

Nicholas Ritchie's brother, *Jason Ritchie* - complete healing and peace for the family.

Mindy & Patrick Burton's daughter, *Sydney Brooks* - PRAISE - Hudson Taylor Brooks was born August 12th. Mom and baby are both doing well.

Jim & Mary Spiritosanto's daughter and Deb Kovach's sister *Rebecca Cooper* - Pray that kidney dialysis will go smoothly and that she will not develop an infection at the port site. Pray that a compatible donor kidney can be found.

Ongoing health concerns: *Gina Rieger* (SCPC-supported missionary)

## Pray for Our Expectant Mother

*Emily Wykes* is due in December.

## Pray for Our Missionary of the Month

*Paul Miller*, Metanoia Prison Ministries of Texas, PCA Mission to North America

PRAISE that the LORD has made a way for Metanoia to go back into prisons in person.

PRAY

- That the mentoring ministry will happen in FMC Fort Worth (federal prison in Ft. Worth).
- That the LORD will keep inmates and prison officials safe from COVID-19.
- That Metanoia will continue to reach inmates with the gospel and continue to disciple them in the faith through its correspondence program.
- That the LORD will continue to raise up champion churches here in Texas to serve the prison population.

## 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. 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.

You may place your gift in the offering baskets at the back of the Sanctuary, 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**

Ian Achterkirch	Erik Haaland
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