



*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, December 10, 2023

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Janice Bradshaw

PRELUDE

Brooke Lewis

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

LIGHTING OF THE LOVE CANDLE

Andy & Kyra Moncrief

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Brooke Lewis

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Isaiah 7:14*

*“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and shall call his name Immanuel.”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

Leader: The mighty God summons the earth from the
rising of the sun to the place where it sets...

People: **Our God comes and will not be silent.
God calls, and we respond to his love.**

Leader: The heavens declare God's righteousness...

People: **The firmament declares God's glory!**

Leader: Offer up to God your thanksgiving...

All: **For our God will hear us, save us, and abide with us forever!**

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

O Come, All Ye Faithful (Hymn #208, verses 1-3)
(Wade/Oakeley, Wade)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (Hymn #196, verses 1, 3, and 4)
(Wesley/Hunt, Pritchard)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Justin Chandler

James 1:13-14

Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by
God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself
tempts no one.

✦Please stand if able

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

*“Give me
understanding
that I may keep
your law and
observe it with
my whole heart.”
Psalm 119:34*

But each person is tempted when he is
lured and enticed by his own desire.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Justin Chandler

Leader: Almighty God, we often blame you and others for our sins
and shortcomings.

People: **However, you tempt no person, and our sinful actions and
decisions are ours alone.**

Leader: Father, forgive us for casting the blame for our sinful and
rebellious actions on you or other people. Cause us to turn
towards you in faith, love, and obedience. Hear now our
silent prayers of personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

...amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Justin Chandler

1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship
with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us
from all sin.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Justin Chandler

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

O Little Town of Bethlehem (Hymn #201, verses 1, 3, and 4)
(Brooks, Davies)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Kyle Bodden

OFFERTORY

Wexford Carol
(Traditional Welsh Melody, Parks)

Sergio Esteves, flute
Brooke Lewis, piano

✦ SONG OF PRAISE

The Doxology (Hymn #731)
(Ken, Bourgeois)

Congregation

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.*

*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.*

*"Let your
steadfast love
come to me, O
LORD, your
salvation
according to
your promise."
Psalm 119:41*

SCRIPTURE TEXT *Daniel 6:1-23* *Rev. David Stoddard*

SERMON *The Advent of the Deliverer* *Rev. David Stoddard*

✦SONG OF RESPONSE *Congregation*
As with Gladness Men of Old (Hymn #226, verses 1, 3, and 4)
(Dix, Kocher)

✦BENEDICTION *Pastor Ben*

✦SONG OF BLESSING *Gloria Patri* (Hymn #735) *Congregation*
(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

POSTLUDE *Janice Bradshaw*

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

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

Sermon Notes

December 10, 2023

The Advent of the Deliverer

Daniel 6:1-23

Announcements

Monday, December 11	
Tuesday, December 12	
Wednesday, December 13	
<i>Enfuego</i> Christmas Party Youth Bldg.	6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Thursday, December 14	
Friday, December 15	
Saturday, December 16	
Christmas Caroling Meet in church parking lot	4:45pm
Sunday, December 17 - Ugly Christmas Sweater Day	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School For All Ages	11:00am
Christmas Fellowship Meal	12:00pm

**Rev. David Stoddard, Guest Preacher
TODAY, 9:30am, Sanctuary**

David, son of a PCA church-planter, was raised in Louisiana and Tennessee. Christ captured his heart in high school while participating in short-term mission trips, and he felt called to missions ever since. At King College in Tennessee, he majored in political science and modern foreign languages, earned a master of divinity degree from Westminster Theological Seminary (WTS) in California, and a Th.M. from WTS in Philadelphia. David serves as the International Director for Europe with Missions of the World (MTW), overseeing their vision, strategy, and personnel.

Following the worship service, adults and youth are invited to remain in the sanctuary and learn more about David and Eowyn’s ministry through MTW, and their upcoming move to Munich.

Children’s Sunday school will meet at normal time/location. Please check your child(ren) in at the Children’s Kiosk and pick them up following the Missionary Presentation.

SCPC ADVENT Events 2023

Enfuego Youth Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 13th, 6:15pm, Youth Bldg.
Contact: Felix, felix@springcypresschurch.com
THIS WEDNESDAY, bring a friend & white elephant gift and join us for our Enfuego Youth Christmas Party!

Christmas Caroling

Saturday, December 16th, 4:45pm, Parking Lot
Contact: Cathy Thibaut

All are invited to join us in the church parking lot **THIS SATURDAY** - we will carpool from there to spread Christmas cheer!

Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

Sunday, December 17th

Join in the fun as we continue our weekly Advent themes **NEXT SUNDAY** with Ugly Christmas Sweater Day!

Children’s Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 17th, 10:30am, Sanctuary
Contact: Amy Dietz

NEXT SUNDAY our Children’s Choir will rehearse in the Sanctuary following morning worship. After rehearsal their Sunday School teachers will escort them to class, and parents can pick them up from their classrooms after Sunday School as usual.

Christmas Fellowship Meal

Sunday, December 17th, 12:00pm, FH and Annex
Contact: Kyra Moncrief

Our Christmas Fellowship Meal is **NEXT SUNDAY!** The church will provide ham and rolls. All are invited and encouraged to bring your favorite holiday side dish to share. **Today is the LAST DAY** to sign up in the Narthex following the worship service!

Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 24th, 6:00pm, Sanctuary
Contact: Susan, Susan@springcypresschurch.com

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

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

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

Pray for Our Congregation

Randy Bachman - Pray for God's comfort at the passing of his father.

Neal Benedict - Please pray for *Neal* as he is on dialysis and in need of a kidney transplant.

Camden Family - Praise God for the healthy delivery of Luke.

Jones Family - Praise God for the healthy delivery of Juliana!

Musima family - Ebenezer has been placed on dialysis and is need of a kidney transplant.

Jackie Toothman - Please pray for treatments and for complete healing.

Tony Tousha - Please pray for GI issues, injured knee, and various metabolic issues.

Ongoing health concerns: *René & Clairice Chapelle, Jeff Kuhn, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, Katie Medeiros, Mark Morrow, Mary Spiritosanto, Jackie Toothman.*

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Washington

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Chris Dietz, Navy Reserves, Texas

Felix Espino, Army Reserves, Texas

Joshua Duncan, Army, North Carolina

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Jessy Wykes, Army, Germany

Pray for Our College Students

Claire Achterkirch, Samford University

Rebekah Allcorn, Abilene Christian University

Kyle Benedict, Lone Star College

Ben Chandler, Samford University

Rebekah Duncan, Blinn College

Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Jenna Haaland, Samford University

Aiden Steagall, Texas A&M

Izzy Tousha, Texas State

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Pray for Our Friends & Family.

Vincent & Eleanor Tracey's grandson *Elijah* - Praise for clear lumbar stick and positive hearing test. Pray for tolerance throughout 3rd round of chemo - that blood counts will remain stable, fever/infection will not develop, and strength for mom and dad.

Emily Wykes friend, *Annabelle Valadez* - for the unexpected loss of her father.

Daniel Burch's friend, *Kyle VanArsdall* - peace and comfort as his family mourns the loss of his sister over Thanksgiving week, and for strength as he provides care for his aging father.

Heather Burch's *friend's daughter* - fighting a brain tumor that has returned. Pray for successful radiation treatments, and for their family as they are separated during treatments in another state.

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Emily Wykes, due in March

Maretha Kritzinger, due in March

Brooke Lewis, due in April

Katelyn Schaeffer, due in May

Pray for David Stoddard, MTW's International Director for Europe

- *We are in great need of ongoing and one-time financial support. Please pray for new supporting churches and individuals who are willing to be a part of our support team.*
- *A fruitful home ministry assignment, reconnecting with many supporting churches and individuals.*
- *Please pray for us as we grieve leaving Berlin. It had become our home and we will miss it greatly.*
- *Ethan starts his 12th grade year in Chattanooga. Please pray for friends, a speedy adjustment, a great school year, and wisdom as he applies to colleges.*

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

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.

Our Church Leadership & Staff

Our Session

Justin Chandler
Ben Duncan

Erik Haaland
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If you've lost or misplaced an item, please check with the office.

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