



*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 11, 2022

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Janice Bradshaw*

PRELUDE

*Brooke Lewis*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor Ben*

LIGHTING OF THE JOY CANDLE

*The Adams Family*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Brooke Lewis*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on Numbers 24:17,*

*“I see him, but not now;  
I behold him, but not near:  
a star shall come out of Jacob,  
and a scepter shall rise out of Israel.”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

*Pastor Ben*

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us,

**People: And we are filled with joy!**

Leader: Our God has turned our weeping into singing,

**People: Our tears into songs of joy!**

Leader: O Son of God, come anew in our hearts this day,

**All: And by your Spirit, remain with us forever!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Pastor Ben*

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

*Joy to the World* (Hymn #195, vs. 1, 2, and 3)  
(Watts, Handel)

*As With Gladness Men of Old* (Hymn #226, vs. 1, 2, and 3)  
(Dix, Kocher)

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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 Danny McDaniel*

*Philippians 4:8*

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Danny McDaniel*

Leader: Almighty God, the content of our inner person  
spills out into words and deeds,  
thus you call us to take care to fill our minds with good things.

People: **However, we confess that we are too careless  
in what we allow to shape  
our sense of right and wrong, good and bad, pure and impure.**

Leader: Father, forgive us for allowing our sensibilities  
to be shaped by fallen creation  
rather than your inspired and inerrant Word.  
Create within us a hunger for every word  
that proceeds from your mouth, O Lord,  
and hear now our silent prayers of personal confession...  
*silent confession of personal sin*

...amen.

**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Danny McDaniel*

*1 Corinthians 1:7-9*

You wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*Danny McDaniel*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

*Light of the Stable*  
(Rhymer)

**DIACONAL PRAYER**

*Deacon David Jones*

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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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**OFFERTORY**

***The Holy Child Will Come***

*Choir*

(Liebergen)

*He will come, Emmanuel!  
He will come on earth to dwell!  
He will come, Emmanuel, Holy Child of Israel!  
He will come on earth to dwell!  
Hodie! Come today! Hodie!  
He will come Emmanuel!*

*Holy Child, come down from God above,  
And bring to all your peace and love, O Lord of Light,  
Forever we will praise your blessed birth for all our days.*

*Let all rejoice, for the day is near;  
Through dark of night the Lord shall appear.  
Let all rejoice when the star shines bright,  
And shows the way through the dark of night.  
All rejoice!*

*Glory be to God above, for the Child will come in love,  
Grateful praise to God above, Allelu, sing with joy!  
Grateful praise to God above. He will come in peace and love!  
He will come! Hodie! Come today!  
The Holy Child will come!*

**✦ 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.*

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

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**SCRIPTURE TEXT**

Matthew 2:1-12

*Pastor Ben*

**SERMON**

*The Visit of the Magi*

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF RESPONSE**

*Congregation*

***We Three Kings***

(Hopkins, Jr.)

**✦ BENEDICTION**

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF BLESSING**

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

*Congregation*

(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

**POSTLUDE**

*Janice Bradshaw*

# **Sermon Notes**

December 11, 2022

# **The Visit of the Magi**

Matthew 2:1-12

## Announcements

<b>Monday, December 12</b>	
<b>Tuesday, December 13</b> CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
<b>Wednesday, December 14</b> <b>NO</b> Youth Group Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
<b>Thursday, December 15</b>	
<b>Friday, December 16</b> Youth Christmas Party Youth Building	6:30pm
<b>Saturday, December 17</b>	
<b>Sunday, December 18: Flannel Sunday</b>	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am
Christmas Dinner Fellowship Meal Fellowship Hall	12:00pm

**Christmas Dinner Fellowship Meal**  
**Sunday, December 18, after Sunday School**  
**Fellowship Hall**

**Contact:** **Kyra**, [cateshouse@gmail.com](mailto:cateshouse@gmail.com)  
Mark your calendar and join your church family for a Christmas feast! Ham, rolls, and beverages will be provided. Sign-up to bring a hearty portion of your family's favorite side dish or dessert in the Narthex **TODAY** or use the link that will be emailed and texted this afternoon.

**Christmas Eve Service**  
**Saturday, December 24, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary**  
Bring your family and join us for a relaxed and intimate candlelight service.

**Children's Choir Rehearsal**

**TODAY** after worship, Sanctuary  
**Contact:** **Robin**, [robin@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:robin@springcypresschurch.com)  
The children of SCPC will help lead us in worship on December 18th! Rehearsal in the Sanctuary is immediately following worship TODAY.

**Youth Group Christmas Party**

**Friday, December 16, 6:30-8:30 pm, Youth Building**  
**Contact:** **Felix**, [felix@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:felix@springcypresschurch.com) or 832-865-6087

Junior High and Senior High youth, join us for a joyful celebration of Christmas on Friday, December 16th! Nourishment, merriment, entertainment, encouragement - we'll have it all!

**Year-End Giving**

As you plan your year-end giving, prayerfully consider the ministry needs of our church and your covenant tithes. Although giving has been very strong throughout 2022 our year-end giving total will determine our budget for next year so please give generously. All contributions must be **received or postmarked no later than December 31, 2022**. If you would like a year-to-date statement before the end of the year, email Robin, [robin@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:robin@springcypresschurch.com).

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

*Session* - Pray for our Session as they seek the Lord's direction and will for our church, and wisdom as they shepherd our covenant community.

## **Pray for Our Congregation**

*Jakob Basham* - pray for complete healing following an appendectomy.

*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.

*Scott Thibaut* - PRAISE - middle ear surgery went well; pray for complete healing.

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**

Amy Haaland's father *Gary Boldt* - pray for his recovery from a serious illness.

Jim & Mary Spiritosanto's daughter *Rebecca* - pray that her body will not reject the new kidney she received on December 1.

*Greg Hagerman* - pray for health struggles and financial concerns.

Heather Burch's sister *Kerri* - PRAISE - surgery went well; pray for pain management and complete healing.

Charles Zapp's 95-year-old mother *Jackie* - peace and comfort as she moves to critical care hospice in Harlingen.

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

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

## **Prayer for Our SCPC Missions Team**

- Passion for foreign and domestic Gospel mission
- Wisdom regarding potential new partners and support/funding of strategic projects for current partners
- That the Lord would bring new, excited team members in 2023; faithfulness to care for our current missionary partners
- Continue to pray for our missionaries and missions partners!



# Advent at SCPC Sundays

First Sunday of Advent—Denim Sunday



Second Sunday of Advent  
Classy Christmas Colors



Third Sunday of Advent—TODAY!  
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—NEXT  
SUNDAY!

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



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.*

## 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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