



*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 12, 2021

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Stephanie Hicks

PRELUDE

Janice Bradshaw

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

LIGHTING OF THE JOY CANDLE

The Jones Family

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Janice Bradshaw

*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: Rise, O church, and lift your voices,

People: Christ has conquered death and hell!

Leader: Sing as all the earth rejoices;

People: Let your resurrection anthems swell!

Leader: Come and worship, come and worship,

All: Worship Christ, the Risen King!

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Hymn #203)
(Wesley, Mendelssohn; arr. Cummings, Lawrence)

Angels We Have Heard on High (Hymn #214)
(Traditional French carol; arr. Barnes, Greer, Lawrence)

*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*

✦Please stand if able

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Justin Chandler

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

Justin Chandler

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

Justin Chandler

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

Justin Chandler

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (Hymn #216)
(Traditional Polish carol; arr. Lawrence)

*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*

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

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Stephen Kovach

OFFERTORY

In the Bleak Midwinter

(Rossetti, Holst; arr. Snyder)

Children's Choir

Robin Trygstad, flute

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter, long ago.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air.
But His mother only, in her maiden bliss,
Worshiped the Beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part.
Yet what can I give Him? Give Him my heart.

✦ 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.*

SCRIPTURE TEXT

Matthew 1:18-21

Pastor Ben

SERMON

Hope That You Really Are Saved

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen (Hymn #211, vs. 1, 2, and 4)

(Traditional English carol; arr. Willcocks, Lawrence)

Congregation

✦ BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

Gloria Patri (Hymn #735)

(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Stephanie Hicks

Sermon Notes

Hope That You Really Are Saved

December 12, 2021

Matthew 1:18-21

Announcements

Monday, December 13	
SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Tuesday, December 14	
Bell Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	7:00pm
CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Wednesday, December 15	
Choir Sanctuary	6:30pm
Youth Group Youth Building	6:30pm
Thursday, December 16	
MOPS Christmas Party Peterson home	7:00pm
Friday, December 17	
Music Ministry Christmas Party Fellowship Hall	6:30pm
Saturday, December 18	
Sunday, December 19 - Flannel Sunday	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am
Christmas Caroling Fellowship Hall	5:00pm
Youth Christmas Party Esteves' home	

Christmas Dinner Fellowship Meal

TODAY at 12:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Join us after Sunday School for a Christmas feast!

Christmas Eve Service

Friday, December 24, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

Bring your family and join us for this special candlelight service. Childcare is available by reservation. Please email Elisa to let us know if you need childcare,

elisa@springcypresschurch.com.

Christmas Caroling

NEXT SUNDAY, December 19, 5:00 pm

Contact Wesley, wesley@springcypresschurch.com

Grab your family and friends, young and old, and join us as we bring Christmas Cheer to some of the brothers and sisters in our congregation who are not able to worship with us regularly. Meet in the back church parking lot; the caravan will leave promptly at 5:10 pm. We will finish at the church for cider and snacks. See you there!

Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 19, following Christmas Caroling,

Esteves home

Contact: Felix

Senior and junior high students! Join our church family for caroling and then we'll go to the Esteves' home for Christmas fun!

Year-End Giving

As you plan your year-end giving, prayerfully consider the ministry needs of our church and your covenant tithe. **Currently we are at 94% of our budgeted goal for 2021.** 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, 2021.** If you would like a year-to-date statement before the end of the year, email Robin, robin@springcypresschurch.com.

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Diaconate - Pray for our deacons as they fulfill their calling to care for the many and varied physical needs of our church and congregation.

Pray for Our Congregation

Rusty Allen - relief from pain and healing of his lower back.

Carl Gregory - complete healing and recovery from surgery.

Joyce Hill - complete healing and recovery from wrist surgery and relief from pain.

Mark Morrow - clarity following procedure on Tuesday.

Arlene Rodney - wisdom in regards to scheduling sinus surgery and protection from new infection.

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

Ray & Martha Rhoades' daughter, *Carolyn Kimery* - pain management and complete recovery from shoulder surgery this past week.

Heather Burch's mother, *Susan* - PRAISE - Susan is home recovering from surgery to repair a perforated colon. Pray for pain management 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 Boddin is due in March.

Email prayer requests to robin@springcypresschurch.com.



Advent at SCPC Sundays



First Sunday of Advent
Denim Sunday



Second Sunday of Advent
Classy Christmas Colors



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!



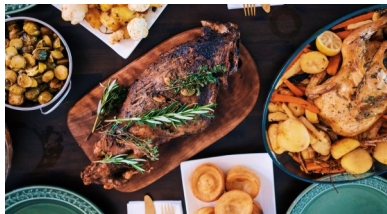


Special Events



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!



Christmas Fellowship Meal TODAY after Sunday School

Join us for a Christmas feast!



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)

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.

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