



*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 19, 2021

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Janice Bradshaw*

PRELUDE *Stephanie Hicks*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Pastor Ben*

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE *Mike & Gail Hume*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP *Stephanie Hicks*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Isaiah 9:2,*

*“The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP *Pastor Ben*

Leader: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

People: **O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!**

Leader: All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,

All: **Join in offering glad adoration!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION *Pastor Ben*

✦SONGS OF ADORATION *Congregation*

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come (Hymn #195, vs. 1, 2, and 4)
(adapted from Psalm 98 by Watts, Handel, Mason; arr. Willcocks, Lawrence)

Once in Royal David's City (Hymn #225, vs. 1, 2, and 5)
(Alexander, Gauntlett; arr. Willcocks, 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 Chuck Dorau

Malachi 3:7

From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Chuck Dorau

Leader: Almighty God, you who shaped out of nothing all that is,
forgive us for so frequently turning aside from your statutes.

**People: You who called forth light,
forgive the preference of our flesh for the dark.
Grant that we would walk in the light
even as you are light.**

Leader: Father, create within us clean hearts,
and renew a right spirit within us
and hear now our silent prayers of personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Chuck Dorau

Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Chuck Dorau

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

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.*

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING *Congregation*
O Little Town of Bethlehem (Hymn #201, vs. 1, 3, and 4)
(Brooks, Redner; arr. Greer)

DIACONAL PRAYER *Deacon Jakob Basham*

OFFERTORY *Advent Alleluia* *Choir*
(arr. Christopher)

*Salvation is created. O Lord God Almighty,
We offer praise to Thee above; Holy Lord God.*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

✦ 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 1:76-79 *Pastor Ben*

SERMON *Hope That Things Will Turn Out Okay* *Pastor Ben*

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

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE *Congregation*
Good Christian Men, Rejoice (Hymn #207)
(Medieval Latin carol, 14th cent. German carol; arr. Willcocks, Lawrence)

✦ BENEDICTION *Pastor Ben*

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

POSTLUDE *Janice Bradshaw*

Sermon Notes

Hope That Things Will Turn Out Okay

December 19, 2021

Luke 1:76-79

Announcements

Monday, December 20	
Session Meeting Pastor's Office	7:00pm
SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Tuesday, December 21	
CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Wednesday, December 22	
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Thursday, December 23	
Friday, December 24	
Christmas Eve Service Sanctuary	6:00pm
Saturday, December 25	
MERRY CHRISTMAS!	
Sunday, December 26	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
NO Sunday School	

Christmas Caroling

THIS EVENING at 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

TONIGHT following Christmas Caroling, Esteves home

Contact: Felix

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

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.

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 96% 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.

No Sunday School December 26 and January 2

New Classes will begin January 9!

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Staff - Pray that our staff will stay healthy as they take care of the administrative and ministry tasks of our church.

Pray for Our Congregation

Rusty Allen - successful spine injection next week to facilitate relief from pain.

Carl Gregory - complete healing and recovery from surgery.

Joyce Hill - PRAISE - Joyce is healing well; continue to pray for complete healing of broken wrist.

Mark Morrow - PRAISE for good test results!

Arlene Rodney - successful sinus surgery on January 6; that the OR team will read the New Testaments she plans to distribute to them.

Jackie Toothman - complete healing of broken wrist.

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

Tracy & Rusty Allen's niece, *Marina Allen* - successful rehab for alcoholism, wisdom and understanding.

Ray & Martha Rhoades' daughter, *Carolyn Kimery* - PRAISE - shoulder surgery went well; continue to pray for pain management and complete recovery.

Heather Burch's mother, *Susan* - PRAISE - Susan is home recovering from surgery to repair a perforated colon. Pray for pain management and complete healing.

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

First Sunday of Advent Denim Sunday



Second Sunday of Advent Classy Christmas Colors

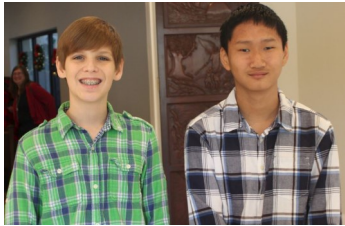


Third Sunday of Advent Ugly Sweater Sunday





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 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)



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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

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

Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm

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