



*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, December 20, 2020

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Saule Garcia*

PRELUDE *Saule Garcia*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Pastor Ben*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP *Janice Bradshaw*

*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.”*

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

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE *The Lin Family*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP *Pastor Ben*

Leader: Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!

People: **Behold, the King of glory waits;**

Leader: The King of kings is drawing near,

All: **The Savior of the world is here!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION *Pastor Ben*

✦SONG OF ADORATION *Congregation*

O Come, All Ye Faithful (Hymn #208)
(Latin hymn, Wade; arr. Willcocks, Lawrence)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW *Ruling Elder Erik Haaland*
Malachi 3:1

Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Erik Haaland

Leader: Almighty God, you who shaped out of nothing all that is,
forgive us for returning empty-handed.

People: **You who called forth light,
forgive our preference for the dark.
You who sent John to be a voice crying in the wilderness,
“Prepare the way of the Lord,”
forgive us our unwillingness to say anything at all.**

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.

*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.*

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Erik Haaland

Jeremiah 33:16

In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And
this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Erik Haaland

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

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

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

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 READING

Luke 1:57-80

Pastor Ben

SERMON

Songs of Advent: Zechariah's Song

Pastor Ben

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

- ✦ **SONG OF PREPARATION** *Congregation*
Good Christian Men, Rejoice (Hymn #207)
(Medieval Latin carol, 14th century German melody, arr. Pearsall, Lawrence)
- ✦ **BENEDICTION** *Pastor Ben*
- ✦ **SONG OF BLESSING** *Gloria Patri* (Hymn #735) *Congregation*
(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)
- POSTLUDE** *Saule Garcia*

Sermon Notes

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Announcements

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| Monday, December 21 | |
| Session Meeting Pastor's Office | 7:00pm |
| AA Meeting Youth Building | 7:30pm |
| Tuesday, December 22 | |
| CODA Meeting Youth Building | 7:30pm |
| Wednesday, December 23 | |
| Thursday, December 24 | |
| Christmas Eve Service Sanctuary | 6:00pm |
| Friday, December 25 - Christmas Day | |
| Saturday, December 26 | |
| Sunday, December 27 | |
| Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream (LS) | 9:00am |

Christmas Caroling

TONIGHT at 5:15 pm in the Parking Lot

Join us as we bring Christmas Cheer to some of the brothers and sisters in our congregation who have been shut in during much of 2020. Meet in the church parking lot at 5:15 pm and the caravan will leave at 5:30 pm. We plan to finish around 7:30 back at the church for cider and snacks. See you there!

No Sunday School December 27 & January 3

New classes will begin January 10!

Christmas Pictures!

Feel free to take advantage of our elegantly decorated Christmas tree in the Gallery, a scene made with Christmas Photos in mind! Grab your family, grab a friend, and take advantage of this photo opportunity!

Mission Possible: *Christmas Edition*

This is the final week of *Mission Possible: Christmas Edition* with an Advent challenge and activity for children PreK - 5th grade! Mission folders can be picked up in the Narthex.

Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, December 24 at 6:00 pm

Bring your family and join us for this special candlelight service. Childcare by reservation, contact Elisa (elisa@springcypresschurch.com). A recording of the service will be available on our website by 7:30 pm.

Year-End Giving

As you plan your year-end giving, prayerfully consider the ministry needs of our church and your covenant tithe. **Currently our General Fund is at 94% of budget.** 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, 2019.** 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

Missions - Pray for our Missions Team as they pray for and provide encouragement to the missionaries SCPC supports.

Pray for Our Congregation

Mike Hume - successful radiation treatment that will continue through January.

Rick Maddy - peace and comfort following the passing of his father, Jack Maddy.

Those who have tested positive for COVID-19 - complete healing.

Ongoing health concerns: *Eldon & Virginia Faries, Carl & Rose Gregory, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, Katie Medeiros*

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Washington

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Chris Dietz, Navy, Texas

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, Samford University

Ian Allan, Calvin University

Zach Allan, Tarleton State University

Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Justin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Jacob Kerr, Texas A&M University

Rebekah Kooiman, Abilene Christian University

Lauren Steagall, University of Houston

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Pray for Our Families and Friends

Georgia Hofman's sister, *Gloria* - correct diagnosis and treatment of illness (not COVID-19 related).

Marc Esteves' mother, *Vera Lucia Esteves* - healing of pelvic fractures.

Kelly Renee's step-mother, *Wanda Kiesling* - healing of recently diagnosed lymphoma.

Jeff Cory's sister, *Kim* - strength as she undergoes treatment for colon cancer and complete healing.

Pray for Our Expectant Mother

Kathryn Ritchie is due in March.

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month

Joshua & Gina Rieger, Mission to the World (MTW), Hexham, England

- Pray for Joshua as he works remotely with the church plant.
- Pray for comfort and encourage for Gina as she receives cancer treatments.
- Pray for their children, Jackson, Riley, & Rutherford as they are away from their home for a time.

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





Advent at SCPC Special Events



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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 at the Visitor's Center.
- If you do not have a Bible of your own, please stop by the Visitor's Center.
- To see how our church participates in the global cause for Christ, check out the touch-screen monitor in the Narthex

Restrooms are located in the Narthex.

To learn more about us and our ministries, visit our website, springcypresschurch.com

Like and follow us on Facebook: *Spring Cypress Church*

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 mothers with infants.
- 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.

If you would like to give via **check**, please make your check payable to SCPC. **Online giving** is available at springcypresschurch.com/give. **Text** any amount to **84321** to give (standard message and data rates may apply).

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

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