



*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 26, 2021

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Stephanie Hicks*

### PRELUDE

*Janice Bradshaw*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor Ben*

### PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Janice Bradshaw*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on Genesis 1:1,*

*“In the beginning,  
God created the heavens  
and the earth.”*

### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

*Pastor Ben*

*Deuteronomy 32:34*

Leader: I will proclaim the name of the LORD;

**People: Ascribe greatness to our God!**

Leader: The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice.

**All: A God of faithfulness and without iniquity,  
just and upright is he.**

### ✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Pastor Ben*

### ✦ SONGS OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* (Hymn #203)  
(Wesley, Mendelssohn)

*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* (Hymn #229)  
(Cook, MacMillan)

### DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

*Ruling Elder Erik Haaland*

*Deuteronomy 11:16*

Take care lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them.

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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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Erik Haaland*

Leader: Almighty God, your Word repeatedly admonishes us  
to stay alert and to guard our hearts from threats  
both external to us and from those  
that arise from within ourselves.

We confess that our hearts are prone to wandering from you,  
our first love.

People: **Lord, with great contrition**  
**we acknowledge that we are beset by temptations**  
**to place our greatest desires, expectations, and hopes**  
**in created things, rather than in you.**

Leader: Father, grant that we will walk in the light of your Word,  
with our hearts filled with your love,  
that we will forsake vain things and cling to you  
in full love and obedience.

For the sake of Christ our Lord,  
please hear now our silent prayers of personal confession...

*silent confession of personal sin*

Amen.

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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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**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Erik Haaland*

*1 Corinthians 15:56-57*

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to  
God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus 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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**PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD**

*Erik Haaland*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

*Away in a Manger* (Hymn #204)  
(Anonymous, Murray)

**DIACONAL PRAYER**

*Deacon Scott Lewis*

**OFFERTORY**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel* *Elisa Haaland, oboe*

(arr. Ijames)

text can be found on page 194 in the hymnal

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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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<b>✦ SONG OF PRAISE</b>	<i>The Doxology</i> (Hymn #731) (Ken, Bourgeois)	<i>Congregation</i>
<b>BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN</b>		<i>Pastor Ben</i>
	<i>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.</i>	
<b>SCRIPTURE TEXT</b>	Genesis 8:20-9:17	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
<b>SERMON</b>	<i>God's Covenant with Creation</i>	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
<b>✦ SONG OF RESPONSE</b>	<i>The First Noel</i> (Traditional English carol, arr. Stainer)	<i>Congregation</i>
<b>✦ BENEDICTION</b>		<i>Pastor Ben</i>
<b>✦ SONG OF BLESSING</b>	<i>Gloria Patri</i> (Hymn #735) (Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)	<i>Congregation</i>
<b>POSTLUDE</b>		<i>Stephanie Hicks</i>

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

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**Sermon Notes**

*God's Covenant with Creation*

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December 26, 2021

Genesis 8:20-9:17

# Announcements

<b>Monday, December 27-Office Closed (holiday)</b>	
SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
<b>Tuesday, December 28</b>	
CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
<b>Wednesday, December 29</b>	
<b>Thursday, December 30</b>	
<b>Friday, December 31</b>	
<b>Saturday, January 1</b> <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b>	
<b>Sunday, January 2</b>	
Worship & Communion Sanctuary & LS	9:30am
NO Sunday School	
LS = Livestream	

## **No Sunday School today and January 2**

New Classes will begin January 9! A description of the new classes will be coming soon.

## **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 99% 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](mailto:robin@springcypresschurch.com).

## **Change for Life Baby Bottle Campaign**

*Every child deserves a birthday,  
every life has value.*

Help support Pregnancy Assistance Center North in The Woodlands (PACN) by participating in this year's Baby Bottle Campaign. Pick up a baby bottle from the Narthex, fill it with change, bills, or a check (made payable to PACN), and **return it by Sunday, January 16th.** For more information about the work of PACN and CareNet Pregnancy Center Houston (both ministries are supported by our church) go to:

[pacn.org](http://pacn.org)

[houstonpregnancy.com](http://houstonpregnancy.com)

Pray for these ministries and their volunteers as they share the good news of the Gospel and empower women to choose LIFE!

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Baby Bottle Campaign**, Dec 26 - Jan 16

**Women-to-Women** registration, Jan 2-16

**Men's Bible Study** resumes, Jan 4, 7:00 pm

**Choir** resumes, Jan 5, 6:30 pm

**MOPS** resumes, Jan 6, 7:00 pm

**New Sunday School** classes begin Jan 9, 9:30 am

**Women in the Word (am)** resumes Jan 11, 9:30 am

**Wednesday Family Night**, Jan 12, 6:30 pm

**Youth Group** resumes Jan 12, 6:30 pm

**Women in the Word (pm)** resumes Jan 13, 7:00 pm

**Men's Round Table** resumes Jan 27, 7:00 pm

**Joint Presbytery Evening Worship Service**, Jan 30, 6pm

**Congregational Meeting**, Feb 6, 6:00 pm

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

*Men* - Pray that our men will grow in their faith and in their relationships with one another and their families, as they grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord.

## **Pray for Our Congregation**

*Rusty Allen* - relief from pain.

*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* - PRAISE - successful surgery; continue to pray for 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

*AJ Tousha*, Lone Star College

*Austin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*Izzy Tousha*, Lone Star College

*Justin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

## **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.

## **Pray for Our Expectant Mothers**

*Emily Wykes* is due in December.

*Felicity Bodden* is due in March.

*Email prayer requests to [robin@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:robin@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](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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