



*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, February 16, 2025

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRELUDE

Janice Bradshaw

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Janice Bradshaw

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

Please take a moment to silently prepare
to worship, and reflect on *Psalms 42:1*.

*"As a deer pants for flowing streams,
so pants my soul for you, O God."*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

from 1 Samuel 2:2; 1 Chronicles 16:29

Leader: There is none holy like the Lord,

People: there is none besides him!

Leader: There is no rock like our God,

All: ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name!

✦ SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

(Van Dyke, Beethoven)

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator (Hymn #97)

(Cory, Gedenckclank)

*"Give me
understanding
that I may keep
your law and
observe it with
my whole heart."*
Psalms 119:34

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

RE Chris Dietz

Matthew 4:17

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Chris Dietz

Leader: Most merciful God, you have called us to be holy, as you are holy. Yet we all like sheep have gone astray, we have wandered after our own way.

✦ Please stand if able

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People: Gracious Lord, we confess that we are both stubborn and self-serving, and though your commandments are for our good, we constantly kick against the goads. Forgive us, we pray.

Leader: Father, we thank you that in your call to repent you reveal yourself willing to forgive. Thank you, for your compassion to us, your children. We ask that by your Spirit you would bring to mind where we have sinned and that you would hear our silent prayers of personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

...Amen!

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Chris Dietz

Matthew 5:6

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Chris Dietz

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

(Myrin, Redman)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Scott Lewis

OFFERTORY

Before the Throne of God Above

Sanctuary Choir

with "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Arr. by Lloyd Larson

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea;
A great High Priest whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God the just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

*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.*

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

OFFERTORY

Continued

Sanctuary Choir

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Behold Him there! The Risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself, I cannot die, my soul is purchased with His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

✦ 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

Philippians 2:1-11

Pastor Ben

SERMON

The Example of Christ

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE

Congregation

May the Mind of Christ My Savior (Hymn #644, verses 1, 2, and 4)
(Wilkinson, Barham-Gould)

BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

Gloria Patri (Hymn #735)
(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Susan Thompson

✦ Please stand if able

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Sermon Notes

February 16, 2025

The Example of Christ

Philippians 2:1-11

Announcements

Monday, February 17	
Tuesday, February 18	
Women's Bible Study Room 119	9:30am
Wednesday, February 19	
Youth Group Meal/Mtg. FH-Youth Bldg.	6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:15pm
Thursday, February 20	
Women's Bible Study Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, February 21	
Saturday, February 22	
Sunday, February 23	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages Education Bldg.	11:15 am

Missions Presentation

Tim Hoke, African Bible University - Uganda

TODAY, February 16th, 11:15am, Sanctuary

Welcome, Tim! Adults and youth - remain in the sanctuary following the worship service as Tim shares with us about his work with African Bible University (ABU) in Uganda! Children may proceed to their regular post-service activities. Nursery is available. Coffee is in the Gallery!

SCPC Notifications & Reminders

Scan this QR code and click "save to contacts" to make sure SCPC notifications and reminders make it to your email inbox!



Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Pray for our 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

Heather Burch - Praise God for successful eye surgery. Pray for complete healing and for vision stabilization.

Basham Family - A dear family friend, Mary Bonner, recently passed away after a long fight with cancer. Please pray for comfort and peace for the Basham family as well as the Bonner family as they grieve.

Laurie Byerly - Pray for the health, growth, and development of our baby, due Aug. 22nd.

Wykes Family - Pray for comfort and peace for the Wykes and Kerr families as they grieve the passing of Emily's grandpa, Lloyd Steward.

Ruth Stacy - PRAISE GOD for quick medical attention/intervention - all symptoms from Ruth's recent stroke have abated and she was able to return to work last week!

Ongoing health concerns: *Neal Benedict, René & Clairice Chapelle, Jeff Kuhn, Katie Medeiros, Nancy Menefee, Mark Morrow, Ebenezer Musima, Mary Spiritosanto, Liz Zapp*

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Levi Camden, National Guard, Texas

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Joshua Duncan, Army, North Carolina

Felix Espino, Army Reserves, Texas

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Jessy Wykes, Army, Germany

Pray for Our College Students

Claire Achterkirch, Samford University

Kyle Benedict, Lone Star Community College

Ben Chandler, Samford University

Jenna Haaland, Samford University

Olivia Kay, Lone Star Community College

Izzy Tousha, Texas State University

Pray for Our Friends & Family

Vince & Eleanor Tracey thank the church family for praying - PRAISE GOD, their grandson *Elijah's* scan and lumbar test came back clear!

Ian Achterkirch's parents - Pray for healing and strength for his father as he is experiencing challenges related to heart health. Please also pray for strength and good spirits for his mom.

Dan & Elia Reichenberg - Please pray for salvation for their son, Alex, and for employment and a smooth transition as he moves in with Dan & Elia on March 1st and attends Lone Star.

Ongoing concerns: Pray for prodigals to return to the Father.

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month

Pastor Ben Kappers, All Saints Reformed - Saint George, UT

- For wisdom to proceed in the best possible way in 2025.

- For continued provision for the church.

- For continued growth of the church, especially for those parenting teen and pre-teen children.

Email prayer requests to susan@springcypresschurch.com

General Information

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 →

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

Restrooms are located in the Narthex.



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