



*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 20, 2022

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Janice Bradshaw

PRELUDE

Stephanie Hicks

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Stephanie Hicks

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on 2 Timothy 3:14-15,*

*“But as for you, continue in what you have learned
and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it
and how from childhood
you have been acquainted with the sacred writings,
which are able to make you wise for salvation
through faith in Christ Jesus.”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben

Matthew 11:28-29

Leader: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

People: **And I will give you rest.**

Leader: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,

All: **For I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above (Hymn #4, vs. 1, 3, and 6)
(Schultz, Bohemian Brethren's *Gesangbuch* 1566; arr. Greer, Rawsthorne)

What Wondrous Love is This? (Hymn #261)
(American folk hymn, *Southern Harmony* 1835; arr. 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 2:3-4

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Justin Chandler

Leader: Almighty God, we confess that the pride of life is near to us,
and that we often harbor motives of self-promotion
even in the doing of good deeds,
and we tend to put ourselves first
in the prioritization of our lives.

**People: Father, forgive us for not having in us the mind of Christ,
who humbled himself, emptying himself
of all the prerogatives of which his divinity entitled him,
to instead become a servant, obedient even to death.**

Leader: Lord, forgive us, we pray, and grant that we would grow
in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and learn to increasingly put others before ourselves.
Father, hear now our silent prayers of personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Justin Chandler

Zephaniah 3:17

The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Justin Chandler

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

The Power of the Cross
(Getty, Townend)

Congregation

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.*

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Kyle Bodden

OFFERTORY

The Holy Heart

Choir

(arr. IJames)

The Holy Heart was broken, sent from the Father's side;
The Son of God forsaken, the Holy Sacrifice.
*For me He was forsaken, for me He died alone,
My sin forever taken, that I might be His own.*

The Holy Lamb was stricken, abandoned and alone,
He bore the world's affliction, He bore it as His own.

And when my heart is broken, Torn by my sin and pride,
The Son of God now risen will draw me to His side!

✦ 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

James 1:12-18

Pastor Ben

SERMON

*A Matter of Life and Death:
Trials, Temptations, and God's Gifts*

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF PREPARATION

It is Well with My Soul (Hymn #691, vs. 1 and 2)

Congregation

(Spafford, Bliss; arr. Beck, Lawrence)

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

Gideon Michael Harris

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE

It is Well with My Soul (Hymn #691, vs. 3 and 4)

Congregation

(Spafford, Bliss; arr. Beck, Courtney, Lawrence)

✦ BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

Gloria Patri (Hymn #735)

Congregation

(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

POSTLUDE

Janice Bradshaw

Sermon Notes *A Matter of Life and Death: Trials, Temptations, and God's Gifts*

February 20, 2022

James 1:12-18

Announcements

Monday, February 21 - Office Closed (holiday)	
Session Meeting	7:00pm
SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Tuesday, February 22	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Wednesday, February 23	
Youth Group Youth Building	6:30pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Thursday, February 24	
MOPS Play Date Playground & Pavilion	10:00am
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Men's Round Table Spiritosanto home	7:00pm
Friday, February 25	
Saturday, February 26	
Wonderfully Made Fellowship Hall	9:00am
The Training Ground Fellowship Hall	3:00pm
Sunday, February 27	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am

Chili Cook-off and Praise & Worship Night TONIGHT at 5pm

Join us for an evening of good food, friendly competition, and joyful worship! **Dinner begins at 5pm and Praise & Worship at 6pm.** Prizes will be awarded for the best chili!

Directory Photos

We will be taking photos for our online directory **TODAY and next Sunday.** Whether it's your first photo or just an update be sure and stop by The Gallery after worship to have your photo taken!

Men's Round Table

Thursday, February 24, 7 pm, Spiritosanto home
Contact: Jim

Men, join us for a time of fellowship and theological discussion. Articles to be discussed are emailed one week prior to our meetings. To be added to the distribution list email Elisa, elisa@springcypresschurch.com.

Wonderfully Made

Saturday, February 26, 9am-12pm

Contact: Elisa, elisa@springcypresschurch.com

RSVP to Elisa by Wednesday, February 23

Girls in 3rd-9th grade! Join us for the next *Wonderfully Made* event. We will discover from God's Word what it means to be a recipient of redemption and how true women reflect their redemption by serving. Then we will prepare and serve a traditional tea to our mothers and grandmothers.

The Training Ground

Saturday, February 26, 3-7pm

Contact: Elisa, elisa@springcypresschurch.com

RSVP to Elisa by Wednesday, February 23

Boys in 3rd-9th grade and dads, join us for the next *Training Ground* event. We will be wood working, fire building, and cooking camp dinner all while fellowshiping and learning about God's design for men.

Vacation Bible School: *Space Probe*

Monday-Friday, June 13-17, 9am-noon

Contact: Elisa, elisa@springcypresschurch.com

Planning for VBS has begun! There are multiple opportunities to help before and during VBS week. Fill out the Volunteer Survey on our website springcypresschurch.com/vbs or contact Elisa to be a part of this outstanding program!

Women's Conference in New Braunfels

Friday-Saturday, April 8 & 9, 2022

For more information and to register go to: springcypresschurch.com/women. Early registration ends Monday, March 7, after which the cost increases by \$15.

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

Kelly Reneé Cory and family - peace and comfort following the death of her nephew Justin Johnson.

David Farmer - complete healing for torn calf muscle.

Katie Medeiros - PRAISE - Katy has returned home!

Jim Spiritosanto - recovery from heart procedure and continued healing.

Ongoing health concerns: *René & Clairice Chapelle, Carl & Rose Gregory, Rick & Jeanne Maddy.*

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

Bob & Renée Pickard's daughter, *Lynne* - pray for continued healing from heart issues related to Covid.

Tracy & Rusty Allen's niece *Marina Allen* - PRAISE - 60 days alcohol free!

Daniel Garcia (Metanoia Ministry student) - pray for his family and their housing needs after their house was damaged by fire.

Ray Rhoades' mother *Mary Lou* - wisdom regarding infection and uncertain heart challenges. Pray for safe travel for Ray and Martha as they go to see her.

Pete & Rita Rivera's daughter *Michelle* - PRAISE - the pathology report showed no residual cancer!

Mindy Burton's father *Tim Nesbitt* - healing and guidance following COPD and Covid diagnosis.

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Felicity Bodden is due in March.

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month

Julian Zugg, International English Director, MINTS International Seminary

Thanksgiving for 2021: It was a hard year, but the work of the Lord continued.

The students in Uganda and Kenya: Most of the students are ministers, so pray for them and their churches at this difficult time.

The new center in Addis Ababa (capital of Ethiopia): The country is in civil war and things are not stable, but they desire to continue translation work into Amharic.

MINTS students and lectures for 2022

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

Elders

Ian Achterkirch
Justin Chandler
Erik Haaland

Tim Kooiman
Danny McDaniel

The elders may be reached at:
session@springcypresschurch.com

Deacons

Jakob Basham
Kyle Bodden
Bill Dietz
David Farmer

David Jones
Stephen Kovach
Scott Lewis
Bob Pickard

The deacons may be reached at:
alldacons@springcypresschurch.com

Staff

Rev. Ben Duncan, Senior Pastor
ben@springcypresschurch.com

Dr. Wesley Lawrence, Music Director
wesley@springcypresschurch.com

Elisa Haaland, Multidisciplinary Ministry
Coordinator
elisa@springcypresschurch.com

Robin Trygstad, Office Administrator
robin@springcypresschurch.com

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

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