



*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, January 10, 2021

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Janice Bradshaw*

PRELUDE *Saule Garcia*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Pastor Ben*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP *Saule Garcia*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on Habakkuk 2:19,*

*“Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake;  
to a silent stone, Arise!*

*Can this teach?*

*Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver,  
and there is no breath at all in it.”*

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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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✦CALL TO WORSHIP *Pastor Ben*

*Psalm 9:1-2*

Leader: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;

**People: I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.**

Leader: I will be glad and exult in you;

**All: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION *Pastor Ben*

✦SONGS OF ADORATION *Congregation*

*Come Praise and Glorify*  
(Chester, Kauflin)

*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*  
(Redman, Myrin)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW *Ruling Elder Erik Haaland*

*Leviticus 18:4-5*

You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD.

✦*Please stand if able*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Erik Haaland*

Leader: Almighty and Majestic Lord, we confess  
that we have offended you with our many sins,  
with evil words, actions, and intentions.

People: **Lord, we have transgressed against you  
by not observing your commandments,  
by neglecting your holy gifts,  
and by laziness toward our Christian calling and duty.**

Leader: Father, despite our sinfulness, we are confident to approach you  
by the blood of Jesus because you are gracious,  
abounding in steadfast love and mercy...  
to you we come and ask that you would hear our prayers  
of silent confession, and forgive...

*silent confession of personal sin*

Amen.

**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Erik Haaland*

*Ephesians 1:3-4*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed  
us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he  
chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be  
holy and blameless before him.

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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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**PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD**

*Erik Haaland*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

*Day by Day and With Each Passing Moment* (Hymn #676)  
(Berg, Ahnfelt)

**DIACONAL PRAYER**

*Deacon Bob Pickard*

*If you would like to give to SCPC as an act of worship  
you may leave your gift in the offering baskets at the back of the Sanctuary.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Christ our Hope in Life and Death*

*Sanctuary Band*

*(Getty, Kauflin, Papa, Boswell, Merker, arr. Galbraith, Lawrence )*

**Heidelberg Catechism Question & Answer #1:**

Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

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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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**A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

**✦ SONG OF PRAISE**                      *The Doxology* (Hymn #731)                      *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 READING**                      Joel 1:1-20                      *Pastor Ben*

**SERMON**                      *Learning from Calamity*                      *Pastor Ben*

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

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**✦ SONG OF RESPONSE**                      *How Great Thou Art* (Hymn #44)  
(Hine, arr. Greer, Courtney, Lawrence)                      *Congregation*

**✦ BENEDICTION**                      *Pastor Ben*

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

**POSTLUDE**                      *Janice Bradshaw*

# **Sermon Notes**

# **Learning from Calamity**

January 10, 2021

Joel 1:1-20

## Announcements

<b>Monday, January 11</b>		
SAA Meeting Youth Building		7:30pm
<b>Tuesday, January 12</b>		
Women in the Word The Gallery		9:30am
CODA Meeting Youth Building		7:30pm
<b>Wednesday, January 13</b>		
Youth Group Youth Building		6:30pm
<b>Thursday, January 14</b>		
MOPS Playdate Playground		10:00am
Women in the Word The Gallery		7:00pm
Diaconate Meeting Pastor's Office		7:00pm
<b>Friday, January 15</b>		
<b>Saturday, January 16</b>		
<b>Sunday, January 17</b>		
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream		9:00am
Adult Sunday School Sanctuary		10:30am
Senior High Sunday School B215-217		10:30am
Junior High Sunday School Youth Bldg		10:30am
Children's Sunday School Children's Wing		10:30am
Praise & Worship Hymn Sing Sanctuary		6:00pm

### **New Sunday School Classes Begin TODAY!**

Continue worshipping together through the study of God's Word. We have Sunday School classes for all ages! See the insert for a description of each class.

### **Praise & Worship Hymn Sing**

**Next Sunday, January 17, 6:00 pm**

### **Sanctuary & Live Stream**

Make plans to join us for an evening of singing, prayer, and worship!

### **2021 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 next Sunday, January 17th** in support of Pregnancy Assistance Center North in The Woodlands. 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!

### **Women-to-Women Registration!**

#### **Contact: Linda**

Sign up in the Narthex or through the link in last Sunday's email. This is a perfect opportunity to enhance and embrace relationships with other women in our church.

### **Youth Meals**

Please consider blessing our youth by providing a meal before their Wednesday Youth Group meetings. Contact Elisa ([elisa@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:elisa@springcypresschurch.com)) for a link to the sign-up schedule.

### **MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Playdate Thursday at 10:00 am, Pavilion & Playground**

**Contact:** [mops@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:mops@springcypresschurch.com)

Join us for a morning of fun and fellowship!

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

*Diaconate* - Praise God for our wonderful deacons! Pray for them as they fulfill their calling to care for the many and varied physical needs of our church and congregation.

## **Pray for Our Congregation**

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

*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**

*Gina Rieger* (SCPC-supported missionary) - comfort and encouragement as she receives cancer treatments.

Georgia Hofman's sister, *Gloria* - PRAISE - she is home from the hospital

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**

*PCA Ministerial Relief Fund*

- Pray for peace and comfort for the PCA widows, ministers, and ministry families served by this fund.
- Pray for wisdom in the administration of the fund.
- Pray for increased donations so that more people may be served.

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

## Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 31, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

Members - please join us for this important congregational meeting! We will be celebrating what God has done in our midst over the course of 2020 and sharing key goals for 2021 - to include presenting the approved 2021 budget as being instrumental in realizing these goals, and holding an election for officers.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Session has approved the following men to be on the ballot at our Congregational Meeting on January 31st at 6:00 pm.



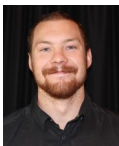
#### **JUSTIN CHANDLER, Elder**

Justin and his wife Kristen have been married for 17 years and have four active children (1st grade through 11th grade). Justin has been working in the oil & gas industry for 13 years, largely as a Quality Manager. He currently serves on the SCPC Missions Team and Youth Leadership team. He has taught 5th and 6th grade Sunday School, as well as youth and adult Sunday School.



#### **DANNY MCDANIEL, Returning Elder**

Danny and his wife Pam have been married for 35 years (as of this February) and have one adult son and daughter-in-law. Danny is a practicing CPA in the area. He is a past treasurer of SCPC, and has previously taught adult Sunday school.



#### **JAKOB BASHAM, Deacon**

Jakob and his wife Elizabeth have been members of SCPC for four years. They have two young children, Joram and Nova. Jakob came to the Lord at a young age and was baptized in high school. His faith has grown through his role as husband, father, and provider for his family, and his knowledge of reformed theology has grown the last four years at Spring Cypress. Jakob enjoys time with his family adventuring out of doors and creating/fixing things.



#### **STEPHEN KOVACH, Deacon**

Steve and his wife Deborah have been at SCPC for over two years. They have four crazy kids (Lilly, Travis, Anna, and Daniel) and have both served in many ministries since joining the church including Children's Church, teaching children's Sunday School, Missions Team, MOPS, Nursery, and Meals Ministry, and are blessed to have found the Spring Cypress family. Steve was saved at a young age and came to the reformed faith while serving in the Navy. He has been in the PCA since 2005, recently serving as a deacon at a PCA church for four years and he looks forward to serving Spring Cypress on the diaconate.



#### **SCOTT LEWIS, Returning Deacon**

Scott grew up in Biloxi where he met his wife Misti on the first day of high school, and they have been married for 35 years. Scott works in purchasing for Coca-Cola. He became a Christian shortly after moving to Houston in 1987. They have three adult children and have been members of SCPC for 12 years.



## New Sunday School Classes Begin TODAY at 10:30 am

### **ADULTS** Sanctuary

#### **Reformed Soteriology**

**taught by Pastor Ben**

Pastor Ben will lead us through an in-depth course on Reformed Soteriology. This class will emphasize the covenantal nature of redemption as well as the interrelatedness of the various loci of Christian theology that contribute to “the faith” once for all delivered to the saints. Finally, class participants will grow in their understanding of theological methodology, that is: how to “do” theological reflection.

### **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH** B215-217

#### **Old Testament Survey**

**taught by Charlton Wimberly**

Many of us know lots of stories from the Old Testament. But we sometimes struggle to understand how all of those stories contribute to one grand overarching narrative that even then, the Creator of the universe was working to redeem a people to himself through Jesus Christ. Senior High youth will survey the Old Testament at the 30,000 foot level—both to understand how God was at work in his people Israel then, and how Jesus could later say that the whole Old Testament pointed forward to his arrival, suffering, and glorification (Luke 24:26-27).

### **JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH** Youth Building

#### **Teach Me Your Way**

**taught by Felix Espino**

This study uses the Sermon on the Mount to demonstrate the character of a true believer: a believer’s surrendering to Jesus in salvation and submitting to His way in obedience. *“Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.”* -Psalm 86:11

### **CHILDREN** Children’s Wing

**Toddlers in our Nursery Ministry** hear Bible stories and participate in activities from the *Show Me Jesus* curriculum as they build a sure foundation.

Our Elementary Students will all be using curriculum by Great Commission Publications. This quarter our **Pre-K and Kindergarten students** will learn that Jesus is the Son of God by following Jesus from the manger to the Mount of Transfiguration. The **Lower Elementary Sunday school class (grades 1-2)** will be focusing on the themes of loving the promise of the Savior; meeting him and responding to him. **Upper Elementary Sunday School (grades 3-5)** will be working through a two-year Bible survey course helping students desire God’s word and grow closer in relationship with Christ. Students will discover the joy of being called to be a part of this grand narrative of redemption as they study the scriptures together!

## 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](http://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](http://springcypresschurch.com/give). **Text** any amount to **84321** to give (standard message and data rates may apply).

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