



*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 17, 2021

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Saule Garcia*

PRELUDE *Janice Bradshaw*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Pastor Ben*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP *Janice Bradshaw*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Joel 2:1,*

*“Blow a trumpet in Zion;
sound an alarm on my holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
for the day of the LORD is coming; it is near.”*

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

✦CALL TO WORSHIP *Pastor Ben*

Psalm 9:7-10

Leader: The LORD sits enthroned forever;
he has established his throne for justice,

People: **And he judges the world with righteousness;
he judges the peoples with uprightness.**

Leader: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.

All: **And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION *Pastor Ben*

✦SONGS OF ADORATION *Congregation*

God of Our Fathers (Hymn #710, verses 1, 3, 4)
(Roberts, Warren)

God the All-Terrible! (Hymn #711, verses 1, 3, 4)
(Chorley, Ellerton, Lwoff)

✦*Please stand if able*

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Isaiah 5:20-21

Ruling Elder Ian Achterkirch

Woe to those who call evil good
and good evil,
who put darkness for light
and light for darkness,
who put bitter for sweet
and sweet for bitter!
Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes,
and shrewd in their own sight!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ian Achterkirch

Leader: Holy, True, and Living God, we come to you
in humble confession of our sins and admission of our guilt.

People: **Lord, we have all, like sheep, gone astray
and have done what is right in our own eyes,
and in so doing we have called evil "good"
and good "evil."**

For this we seek forgiveness.

Leader: Father, we lament that we possess hearts that seem to respond
with greater vigor to things in this world
than to things in your Word.

As your beloved children we come before you now
by means of the Great Shepherd, whose voice we hear,
and to whose voice we respond,
and we ask you to hear our silent prayers of personal confession
and forgive us for Christ's sake...

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Isaiah 53:4-5

Ian Achterkirch

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

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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.*

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

But he was pierced for our transgression;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD *Ian Achterkirch*
concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING *Beneath the Cross* *Congregation*
(Keith & Kristyn Getty)

DIACONAL PRAYER *Deacon David Farmer*
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 *Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)* *Anthony Gatlin*
(Chris Rice)

✦ 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 2:1-17 *Pastor Ben*

SERMON *Return to the Lord Your God* *Pastor Ben*

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE *Congregation*
Christ our Hope in Life and Death (see insert)
(Getty, Kaulin, Papa, Boswell, Merker, arr. Galbraith, Lawrence)

✦ BENEDICTION *Pastor Ben*

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

POSTLUDE *Saule Garcia*

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

Sermon Notes

Return to the Lord Your God

January 17, 2021

Joel 2:1-17

Announcements

Monday, January 18 - Office Closed	
Session Meeting Pastor's Office	7:00pm
SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Tuesday, January 19	
Women in the Word The Gallery	9:30am
CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Wednesday, January 20	
Youth Group Youth Building	6:30pm
Thursday, January 21	
Women in the Word The Gallery	7:00pm
Men's Bible Study Zoom	7:00pm
MOPS Fellowship Hall	7:15pm
Friday, January 22	
Saturday, January 23	
Sunday, January 24	
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

TONIGHT at 6:00 pm

Sanctuary & Live Stream

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

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 (see insert). Please contact Pastor Ben with any questions or concerns, ben@springcypresschurch.com.

2021 Baby Bottle Campaign

Bring back your baby bottles filled with change (or checks made out to PACN) **today and next Sunday!**

This campaign is 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

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

TODAY is the last day to sign up for the spring session of Women-to-Women. This is a perfect opportunity to enhance and embrace relationships with other women in our church. Sign up in the Narthex or email Linda.

Men's Round Table

Thursday, January 28, 7:00 pm, Spiritosanto home

Contact: Jim

Men, join us for a time of fellowship and theological discussion! To receive an email this week with the article to be discussed, contact Elisa,

elisa@springcypresschurch.com.

2020 Giving Statements

Watch for an email next week with a link to your 2020 Giving Statement. If you would prefer a print copy, contact Robin

robin@springcypresschurch.com.

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Staff - Pray that our staff will stay healthy as they take care of the administrative and ministry tasks of our church.

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

Jessy Wykes, Army, Georgia

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

Felix Espino's father, *Felix* - comfort and peace while facing terminal cancer.

Gina Rieger (SCPC-supported missionary) - comfort and encouragement as she begins her second round of 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.

Pray for Our Missionaries as they return to their work overseas

Chris Crowder - plans to return to Chad for 2-1/2 weeks in January.

Derek & Shannon Ebbers - plan to return to Romania mid-January.

Tim & Cheri Hoke - plan to return to Uganda by February.

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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.

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Keith Getty, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Papa,
Matt Boswell, Matthew Merker

♩ = 76



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone! Christ a-
2. What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is
3. Un-to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives! Christ, He



lone! What is our on-ly con-fi-dence? That our souls to Him be-long. Who holds our
good! Where is His grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's blood. Who holds our
lives!" And what re-ward will heav-en bring? Ev-er-last-ing life with Him. There we will



days with-in His hand? What comes, a-part from His com-mand? And what will
faith when fears a-rise? Who stands a-bove the storm-y trial? Who sends the
rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de-stroyed, And we will



keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand. O—
waves that bring us nigh un-to the shore, the rock of Christ?—
feast in end-less joy, When Christ is ours for-ev-er-more!—



chorus
sing hal-le-lu-jah! Our hope springs e-ter-nal; O— sing hal-le-lu-jah! Now and



ev-er we con-fess Christ our hope in life and death. 2. What truth can
3. Un-to the



death. Now and ev-er we con-fess Christ our hope in life and death!

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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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