



*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, January 2, 2022

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Stephanie Hicks*

PRELUDE *Janice Bradshaw*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Pastor Ben*

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH *Way Rutherford* *Pastor Ben*
Reformed University Fellowship, Baylor University

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP *Janice Bradshaw*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Zechariah 2:13,*

*“Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD,
for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP *Pastor Ben*

Isaiah 12:4-6

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name,

People: **Make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.**

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.

All: **Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION *Pastor Ben*

✦SONGS OF ADORATION *Congregation*

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Hymn #193)

(5th cent. Liturgy of St. James, 17th cent. French melody; arr. Vaughan Williams)

Be Thou My Vision (Hymn #642, vs. 1, 2, and 5)

(8th cent. Irish poem, Traditional Irish melody; arr. Evans)

*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

Pastor Ben

Leviticus 20:7-8

Consecrate yourselves, therefore, and be holy, for I am the LORD your God. Keep my statutes and do them; I am the LORD who sanctifies you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Ben

Leader: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

People: **You have called us, as your children, to be holy, even as you are holy.**

Yet we disobey you by what we do, and by what we do not do.

Leader: Father, by your Spirit bring to mind where we have not kept your statutes and hear our prayers of personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

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.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Pastor Ben

Colossians 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Pastor Ben

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

"Let your steadfast love come to me, O LORD, your salvation according to your promise."
Psalm 119:41

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

As with Gladness Men of Old (Hymn #226, vs. 1, 4, and 5)

(Dix, Kocher; arr. Monk)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon David Farmer

OFFERTORY

Wexford Carol
(arr. Funderburk)

Wesley Lawrence

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

We confess our common faith as an expression of our unity in coming to the Lord's Table.

***SONG OF PRAISE** *The Doxology* (Hymn #731) *Congregation*
(Ken, Bourgeois)

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN *Pastor Ben*
After the blessing on the first Sunday of the month, children remain in the service with their parents.

SCRIPTURE TEXT Genesis 9:18-29 *Pastor Ben*

SERMON *When Fresh Starts Don't Stick* *Pastor Ben*

***SONG OF PREPARATION** *Congregation*
Angels from the Realms of Glory (Hymn #218, vs. 1 and 4)
(Montgomery, Smart)

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Pastor Ben*
the Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER *Pastor Ben*

ABOUT THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized, belong to a church which embraces the Gospel, and who look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. Since Communion is a sacrament of sustaining grace, we request that children not participate until they have professed their faith to the elders of this church or their church of regular worship.

*As the communion servers pass in front of you, please remember to take **both** of the stacked cups from the tray. Note that the bread is in the bottom cup and is gluten-free. **Grape juice is in the colored cups in the outer ring, wine is in the clear cups in the inner rings.***

from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper Christ took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

MUSIC OF REFLECTION

Janice Bradshaw

✦SONG OF RESPONSE

Congregation

Worship Christ, the Risen King! (Hymn #286, vs. 1 and 5)
(Hayford, Smart)

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

✦BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Stephanie Hicks

DEACONS' FUND OFFERING

Announcements

Monday, January 3-Office Closed (holiday)	
SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Tuesday, January 4	
Men's Bible Study Room 116	7:00pm
CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Wednesday, January 5	
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Thursday, January 6	
MOPS Room 130	7:00pm
Friday, January 7	
Saturday, January 8	
Sunday, January 9	
Worship & Communion Sanctuary & LS	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am

No Sunday School today

New classes will begin January 9! See insert for a description of the new classes.

Praise God with us!

We finished 2021 on a strong financial note and are well positioned to begin 2022. **Thank you for your generosity!**

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.**

Women-to-Women registration begins today!

Contact: Linda, farmerfive@gmail.com

This is a perfect opportunity to enhance and embrace relationships with other women in our church. Sign up in the Narthex or through a link in the email to be sent out this afternoon.

Men's Bible Study: Amos

Tuesday, January 4, 7:00 pm, Room 116

Contact: Tony, rtousha@gmail.com

Men, join us **the first and third Tuesdays of each month** for this study of the book of Amos. "Affluence, exploitation, and the profit motive were the most notable features of the society which Amos observed and in which he worked. Standards had gone to pot, authority and the rule of law were despised, and national leadership, while reeling in the publicity and dignity of position, seemed to be contributing to the complete breakdown of law and order." -JA Motyer

Choir Rehearsals resume

Wednesday, January 5, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary

Contact: Wesley, wesley@springcypresschurch.com

Join us as we start a new season!

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

Thursday, January 6, 7:00 pm, Room 130

Contact: Carrington, mops@springcypresschurch.com

Mothers of Preschoolers: join us for a time of fun, connection, and encouragement in Christ as we support each other as wives and mothers.

Women in the Word, Room 119

Finding Hope When Life Seems Dark, a study of Hosea, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, & Zephaniah

Tuesdays at 9:30 am (childcare available by reservation, elisa@springcypresschurch.com)

Thursdays at 7:00 pm

Women, join us as we learn how God's prophets challenged His people then and challenge us today, to find hope in God when life seems dark.

Wednesday Family Night

Wednesday, January 12, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

RSVP by Sunday, Jan 9, elisa@springcypresschurch.com

Our monthly Wednesday Family Night is coming soon! Dinner will be served from 6:30-7:00, then the children will have a lesson and activity and parents will be lead in a study.

Youth Meals

Contact: Elisa, elisa@springcypresschurch.com

Please consider blessing our youth by providing a meal before their Wednesday Youth Group meetings. Check your inbox for a link in the email to be sent out this afternoon or contact Elisa for the sign-up sheet.

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Women - Pray that our women mature into the women God has called and created them to be as they bring glory to God in their families, our church, and our community.

Pray for Our Congregation

Rusty Allen - PRAISE - Rusty has had some relief from pain.

Kyle Bodden & family - comfort and peace following the death of his father Jim.

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.

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Emily Wykes is due in December.

Felicity Bodden is due in March.

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month

Way Rutherford, Campus Ministry at Baylor University with Reformed University Fellowship

Praise and thanks to God for a great fall semester: being free of Covid restrictions, a great Fall Conference weekend, successful outreach to freshmen and new students, a fruitful sermon series through Luke, and God at work in the students' hearts in countless ways.

Pray that God will raise up new students for our Ministry Team for the spring semester; for intern Graham Harmon, that he would finish his internship well and for his transition to seminary; for the spring semester, particularly that God will work through the upcoming sermon series through Romans.

Email prayer requests to robin@springcypresschurch.com.



MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH January 2022

WAY & AMY RUTHERFORD MILES, DAVIS & LUCY RUF at Baylor University ruf.org/ministry/baylor-university



Way has served with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) as Campus Minister at Baylor University for seven years. He was born and raised in Meridian, MS, attended Ole Miss (University of Mississippi) in Oxford, and worked with junior and senior high students at Christ Presbyterian Church. After marrying Amy in 2002, they moved to Jackson, MS to attend Reformed Theological Seminary and work with senior high students at First Presbyterian. Upon graduating from RTS in 2007, they moved to Louisville, KY to start an RUF at the University of Louisville, and then moved to Waco in 2014 to begin their work at Baylor. They have been blessed with three children: Miles, Davis, and Lucy.

Praise & Prayer:

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Sermon Notes

When Fresh Starts Don't Stick

January 2, 2022

Genesis 9:18-29



Sunday School Classes Spring Trimester 2022 Sundays at 11:00-11:45 am

Adults

Joshua and the Flow of Biblical History

Annex

Teacher: Tony Tousha

The book of Joshua brings to life real history during the crucial period of transition for the Israelites as they follow God's direction and settle in the promised land. Israel needed discipline in light of their newfound freedom, as they faced the responsibility of living as a covenant people while adapting to change. God's care of his people becomes obvious, and their struggle with disobedience, selfishness, and fear is very human.

Galatians

Room 116

Teacher: Teaching Elder Ken Thurman

The epistle to the Galatians has been called 'the battle-cry of the Reformation,' 'the great charter of religious freedom,' 'the Christian declaration of independence,' etc. It was considered by Martin Luther to be 'the best of all the books in the Bible.' What is it about this book that elicits such sentiment? Join us as we discover and unpack the life-changing message of Galatians!

Youth (6th-12th grade)

The Gospel of John (Junior High)

Room 118

Teacher: Felix Espino

This study of John focuses on the many passages that point to the divinity of Jesus, often referred to as the seven signs; as well as the salvific importance of the final week of Jesus' life. Join us as we gain a greater understanding of our salvation and how we are to "work out our salvation" in everyday living.

Genesis 1-11: From Creation to Babel (Senior High)

Youth Building

Teacher: Andy Moncrief

Faith without a strong foundation crumbles in the face of today's relentless cultural rejections. Christians, young and old, can find the foundation they need in the biblical bedrock of Genesis. This class will equip our youth in building a firm foundation for an orthodox, Christian worldview.

Children

Children's Wing

Toddlers in our Nursery Ministry will be in a unit entitled *God's Son* learning stories from the New Testament about the birth and life of Jesus.

Room 127

Our **Pre-K and Kindergarten** students will be using a curriculum by *Great Commission Publications* (GCP) and will spend the spring trimester learning about God's creation, the fall, the promised Savior, and the new heavens and the new earth.

Room 126

Students in our **Lower Elementary** Sunday school class (grades 1-2) will be using a curriculum by GCP and will spend the spring trimester learning from the book of Genesis.

Room 124

Students in our **Upper Elementary** Sunday School class (grades 3-5) will continue their two-year *Bible survey course* by studying the New Testament. Students will discover the joy of being called to be a part of this grand narrative of redemption as they study the scriptures together!

Room 125

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.

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