



*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 9, 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 Deuteronomy 4:39,*

*“Know therefore today, and lay it to your heart,
that the LORD is God in heaven above
and on earth beneath;
there is no other.”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben

Micah 4:1-2

Leader: It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

People: **And it shall be lifted up above the hills;
and people shall flow to it,**

Leader: And many nations shall come, and say:

People: **“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
That he may teach us his ways,
and that we may walk in his paths.”**

Leader: For out of Zion shall go forth the law,

All: **And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Forever
(Tomlin)

Congregation

Come, Thou Fount

(Robinson, Traditional American melody; arr. Hogan)

*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 Ian Achterkirch

Exodus 20:4-6

You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ian Achterkirch

Leader: Almighty God, you are a most pure spirit and have no body, and you call us to have our thoughts of you shaped by your word rather than by our creative imaginations.

People: Lord, we confess that our hearts are veritable idol factories, and thus we are prone to making for ourselves images of you whereby, out of the construct of our own tainted hearts we might understand and worship you.

Leader: Father, we confess that when we attempt to understand you better by way of the product of our imagination or creativity, rather than by your Word, that we pollute our understanding of you and stray from the way in which you have told us to go.

As God you alone have the right to inform us how you desire to be understood and worshipped. In your loving-kindness, please forgive us for these and our many other sins as you hear our silent prayers of personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

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

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Ian Achterkirch

Jeremiah 31:33-34

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor, and each his brother, saying,
(continued on the next page)

“Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

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

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

✦ **SONG OF THANKSGIVING** *O Great God* *Congregation*
(Kauflin)

DIACONAL PRAYER *Deacon Stephen Kovach*

OFFERTORY *God of Grace* *Choir*
(Getty, Rea; arr. Larson)

✦ **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 Genesis 10:1 – 11:9 *Pastor Ben*

SERMON *A World of Division* *Pastor Ben*

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

✦ **SONG OF PREPARATION** *Congregation*
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (Hymn #252, vs. 1, 2, and 4)
(Watts, Mason; arr. Douglas, Lawrence)

✦ **BENEDICTION** *Pastor Ben*

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

POSTLUDE *Janice Bradshaw*

Sermon Notes

A World of Division

January 9, 2022

Genesis 10:1 - 11:9

Announcements

Monday, January 10		
SAA Meeting Youth Building		7:30pm
Tuesday, January 11		
Women in the Word Room 119		9:30am
CODA Meeting Youth Building		7:30pm
Wednesday, January 12		
Wednesday Family Night Fellowship Hall		6:30pm
Youth Group Youth Building		6:30pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary		6:30pm
Thursday, January 13		
MOPS Play Date Pavilion & Playground		10:00am
Diaconate Meeting Pastor's Office		7:00pm
Women in the Word Room 119		7:00pm
Friday, January 14		
Saturday, January 15		
Sunday, January 16		
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream		9:30am
Sunday School for all ages		11:00am

New Sunday School classes begin today

See insert for a description of the new classes.

Praise God with us!

We finished 2021 on a strong financial note at 111% of our budgeted income, and are well positioned for 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 next Sunday, January 16th.**

Joint Presbytery Evening Worship Service

Sunday, January 30, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary
Please join us for this unique opportunity to worship alongside members of some sister churches in our Presbytery. This will be a joyous celebration of the connectional nature of the Church in our area. A fellowship dinner will be served afterwards. **RSVP by Wednesday, January 19th to Elisa, elisa@springcypresschurch.com.**

Women-to-Women registration

Contact: Linda

Register by next Sunday, January 16

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 sent January 2nd.

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 TODAY, 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 led 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 sent January 2nd or contact Elisa for the sign-up sheet.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 6, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

Members, make plans to join us for this important meeting. We will celebrate what God has done in our midst over the course of 2021, share key goals for 2022, including the approved 2022 budget, and hold an election for the office of Deacon. More information about each officer candidate will be included in next Sunday's bulletin.

Kyle Bodden
Bill Dietz
David Jones
Bob Pickard

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

College Students - Pray that they will grow in their faith and be salt and light to their friends and professors as the new semester begins.

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.

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

Pete & Rita Rivera's daughter, *Michelle* - recently diagnosed with uterine cancer; pray for successful surgery on January 21 and complete healing.

Tracy & Rusty Allen's niece, *Marina Allen* - successful rehab for alcoholism, wisdom and understanding.

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Emily Wykes is due any day!

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.



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

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)

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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