



*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, March 21, 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 Matthew 4:17,*

*“From that time Jesus began to preach, saying,  
‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

*Pastor Ben*

*Psalm 67:4-5*

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

People: **For you judge the peoples with equity,  
and guide the nations upon the earth.**

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

All: **Let all the peoples praise you!**

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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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✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Pastor Ben*

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

*Come Thou Fount*

(Robinson, Traditional American Melody, arr. Hogan)

*Forever*

(Tomlin)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

*Ruling Elder Ian Achterkirch*

*1 John 3:8-10*

Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. By this it is evident who are the

✦*Please stand if able*

children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Ian Achterkirch*

Leader: O King of Glory, we confess that our praise of your majesty  
has often been faint,  
and our allegiance as citizens of your kingdom often treasonous.

**People: For we have both surrendered to,  
and followed the enemy  
by our secret and known sins.**

Leader: Father, we know that it was for our unfaithfulness  
that our Lord Jesus died.

And for our restoration he rose again.

By your Spirit's continuing discipline, grant that we would be  
increasingly loving and loyal servants of the King.

Hear now our silent prayers of personal confession  
and forgive us for the sake of Christ...

*silent confession of personal sin*

Amen.

**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Ian Achterkirch*

*1 John 1:4-7*

And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

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

*Ian Achterkirch*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

*My Worth is Not in What I Own*

(Getty, Kendrick)

**DIACONAL PRAYER**

*Deacon Stephen Kovach*

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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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*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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**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Oh What a Love*  
(Kendrick, Townend)

*Cathy & Scott Thibaut*

Oh what a love I've found that first loved me.  
Oh what a joy is mine! What liberty, how wide, how wonderful,  
The grace that taught my soul to sing.

*Hallelujah, what a Savior! Oh what mercy,  
There has never been a greater love,  
All the glory, praise, and honor to the One who first loved me.*

Pierced by Your love's pure gaze, I saw my sin paid at the cross of shame.  
Now I am clean, how deep the mystery  
That You my God should die for me.

**✦ SONG OF PRAISE**

*The Doxology* (Hymn #731)  
(Ken, Bourgeois)

*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**

2 Thessalonians 2:1-17

*Pastor Ben*

**SERMON**

*Standing Firm Until the End, Part 2*

*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 PREPARATION**

*When the Roll is Called Up Yonder* (Hymn #541, vs. 1 and 2)  
(Black)

*Congregation*

**SERVICE OF BAPTISM**

*Malachi Chang Lin*

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF RESPONSE**

*When the Roll is Called Up Yonder* (Hymn #541, vs. 1 and 3)  
(Black)

*Congregation*

**✦ BENEDICTION**

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF BLESSING**

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

*Congregation*

**POSTLUDE**

*Janice Bradshaw*

## **Sermon Notes**

## **Standing Firm Until the End, Part 2**

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March 21, 2021

2 Thessalonians 2:1-17

# Announcements

<b>Monday, March 22</b>	
Session Meeting Pastor's Office	7:00pm
SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
<b>Tuesday, March 23</b>	
Women in the Word The Gallery	9:30am
Bell Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	7:00pm
CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
<b>Wednesday, March 24</b>	
Choir Rehearsal The Gallery	6:00pm
Youth Group Youth Building	6:30pm
New Member Class B119-121	7:00pm
<b>Thursday, March 25</b>	
MOPS Play Date Playground & Pavilion	10:00am
Women in the Word The Gallery	7:00pm
Men's Round Table Pavilion	7:00pm
<b>Friday, March 26</b>	
<b>Saturday, March 27</b>	
Youth Movie Night Youth Building	7:00pm
<b>Sunday, March 28 - Palm Sunday</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

**Missions Presentation during Sunday School**  
**TODAY at 10:30 am, Sanctuary**

Adults and Youth, join us as we learn about the work of Gospel Lakes Ranch in New Waverly, TX.

**Palm Sunday Children's Choir**  
**Rehearsal TODAY after Sunday School, Sanctuary**  
**Contact: Elisa, [elisa@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:elisa@springcypresschurch.com)**

The children of the church will be aiding us in worship next Sunday. There is a rehearsal TODAY immediately following Sunday School.

**Deacon Nominations**

The selection of men to serve in the office of Deacon is the duty and privilege of the members of the congregation of Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church. Deacon Nomination forms are available in the Narthex and contain more information about the process and qualifications. All nominations must be received by NEXT SUNDAY, March 28.

**Get involved with Music for Holy Week**

**Contact: Wes, [wesley@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:wesley@springcypresschurch.com)**

**Choir** will be meeting for two Wednesdays to prepare an anthem each for Good Friday and Easter Sunday! Rehearsals will be at **6 pm, March 24 and 31**. Join us, even if you haven't sung with the SCPC choir before! If you would like to see the anthems ahead of the first rehearsal, send Wes an email. What a joy it will be to sing together again as a choir!

There will be a **Bell Choir for Easter Sunday**. Join us for two Tuesday night rehearsals at **7 pm on March 23 and 30**. If you plan to participate let Wes know you're coming by sending him a text or email.

Yes, you can do BOTH!

**Good Friday Service**

**Friday, April 2, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary & Live Stream**

Join us for a contemplative service where we will reflect on Christ's incredible sacrifice for us, through scripture, music, and a homily from Pastor Ben.

**Easter Worship**

**9:00 am, Sanctuary & Live Stream**

**10:30 am, Sanctuary**

Join us at one of our **two identical services** for joyous worship, celebrating our risen Lord! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

**Youth Group Movie Night**

**Saturday, March 27, 7:00 pm, Youth Building**

**Contact: Susy**

Calling all senior high and junior high students: mark your calendar and join us for dinner, a movie, and popcorn. See you then!

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

*Missions* - Pray for our Missions team as they pray for and provide encouragement to the missionaries supported by SCPC.

## **Pray for Our Congregation**

*Nicholas Ritchie and family* - peace and comfort following the death of his father, Wayne.

*Tony Tousha* - employment.

Ongoing health concerns: *Eldon & Virginia Faries, Carl & Rose Gregory, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, and 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**

Glenn Ayles' father, *Rodney* - peace and comfort while experiencing failing health.

*Gina Rieger* (SCPC-supported missionary) - comfort and encouragement during her ongoing cancer treatments.

## **Pray for Our Expectant Mothers**

*Kathryn Ritchie* is due in March.

*Carrington Jones* is due in July.

## **Pray for Our Missionary of the Month**

*Southwest Church Planting Network (SWCPN)*

- Pray for the pastors of church plants that they would boldly preach the Gospel and wisely minister to their growing flocks.
- Pray for RUF campus ministers as they mentor student leaders, plan outreach to students on campus, and share the gospel one-on-one, online, and in small group settings.
- Pray for people to join in SWCPN's mission whether as a planter, one who waters, or one who prays for growth.
- Pray for increased funds to support SWCPN and wisdom in the administration of those funds.

*Email prayer requests to robin@springcypresschurch.com.*

## 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](http://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 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.

You may place your gift in the offering baskets at the back of the Sanctuary, mail a check to the church office, or give online at [springcypresschurch.com/give](http://springcypresschurch.com/give)

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## Our Church Leadership & Staff

### Elders

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