

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, November 12, 2023

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Brooke Lewis

PRELUDE Brooke Lewis

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ruling Elder Justin Chandler

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Brooke Lewis

Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship, and reflect on Hebrews 12:28-29

"...let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire."

+CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Justin Chandler

from Psalm 113:1-4

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the

name of the LORD!

People: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and

forevermore!

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD

is to be praised!

All: The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the

heavens!

+SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Rejoice

(Getty, Getty, Shive, Peterson, Fowler)

O Worship the King (Hymn #2, verses 1, 2, 4, and 5) (Grant, Kraus)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Justin Chandler

1 Peter 2:1-2

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation –

"Give me understanding that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart." Psalm 119:34

Worship begins where spiritual

life begins - with

God's call. Appropriately.

we respond with prayers and

songs of adoration.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Justin Chandler

Leader: Almighty God, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all

of our sin.

People: Please forgive us for our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, and our neglect of your wise and gracious Law.

Leader: Father, transform us by your grace so that we might desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command. Hear now our silent prayers of personal confession, and please pardon our transgressions for the sake of Christ...

silent confession of personal sin

...amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Justin Chandler

Psalm 103:2-4

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Justin Chandler
concluding with the Lord's Prayer

+SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us (Hymn #599) (Thrupp, Bradbury)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Bob Pickard

OFFERTORY We Will Feast in the House of Zion Praise Team

(McCracken, Moore)

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

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

Erik Haaland

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.

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.

"Let your steadfast love come to me, O LORD, your salvation according to your promise." Psalm 119:41 SCRIPTURE TEXT John 10:1-31 Rev. Paul Miller

SERMON Jesus, Our Good Shepherd Rev. Paul Miller

+SONG OF RESPONSE Congregation

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (Hymn #598)

(Williams, Hughes)

†BENEDICTION Rev. Paul Miller

+SONG OF BLESSING Gloria Patri (Hymn #735) Congregation

(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

POSTLUDE Brooke Lewis

We are called to be faithful stewards of God's Word. Therefore, we eagerly and unashamedly read and proclaim the whole counsel of Scripture. Sermon Notes
November 12, 2023

*Jesus, Our Good Shepherd*John 10:1-31

Announcements

Monday, November 13		
Tuesday, November 14 Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am	
Wednesday, November 15	v.o otani	
Enfuego Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm	
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm	
Thursday, November 16 Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm	
Friday, November 17 Enfuego Youth Grp Altitude Trampoline Park	7:00pm	
Saturday, November 18		
Sunday, November 19		
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am	
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am	
Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal FH	12:00pm	

Rev. Paul Miller, Guest Preacher Sunday, November 12, 9:30am, Sanctuary

Paul graduated from Westminster Theological Seminary in 2008 and served for seven years as the founding RUF campus minister at Texas A&M Corpus Christi. In 2019, Paul accepted the call to be the first Regional Director for Metanoia Prison Ministries in Texas. In 2023, Paul's wife, Laura, joined the Metanoia team as his part-time Administrative Assistant. Their son, Jack, enjoys playing the violin, theater, and choir.

Following the worship service, adults and youth are invited to remain in the sanctuary and learn more about Paul's ministry with Metanoia Prison Ministries in Texas, and the exciting growth they have seen over the last four years!

Children's Sunday school will meet at normal time/location. Please check your child(ren) in at the Children's Kiosk and pick them up following the Missionary Presentation.

Operation Christmas Child Monday, November 13th, by NOON, Church Office Contact: Justin Chandler

Today was the last day to return OCC shoeboxes to the Narthex. If you forgot to bring yours, please drop it by the church office by noon **TOMORROW!** Thank you for participating!

Enfuego Youth - Altitude Trampoline Park Friday, November 17th, 7pm Contact: Wayne Lin

Invite your friends and meet us **THIS FRIDAY** at the Altitude Trampoline Park! \$10 per person covers admission, food, and two hours of jumping!

Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal Sunday, November 19th, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall Contact: Kyra Moncrief

Sign up in the Narthex **TODAY** to bring your family's favorite side dish and join your SCPC family for an amazing Thanksgiving feast **NEXT SUNDAY**. Turkey, cranberry sauce, and rolls will be provided!

Service of Thanksgiving Thursday, November 23rd, 10:00am, Sanctuary Contact: Susan Cochran

susan@springcypresschurch.com

Don't miss the opportunity to bring your family for this brief but meaningful service as we begin Thanksgiving Day sharing our thankfulness for God's gracious mercies to us individually and as a church family this year!

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

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

Pray for Our Congregation

Greg Hill - Pray for quick recovery from a reverse shoulder replacement surgery, and for the mobility and strength of his arm.

Musima family - Ebenezer has been placed on dialysis and is need of a transplant. *Thecla's* father passed away. Please pray for comfort and strength as they trust in God's perfect will and timing during this challenging time.

Jackie Toothman - Please pray for healing, pending test results, and treatment options.

Ongoing health concerns: Neal Benedict, Hannah Byerly, René & Clairice Chapelle, Joyce Hill, Jeff Kuhn, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, Katie Medeiros, Mark Morrow, Mary Spiritosanto.

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Washington Christian Cory, Army, New York Chris Dietz, Navy Reserves, Texas Felix Espino, Army Reserves, Texas Joshua Duncan, Army, North Carolina Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department Jessy Wykes, Germany

Pray for Our College Students

Claire Achterkirch, Samford University Rebekah Allcorn, Abilene Christian University Kyle Benedict, Lone Star College Ben Chandler, Samford University Rebekah Duncan, Blinn College Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University Jenna Haaland, Samford University Aiden Steagall, Texas A&M Izzy Tousha, Texas State AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Pray for Our Friends & Family.

Vincent & Eleanor Tracey's grandson *Elijah* - Pray for protection from infection, fevers, and severe side-effects as he has started another round of chemo treatments. Pray for stable blood count numbers, healing, strength, and for him to regain all motor functions.

Emily Wykes friend, *Annabelle Valadez*, for the unexpected loss of her father.

Thecla Musima's mother *Elizabeth Maloba* - Please pray for safety and comfort as she has traveled to Cameroon for the burial of her husband, Thecla's father.

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Carrington Jones due in November.

Maretha Kritzinger due in March.

Emily Wykes due in March.

Brooke Lewis due in April.

Katelyn Schaeffer due in May.

Pray for Paul Miller, Regional Director for Metanoia Prison Ministries in Texas

- Please pray for the LORD to provide mentors for the Boyd Unit.
- Please pray that I will find churches around the Boyd Unit that will be willing to partner with me and send mature believers into the Boyd Unit to mentor inmates.
- Please pray that the LORD will send volunteers for our correspondence ministry.

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 touchscreen 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.

Our Church Leadership & Staff

Our Session		Our Principal Staff
Justin Chandler Ben Duncan	Erik Haaland Danny McDaniel	Rev. Ben Duncan, Senior Pastor ben@springcypresschurch.com
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If you've lost or misplaced an item, please check with the office.

Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm