



*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 13, 2022

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Janice Bradshaw*

### PRELUDE

*Brooke Lewis*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor Ben*

### PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Brooke Lewis*

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

*“Therefore let us be grateful  
for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,  
and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship,  
with reverence and awe,  
for our God is a consuming fire.”*

### ✦CALL TO WORSHIP

*Pastor Ben*

*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!**

### ✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Pastor Ben*

### ✦SONGS OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

*Praise to the Lord the Almighty* (Hymn #53, vs. 1, 3, and 5)  
(Neander, *Stralsund Gesangbuch*)

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King* (Hymn #310, vs. 1-4)  
(Wesley, Darwall)

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

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✦Please stand if able

**DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW**

*Ruling Elder Ian Achterkirch*

*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.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Ian Achterkirch*

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...

*silent confession of personal sin*

...amen.

**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Ian Achterkirch*

*Psalms 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**

*Ian Achterkirch*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

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

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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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<b>✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING</b>	<i>Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right</i> (Rodigast, Braud )	<i>Congregation</i>
<b>DIACONAL PRAYER</b>		<i>Deacon Bob Pickard</i>
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<i>By Faith</i> (Getty, Townend; arr. Galbraith, Lawrence)	<i>Band and Choir</i>
<b>✦ SONG OF PRAISE</b>	<i>The Doxology</i> (Hymn #731) (Ken, Bourgeois)	<i>Congregation</i>
<b>BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN</b>		<i>Pastor Ben</i> <i>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.</i>
<b>SCRIPTURE TEXT</b>	Judges 2:20b – 3:6	<i>Rev. Ken Thurman</i>
<b>SERMON</b>	<i>The Canaanization of the Church (Pt. 3)</i> <i>The Divine Perspective - The Testing and Failure of Israel</i>	<i>Rev. Thurman</i>
<b>✦ SONG OF RESPONSE</b>	<i>Living Hope</i> (Wickham, Johnson; arr. Martin)	<i>Congregation</i>
<b>✦ BENEDICTION</b>		<i>Pastor Ben</i>
<b>✦ SONG OF BLESSING</b>	<i>Gloria Patri</i> (Hymn #735) (Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)	<i>Congregation</i>
<b>POSTLUDE</b>		<i>Janice Bradshaw</i>

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

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## **Sermon Notes**

## **The Canaanization of the Church (Pt. 3)**

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November 13, 2022

The Divine Perspective - The Testing and Failure of Israel

Judges 2:20b—3:6

## Announcements

<b>Monday, November 14</b>	
SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
<b>Tuesday, November 15</b>	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Men's Bible Study Room 118	7:00pm
CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
<b>Wednesday, November 16</b>	
Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
<b>Thursday, November 17</b>	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
<b>Friday, November 18</b>	
<b>Saturday, November 19</b>	
<b>Sunday, November 20</b>	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am
Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal Fellowship Hall	12:00pm
Decking the Halls Sanctuary	1:00pm

### **November Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal**

**NEXT SUNDAY, November 20, 12:00 pm,**  
Fellowship Hall

**Contact: Kyra**

Mark your calendar and join us for our November Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal! The church will provide some of the traditional turkey dinner. We'd love your help (preparing the meal or bringing side dishes) so if you're able, sign up **TODAY** in the Narthex or respond to the sign-up email sent last Sunday, November 6.

### **Service of Thanksgiving**

**Thursday, November 24, 10:00 am, Sanctuary**

Make plans to attend a brief but meaningful service as we share our thankfulness for God's gracious mercies to us.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

**TODAY** is the last day to drop off your filled shoeboxes! **Did you forget to bring your box?** Boxes will be delivered later this week so bring your filled box to the church office **no later than Wednesday, November 16.** Note: Operation Christmas Child requests a donation of \$10/box for postage. You may either write a check to SCPC for \$10 or go online, donate, and print your own label.

**Would you like others to pack a box for you?** Consider Building a Shoebox Online at SCPC's Build a Shoebox Goal Page. The link can be found on our website:  
[springcypresschurch.com/operation-Christmas-child](http://springcypresschurch.com/operation-Christmas-child)

### **Decking the Halls**

**Sunday, November 20, 1:00 pm, Sanctuary**

**Contact: Zoe**

**Saturday, November 26, 10am-noon, Sanctuary**

**Contact: Kate**

Help decorate our campus for Christmas! Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success. No previous experience needed, just come have fun making our space look festive!

### **SCPC Advent Activities**

Advent is almost here! Make plans to join in our celebrations.

**November 27 - 1st Sunday of Advent: Denim Day**

**December 1 - Women's Christmas Party (7pm)**

**December 4 - 2nd Sunday of Advent: Classy Christmas Colors**

**December 11 - 3rd Sunday of Advent: Ugly Sweater**

**December 11 - Music Ministry Christmas Program (6pm)**

**December 16 - Youth Christmas Party**

**December 18 - 4th Sunday of Advent: Flannel Day**

**December 18 - Christmas Fellowship Meal**

**December 24 - Christmas Eve Service (6pm)**

**December 25 - Christmas Day Sunday Worship**

# 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**

*Neal Benedict* - recovery from surgery to remove a cancerous kidney.

*Jeff Kuhn* - staying hydrated and regaining strength.

*Andy Moncrief and his mother Norma* - wisdom, and provision following the death of Andy's father, Ben.

Ongoing health concerns: *René & Clairice Chapelle, Carl & Rose Gregory, Rick & Jeanne Maddy,*

*Katie Medeiros, Mark Morrow, Jim & Mary Spiritosanto.*

## **Pray for Our Military and First Responders**

*Peter Achterkirch*, Army, Washington

*Christian Cory*, Army, New York

*Chris Dietz*, Navy Reserves, Texas

*Joshua Duncan*, Army, Georgia

*Shawn Maya*, Spring Fire Department

*Jessy Wykes*, Army, Europe

## **Pray for Our College Students**

*Charlotte Achterkirch*, Samford University

*Claire Achterkirch*, Samford University

*Zach Allan*, Tarleton State University

*Rebekah Duncan*, Montana State University

*Austin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*Justin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*Jenna Haaland*, Samford University

*Rebekah Kooiman*, Abilene Christian University

*Ayden Steagall*, Lone Star College

*AJ Tousha*, Lone Star College

*Izzy Tousha*, Lone Star College

## **Pray for Our Expectant Mothers**

*Theresa Adams* is due in February.

*Christine Harris* is due in March.

*Kathryn Ritchie* is due in April.

## **Pray for Our Family & Friends**

Leslee Stollberg's father *James* - recovery from surgery to repair broken femur.

Christine Harris' cousin *Mary* and *Mary's parents* - healthy pregnancy for Mary while caring for her parents who have stage 4 cancer.

*Greg Lawrence family* (PCA pastor in Louisville, KY) - their daughter's fiancé *Noah* who has been critically injured in a motorcycle accident.

Heather Burch's sister *Kerri* - her surgery was postponed; pray that it can be rescheduled for this year.

Jolene Wyke's brother *Kevin* - healing from complications from open heart surgery.

Susy Tousha's cousin *Ingrid* - PRAISE - she is healing well and would still appreciate prayer.

Amy Haaland's friend *Karen McDougald* - strength and healing as she undergoes surgery, chemo, and then radiation for stage one breast cancer.

## **Prayer and Praise for Our Missionary of the Month**

*Aaron & Rachel Halbert*, Mission to the World (PCA), Tegucigalpa, Honduras

### **Prayer requests:**

Continued growth for the church not only in number, but in depth and love and affection for the Lord

Jesus; wisdom as we seek to purchase the property we met at so we can expand our worship space;

Sunday School starting in the spring for the first time; recruiting more church planters.

### **Thanksgiving:**

We had our largest attendance to date in October!

The Lord has been gracious to us in the next steps of establishing a seminary in Tegucigalpa.

God's kindness in granting us multiple men with the desire to go into the 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](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 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](http://springcypresschurch.com/give).

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