



*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, November 15, 2020

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Janice Bradshaw*

PRELUDE

*Saule Garcia*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Ruling Elder Ian Achterkirch*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Saule Garcia*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on Habakkuk 2:20,*

*“But the LORD is in his holy temple;  
let all the earth keep silence before him.”*

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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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✦CALL TO WORSHIP

*Ian Achterkirch*

*Psalm 95:1-2*

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

People: **Let us make a joyful noise  
to the rock of our salvation!**

Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

All: **Let us make a joyful noise to him  
with songs of praise!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Ian Achterkirch*

✦SONG OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

*Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love*

*(Keyes, Getty, Papa, Brown)*

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

*Ian Achterkirch*

*James 1:22-24*

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.

✦*Please stand if able*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Ian Achterkirch*

Leader: Almighty God, we come to you very aware that we are sinners  
who have failed to do what you have commanded us  
in your Word.

People: **We know that it is not enough to be hearers of your Word,  
but that we must be doers of the Word.  
Despite knowing this, too often we have been pleased  
to be a law to ourselves,  
giving in to our selfish desires,  
rather than obeying your Word.**

Leader: Father, our great hope is that you have sent your Son  
to redeem us from our sin,  
and you have sent your Holy Spirit  
to empower us to obey your law.  
Grant that we would obey your Word with renewed energy  
as an expression of our devotion to you,  
and hear our silent prayers of personal confession...

*silent confession of personal sin*  
Amen.

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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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**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Ian Achterkirch*

*Romans 8:38-39*

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things  
present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything  
else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ  
Jesus our Lord.

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

*Ian Achterkirch*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

***Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!*** (Hymn #498, vs 1-4)  
(Chapman, Pritchard)

**BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN**

*Ian Achterkirch*

*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.*

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

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SCRIPTURE READING	1 Samuel 22:1-2	<i>David Williams</i>
SERMON	<i>Brothers Born of Adversity</i>	<i>David Williams</i>
✦ SONG OF RESPONSE	<b><i>His Mercy is More</i></b> (Boswell, Papa)	<i>Congregation</i>
✦ BLESSING		<i>David Williams</i>
✦ SONG OF BLESSING	<b><i>Gloria Patri</i></b> (Hymn #735) (Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)	<i>Congregation</i>
POSTLUDE		<i>Janice Bradshaw</i>

**Sermon Notes**

**Brothers Born of Adversity**

November 15, 2020

1 Samuel 22:1-2

## Announcements

<b>Monday, November 16</b>		
Session Meeting Pastor's Office		7:00pm
SAA Meeting Youth Building		7:30pm
<b>Tuesday, November 17</b>		
Women in the Word The Gallery		9:30am
CODA Meeting Youth Building		7:30pm
<b>Wednesday, November 18</b>		
Youth Group Youth Building		6:30pm
<b>Thursday, November 19</b>		
Women in the Word The Gallery		7:00pm
Men's Bible Study Zoom		7:00pm
MOPS Fellowship Hall		7:15pm
<b>Friday, November 20</b>		
<b>Saturday, November 21</b>		
<b>Sunday, November 22</b>		
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream (LS)		9:00am
Adult Sunday School Sanctuary & LS		10:15am
Senior High Sunday School B215-217		10:15am
Junior High Sunday School Youth Bldg		10:15am
Children's Sunday School Fellowship Hall		10:15am

### **Welcome Back, David Williams!**

David Williams is soon to graduate from Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS) Houston and is preparing for ordination. He has a heart for missions and has served as pastoral intern for the past four years at Christ Evangelical Presbyterian Church (PCA), as well as Director of Admissions at RTS Houston. He's married to his lovely wife, Robyn.

### **Service of Thanksgiving**

**Thursday, November 26, 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**

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are still available! Pick up one (or two) by the Christmas Tree in the Narthex today.

**Return filled shoeboxes with \$9 (if by check, made out to SCPC) for postage no later than NEXT SUNDAY, November 22nd.** MOPS moms will deliver the filled boxes to the drop off location the following day.

Would you like others to pack a box for you? Consider Building a Shoebox Online at SCPC's Build a Shoebox Goal Page: [springcypresschurch.com/operation-Christmas-child](http://springcypresschurch.com/operation-Christmas-child)

### **CONTACTS FOR EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK**

#### **Women in the Word**

**Tuesdays at 9:30 am, The Gallery**

**Contact: Julie**

Childcare by reservation, contact Elisa ([elisa@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:elisa@springcypresschurch.com))

**Thursdays at 7:00 pm, The Gallery**

**Contact: Robin** ([robin@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:robin@springcypresschurch.com))

#### **Youth Group - Junior & Senior High Students**

**Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, Youth Building**

**Contact: Susy**

#### **MOPS**

**Thursday, November 19, 10:00 am**

**Fellowship Hall**

([MOPS@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:MOPS@springcypresschurch.com))

#### **Men's Bible Study**

**Thursday, November 19, 7:00 pm, Zoom**  
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# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

*College Students & Professors* - Pray for good health and perseverance as our college students and professors prepare for the end of the fall semester.

## **Pray for Our Congregation**

*Eldon Faries* - healing from kidney infection.

*Rose & Carl Gregory* - strength for Rose and wisdom for Carl as he arranges care for Rose.

*Wayne & Ashley Lin* - PRAISE - we rejoice with the Lins at the birth of *Malachi Chang* born on November 3rd. Baby and mom are doing well!

*Jess & Neal McGlothlin* - PRAISE - we rejoice with the McGlothlins at the birth of *Karris Heidi* born on October 22nd. Baby and mom are home and doing well!

*Ray Rhoades* - successful knee replacement surgery on November 16th with no complications and quick and complete healing.

*Scott Thibaut* - wisdom for management of recently diagnosed rheumatoid arthritis & Behcet's disease.

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

*Peter Achterkirch*, Army, Washington

*Chris Dietz*, Navy, Texas

*Christian Cory*, Army, New York

*Shawn Maya*, Spring Fire Department

## **Pray for Our College Students**

*Charlotte Achterkirch*, Samford University

*Jacob Kerr*, Texas A&M University

*Ian Allan*, Calvin University

*Rebekah Kooiman*, Abilene Christian University

*Zach Allan*, Tarleton State University

*Aaron Lewis*, Texas Tech University

*Austin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*Lauren Steagall*, University of Houston

*Justin Gatlin*, Louisiana State University

*AJ Tousha*, Lone Star College

## **Pray for Our Families and Friends**

Glenn Ayles' father, *Rodney Ayles* - healing of stage 5 kidney failure and congestive heart failure.

Danny McDaniel's mother, *Joyce* - wisdom regarding treatment options for recently diagnosed stage 1 pancreatic cancer.

## **Pray for Our Expectant Mother**

*Kathryn Ritchie* in March

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

*Gospel Lakes Ranch*, New Waverly, Texas

- Pray that Gospel Lakes Ranch will be able to emerge fully operational after the COVID-19 crisis has cleared.
- The company that provides transportation to and from the inner city is in financial trouble and may not be able to help the Ranch much longer. Pray that they will continue to be able to operate.

*Email prayer requests to [robin@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:robin@springcypresschurch.com).*



# Advent at SCPC



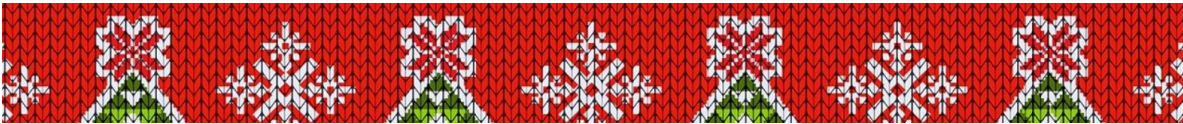
## First Sunday of Advent - November 29th Denim Sunday

*Let's kick off the advent season with Denim Sunday.  
Strut your denim and join in on our advent fun!*



## Second Sunday of Advent - December 6th Classy Christmas Colors

*Wear your classiest Christmas-colored clothes  
to worship on the 2nd Sunday of Advent.*



## Third Sunday of Advent - December 13th Ugly Sweater Sunday

*Continue our advent fun by showing off your ugliest Christmas sweater  
on the 3rd Sunday of Advent!*



## Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 20th Flannel Sunday

*Soft flannel, plaid flannel, solid-colored flannel - be warm and comfy in your flannel  
on the 4th Sunday of Advent!*



## 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 at the Visitor's Center.
- If you do not have a Bible of your own, please stop by the Visitor's Center.
- To see how our church participates in the global cause for Christ, check out the touch-screen monitor in the Narthex

Restrooms are located in the Narthex.

To learn more about us and our ministries, visit our website, [springcypresschurch.com](http://springcypresschurch.com)

Like and follow us on Facebook: *Spring Cypress Church*

### 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.

If you would like to give via **check**, please make your check payable to SCPC. **Online giving** is available at [springcypresschurch.com/give](http://springcypresschurch.com/give). **Text** any amount to **84321** to give (standard message and data rates may apply).

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