



*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 20, 2022

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Brooke Lewis*

PRELUDE

*Janice Bradshaw*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor Ben*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Janice Bradshaw*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on Luke 18:17,*

*“Truly, I say to you,  
whoever does not receive the kingdom of God  
like a child shall not enter it.”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

*Pastor Ben*

*Psalm 105:1-4*

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

People: **Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!**

Leader: Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

All: **Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Pastor Ben*

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

*All Creatures of Our God and King* (Hymn #115, vs. 1, 4, and 5)  
(Assisi, Cologne)

*My Faith Has Found a Resting Place* (Hymn #468)  
(Edmunds, Grétry)

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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 Danny McDaniel*

*Leviticus 20:26*

“You shall be holy to me, for I the LORD am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine.”

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Danny McDaniel*

Leader: Almighty God, you have called us out of the world  
to live in loving obedience to your Son, our Lord Jesus.  
However, we confess that all too often  
we turn back to those things that appeal to our flesh.

**People: Lord, we humbly acknowledge that we often look for ways  
to make the world's attitudes and expectations  
acceptable in your kingdom,  
and neglect that to which you call us:  
to be separate from the world.**

Leader: Gracious Father, have mercy on us  
for falling so far short of your glory.  
Turn to us and restore us, for Jesus' sake,  
and hear now our silent prayers of personal confession

*silent confession of personal sin*

...amen.

**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Danny McDaniel*

*1 John 2:12*

“I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.”

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

*Danny McDaniel*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

*O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!* (Hymn #535)

(Francis, Williams )

**DIACONAL PRAYER**

*Deacon Jakob Basham*

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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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**OFFERTORY**

***Shepherd Me, O Gentle Lamb***  
(Martin)

*Choir*

Shepherd me, O gentle Lamb. I will follow where You lead.  
Through the valleys, 'cross the river, Lord, Your love is all I need.  
Carry me to quiet pastures. Lead me to Your promised land.  
Call me home, Lord, when I wander. Shepherd me, shepherd me, O gentle Lamb.

Shepherd me, O gentle Lamb, as I face the coming days.  
Help me find Your cooling waters. Wash me with Your perfect grace.  
Give me strength to bear my sorrows. Lift me up and help me stand.  
In Your arms I'll face tomorrow. Shepherd me, shepherd me, O gentle Lamb.

*Blessed Jesus, You are my Savior, You are the Lamb sent from above.  
Blessed Jesus, Gentle Shepherd, You lead us with Your perfect love.*

Shepherd me, O gentle Lamb, when the night is falling fast.  
Keep me as the shadows are calling. Hold me till the fear has passed.  
Shepherd me, O gentle Lamb. Lead me to Your promised land.  
We will walk the road together. Shepherd me, shepherd me, O gentle Lamb.

**✦ 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 TEXT**

Micah 7:18-20

*Pastor Ben*

**SERMON**

*Who Is Like the Lord?*

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF RESPONSE**

***My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness***  
(Getty, Townend)

*Congregation*

**✦ BENEDECTION**

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF BLESSING**

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

*Congregation*

**POSTLUDE**

*Brooke Lewis*

## **Sermon Notes**

November 20, 2022

## **Who Is Like the Lord?**

Micah 7:18-20

## Announcements

<b>Monday, November 21</b>	
Session Meeting Pastor's Office	7:00pm
SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
<b>Tuesday, November 22</b>	
CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
<b>Wednesday, November 23</b>	
<b>Thursday, November 24</b>	
Service of Thanksgiving Sanctuary	10:00am
<b>Friday, November 25</b>	
<b>Saturday, November 26</b>	
<b>Sunday, November 27</b>	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
<b>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>	

**November Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal**  
**TODAY** following Sunday School, Fellowship Hall  
 Join us for our November Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal immediately following Sunday School.

**Decking the Halls**  
**TODAY**, November 20, 1:00 pm, Sanctuary  
 Contact: Zoe  
 and  
 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!

**We are thankful for YOU!**  
 Wherever and however you celebrate Thanksgiving Day, may you have a blessed day reflecting on God's goodness and provision. **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

**Service of Thanksgiving**  
**Thursday, November 24, 10:00 am, Sanctuary**  
 If you are staying in town, make plans to attend a brief but meaningful service as we share our thankfulness for God's gracious mercies to us.

### **Advent Devotionals**

The Christmas season is one of the busiest times of the year. But it is also a season of reflection and preparation for that special day when we mark Emmanuel's coming - the arrival of our eternal God in our own frail humanity. To assist you in keeping Jesus at the center of this Advent season copies of several different Advent devotionals will be available in the Narthex beginning **next Sunday** (one per household). One of the three devotionals is primarily for families with young children, *Little Hearts, Prepare Him Room*.

**Women's Christmas Party**  
**Thursday, December 1, 7:00pm**  
**Fellowship Hall Annex**  
**Contact: Susy**

Ladies, begin your Christmas celebrations with the ladies of SCPC as we reflect on the wonder of the Son of God becoming man! Help us create a beautiful dining experience by volunteering to set and decorate a table with your special touch. We will enjoy an evening of enticing food, entertaining games, exquisite singing, and an engaging devotional. For more information and to register go to [springcypresschurch.com/womens-christmas-party](http://springcypresschurch.com/womens-christmas-party).

**Children's Choir Rehearsal**  
**Sundays, December 4 & 11, after worship, Sanctuary**  
**Contact: Robin, [robin@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:robin@springcypresschurch.com)**  
 The children of SCPC will be helping lead us in worship on December 18th and again on Christmas Eve! They have begun learning a song during Sunday School but will have extra rehearsals in the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service on December 4 and 11.

**Operation Christmas Child**  
 We collected 43 shoeboxes and built 19 shoeboxes online for a total of **62 boxes!** Thank you for your generosity.

# 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.

## **Pray for Our Congregation**

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

*Jeff Kuhn* - staying hydrated & gaining strength in preparation for surgery to remove an esophageal tumor.

*Leslee Stollberg and family* - peace and comfort following the death of her father James Brandenburg.

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**

Charles Zapp's nephew *Wesley McCool* - wisdom and peace while handling marital issues.

*Liz Zapp* - complete and quick recovery from hand surgery.

Christine Harris' cousin *Mary* - comfort and peace for Mary's family on the death of her mother and healthy pregnancy for Mary.

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

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

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.



# Advent at SCPC Sundays



## First Sunday of Advent Denim Sunday

November 27th

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



## Second Sunday of Advent Classy Christmas Colors

December 4th

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



## Third Sunday of Advent Ugly Sweater Sunday

December 11th

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



## Fourth Sunday of Advent Flannel Sunday

December 18th

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





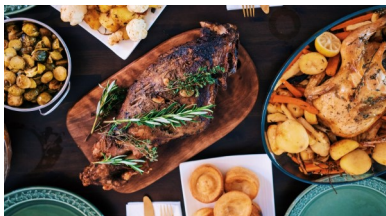
## Special Events



### Music Ministry Christmas Program

Sunday, December 11th at 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

*Our tradition continues! A program of beloved old and new songs celebrating the birth of Christ shared by members of our music ministry. A time of wonderful music, carol singing, and fellowship.*



### Christmas Fellowship Meal

Sunday, December 18th after Sunday School

*Mark your calendar for an early Christmas feast! Watch for a sign-up for side dishes and desserts.*

# Christmas Eve Service

December 24th  
6:00pm

*Bring your family and join us for this special candlelight service.*

*Childcare is available by reservation.*

*Please contact Lauri Kooiman, [lauri.kooiman@gmail.com](mailto:lauri.kooiman@gmail.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 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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