



*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 22, 2020

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Saule Garcia

PRELUDE

Janice Bradshaw

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Janice Bradshaw

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Joel 2:26,*

*“You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.*

And my people shall never again be put to shame.”

*Worship begins
where spiritual
life begins - with
God's call.
Appropriately,
we respond with
prayers and
songs of
adoration.*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben

Ephesians 1:3-5

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

People: **Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places**

Leader: Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy and blameless before him.

All: **In love he predestined us for adoption to himself
as sons through Jesus Christ,
according to the purpose of his will.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦SONG OF ADORATION

Congregation

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (Hymn #715, verses 1, 3, 4)
(Alford, Elvey)

✦*Please stand if able*

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Chuck Dorau

1 John 1:5-6

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.

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Chuck Dorau

Leader: Almighty God, we come before you as your sons and daughters to confess our transgressions.

You are light, and you have called us to walk in the light, even as you are in the light.

**People: Yet we have walked in darkness
as we have departed from the light of your Word.
In our thoughts, words, and deeds
we have harbored iniquity
and cherished our own way.**

Leader: Father, grant that we would delight in your will, and both hate the darkness and love your light, that we would walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name, and hear now our silent personal prayers of confession...

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Chuck Dorau

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Chuck Dorau

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

(Getty, Townend)

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

Exodus 15:1-18

Pastor Ben

SERMON

The Song of Moses: A Prelude to Advent

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE

Congregation

Now Thank We All Our God (Hymn #98)
(Rinkart, Crüger)

ADMINISTRATION OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Pastor Ben

Benjamin Thomas Jones

✦ BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Saule Garcia

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

Sermon Notes

The Song of Moses: A Prelude to Advent

November 22, 2020

Exodus 15:1-18

Announcements

Monday, November 23	
SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Tuesday, November 24	
NO Women in the Word	
CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Wednesday, November 25	
NO Youth Group	
Thursday, November 26 - Office Closed	
Service of Thanksgiving Sanctuary	10:00am
NO Women in the Word or MOPS	
Friday, November 27	
Saturday, November 28	
Sunday, November 29	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream (LS)	9:00am
NO Sunday School	
(all classes resume December 6 at 10:15am)	
Children's Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	10:15am

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 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

Return filled shoeboxes **TODAY** with \$9 for postage (if by check, made out to SCPC). MOPS moms will deliver the filled boxes to the drop off location tomorrow.

If you have not yet filled a shoebox and would like to pack one online go to the SCPC Build a Shoebox Goal page (springcypresschurch.com/operation-Christmas-child). Scroll down, click SCPC's Build a Shoebox goal page, select items for the shoebox, pay \$25, and you're done!

1st Sunday of Advent - Denim Sunday

Next Sunday, November 29

Join us as we begin our celebration of Advent by wearing your favorite denim outfit!

Children's Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday, November 29, 10:15 am

Sanctuary

Contact: Elisa (elisa@springcypresschurch.com)

The children of SCPC will be helping to lead us in worship this Advent season! They have already begun to learn the songs during Sunday School, but will have an extra rehearsal in the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service next Sunday, November 29.

Mission Possible: *Christmas Edition*

Our summer children's program *Mission Possible* returns for the Christmas season with weekly Advent challenges and activities for children PreK - 5th grade! Mission folders can be picked up in the Narthex on Sunday mornings.

Church-wide Movie! Featuring *Elf*

Saturday, December 12,

3:30 pm

**Cinemark Spring-Klein,
21440 Kuykendahl Rd**



Join your church family for an afternoon filled with holiday merriment and laughter as we watch the modern Christmas classic *Elf*. Due to limited seating registration is required. Register at springcypresschurch.com. A fee of \$1/person confirms your registration and will be refunded when you arrive at the theater. Concessions will be available for purchase.

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

SCPC Families - Pray for hearts filled with thankfulness as we gather with family and friends on Thanksgiving Day.

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 - PRAISE - knee replacement surgery went well. PRAY for 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

Beverly Crowder's mother, *Carolyn* - protection from illness in her weakened condition (battling cancer).

One of their family members, with whom Carolyn has been in close contact, tested positive for COVID-19. *The Crowders are SCPC missionaries with SIM.*

Jeff Cory's sister, *Kim* - wisdom regarding treatment options for recently diagnosed colon cancer.

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.



Advent at SCPC Sundays



First Sunday of Advent
Denim Sunday
November 29th

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



Second Sunday of Advent
Classy Christmas Colors
December 6th

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



Third Sunday of Advent
Ugly Sweater Sunday
December 13th

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



Fourth Sunday of Advent
Flannel Sunday

December 20th

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



Advent at SCPC Special Events



Church-wide Movie

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Music Ministry Christmas Program

Sunday, December 13th at 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

A program of Christmas music performed by members of our music ministry. A time of wonderful music, carol singing, and fellowship.

Christmas Eve Service

December 24th, 6:00pm
In our Sanctuary
Childcare by reservation
(elisa@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 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

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. **Text** any amount to **84321** to give (standard message and data rates may apply).

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If you've lost or misplaced an item, please check with the office.

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