



*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 29, 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 Luke 1:37,*

“For nothing will be impossible with God.”

LIGHTING OF THE HOPE CANDLE *SCPC Singles*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP *Pastor Ben*

Leader: Blow the trumpet in Zion;

People: **Sound the alarm on my holy hill.**

Leader: Let all who live in the land tremble,

People: **For the day of the Lord is close at hand.**

All: **Come, let us worship God with reverence and awe!**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION *Pastor Ben*

✦ SONG OF ADORATION *Congregation*

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Hymn #194, verses 1, 3, 4)
(Latin Hymn, Helmore)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW *Ruling Elder Erik Haaland*

Matthew 24:42

Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

✦ *Please stand if able*

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Erik Haaland

Leader: Almighty God, your Word repeatedly calls us
to remain watchful, vigilant, and attentive,
that we might understand the times,
discern the godly course of action,
and not miss what you are doing among us.

**People: Your Son lamented over Jerusalem that,
due to the spiritual disinterest of the people,
they missed the time of their visitation.
Lord, forgive us for being so preoccupied
that we fail to see your work in our midst.**

Leader: Father, grant that we would maintain a watchful alertness
based upon our hope in your continued work
and eventual coming.

Hear now our silent prayers of personal confession
and forgive us for the sake of Christ..

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

*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.*

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Erik Haaland

Matthew 1:21

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save
his people from their sins.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Erik Haaland

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING

What Child Is This?

Congregation

(Traditional English melody, Dix, arr. Wasson)

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.*

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

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

SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 1:39-56	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
SERMON	<i>Songs of Advent: Mary's Song</i>	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
✦ SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>Go, Tell It on the Mountain</i> (Spiritual, arr. Work, Galbraith, Lawrence)	<i>Congregation</i>
✦ BENEDICTION		<i>Pastor Ben</i>
✦ SONG OF BLESSING	<i>Gloria Patri</i> (Hymn #735) (Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)	<i>Congregation</i>
POSTLUDE		<i>Saule Garcia</i>

Sermon Notes

November 29, 2020

Songs of Advent: Mary's Song

Luke 1:39-56

Announcements

Monday, November 30		
SAA Meeting Youth Building		7:30pm
Tuesday, December 1		
Women in the Word The Gallery		9:30am
CODA Meeting Youth Building		7:30pm
Wednesday, December 2		
Youth Group Youth Building		6:30pm
Thursday, December 3		
Women in the Word The Gallery		7:00pm
Men's Bible Study Zoom		7:00pm
MOPS Fellowship Hall		7:15pm
Friday, December 4		
Saturday, December 5		
Sunday, December 6		
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

Children's Choir Rehearsal

TODAY, November 29, after worship, Sanctuary

The children of SCPC will be helping lead us in worship this Advent season! We have a rehearsal today in anticipation of singing next Sunday.

2nd Sunday of Advent - Classy Christmas Colors

Next Sunday, December 6

Join us as we continue our celebration of Advent by coming in your classiest Christmas-colored clothing!

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for your generosity! We collected **45 shoeboxes and 9 Build-A-Box online!** Despite the uncertainty of 2020 YOU increased our gifts from 2019 (42 boxes, 7 Build-a-Box) to the poor and needy around the world through Samaritan's Purse. THANK YOU!

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 please pick up a copy of John Piper's devotional *The Dawning of Indestructible Joy* in the Narthex (1 per family).

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.

Women's Christmas Party

Thursday, December 10, 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

SCPC Women! Invite a friend and join us for an evening of food, fellowship, song, and a devotional. See the flyer in the Narthex for party details and for information about our ***Christmas Blessings Service Project*** benefitting our SCPC missionary children!

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

Women's Ministry - Pray that the *Christmas Blessing Service Project* to the children of our missionaries will bring joy to the missionary families.

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.

Mike Hume - successful radiation treatment that will continue through January.

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!

Rick Maddy - peace and comfort following the passing of his father, Jack Maddy.

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).

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 - TODAY!

We're kicking off the advent season with Denim Sunday today.



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



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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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