



*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, October 10, 2021

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRELUDE

Janice Bradshaw

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Janice Bradshaw

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on 1 Kings 8:56,*

*“Blessed be the LORD
who has given rest to his people Israel,
according to all that he promised.
Not one word has failed of all his good promise,
which he spoke by Moses his servant.”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben

Psalm 117

Leader: Praise the LORD, all nations!

People: **Extol him, all peoples!**

Leader: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

People: **And the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

All: **Praise the LORD!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

May the Peoples Praise You

(Getty, Townend, Cash, Zimmer, arr. Campbell, Lawrence)

At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

(Redman, Tomlin, arr. Galbraith)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Pastor Ben

James 1:13-14

Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

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

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

✦Please stand if able

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Ben

Leader: Almighty God, we often blame you and others
for our sins and shortcomings.

**People: However, you tempt no person,
and our sinful actions and decisions are ours alone.**

Leader: Father, forgive us for casting the blame
for our sinful and rebellious actions on you or other people.
Cause us to turn towards you in faith, love, and obedience.
Hear now our silent prayers of personal confession...

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

Pastor Ben

1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one
another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Pastor Ben

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood (Hymn #253, vs. 1, 3, and 5)
(Cowper, Mason)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon David Farmer

OFFERTORY

Hear My Words
(music by Stephen Paulus)
text adapted from Psalm 5

Choir

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

✦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

John 11:1-6

Rev. Jeff Saunders

*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.*

SERMON

The Purpose of Love

Rev. Saunders

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE

My Jesus, I Love Thee (Hymn #648)
(Featherstone, Gordon, arr. Lawrence)

Congregation

✦ BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Janice Bradshaw

Sermon Notes

October 10, 2021

The Purpose of Love

John 11:1-6

Announcements

Monday, October 11 - Holiday (Office Closed)	
SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Tuesday, October 12	
Women in the Word 119	9:30am
Bell Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	7:00pm
CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Wednesday, October 13	
Wednesday Family Night Fellowship Hall	6:30pm
Discovering SCPC 119	6:30pm
Choir Sanctuary	6:30pm
Youth Group Youth Building	6:30pm
Thursday, October 14	
MOPS Play Date Pavilion & Playground	10:00am
Women in the Word 119	7:00pm
Diaconate Meeting Pastor's Office	7:00pm
Friday, October 15	
Saturday, October 16	
Sunday, October 17	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for All Ages	11:00am
Praise & Worship Sanctuary	6:00pm

Welcome, Rev. Jeff Saunders!

Please welcome Rev. Jeff Saunders to our pulpit this morning! Jeff earned his M.Div. from Covenant Seminary and along with his wife, Katie serves in Tokyo through church-planting and university ministry. Learn more about their ministry in Japan following our worship service, at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary.

October Fellowship Meal TODAY after Sunday School Fellowship Hall

You don't want to miss our Oktoberfest Fellowship Meal. Join us after Sunday School in Fellowship Hall for food, fellowship, and maybe even some polka!

Bell Choir for Reformation Sunday!

Tuesday, October 12 & 26, 7:00 pm

Contact: Wesley, wesley@springcypresschurch.com

Join us for the first of two rehearsals in preparation for playing on Reformation Sunday, October 31st. No experience necessary!

Wednesday Family Night - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 13, 6:30pm

Contact: Tracy, schroederleeallen@gmail.com

RSVP by TODAY

Our monthly Wednesday Family Night is this coming Wednesday! A spaghetti dinner will be served from 6:30-7:00, then the children will have a lesson and activity and parents will be lead in a study.

Praise & Worship

Next Sunday, October 17, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

Join us for an evening of vibrant contemporary worship with the band! With time for singing, devotions, prayer, and fellowship, it is a great way to joyously close out your Lord's day.

Bread of Life Women's Conference

Saturday, October 23, 9am-1:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Contact: Robin, robin@springcypresschurch.com

Ladies, you don't want to miss our fall conference! Learn more about what Jesus meant when he said "I am the bread of life" and make *Granny's Hot Buns* from scratch! Registration is now open at springcypresschurch.com/women. Invite a friend and join us!

3rd Annual Reformation Party

Sunday, October 31, 3-6:30 pm

Contact: Tracy, schroederleeallen@gmail.com

Join us for a lively afternoon of fun and food as we commemorate the 504th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation! History has never been so fun! Activities, games, songs, food, and prizes await those who come! Join us, and invite a friend! Help make this a wildly successful event by volunteering. *Numerous opportunities are available. Sign up in the Narthex today or through the email link sent 9/30!*

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Men - Pray that our men will grow in their faith and in their relationships with one another and their families as they grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord.

Pray for Our Congregation

Clairice Chapelle - healing from a broken leg.

Virginia Faries & family - peace and comfort following the death of Eldon.

Rick Toothman - PRAISE - back surgery went well. PRAY for speedy recovery and complete healing.

Ongoing health concerns: *René & Clairice Chapelle, Virginia Faries, Carl & Rose Gregory,*

Barbara Honts, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, Katie Medeiros, and Jackie Toothman

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Washington

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Jessy Wykes, Army, Kentucky

Chris Dietz, Navy Reserves, Texas

Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, Samford University

Jenna Haaland, Samford University

Zach Allan, Tarleton State University

Rebekah Kooiman, Abilene Christian University

Daniel Duncan, Lone Star College

Ayden Steagall, Lone Star College

Rebekah Duncan, Montana State University

Lauren Steagall, University of Houston

Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Justin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Izzy Tousha, Lone Star College

Pray for Our Families and Friends

Jeff Cory's sister, *Kim* - pray for successful colon cancer surgery scheduled for 11/2 and complete healing.

Jess McGlothlin's *Aunt* - comfort following the unexpected loss of her husband, Jess's uncle. Pray that God will use this to bring family members to a saving faith.

Nicholas Ritchie's brother, *Jason Ritchie* - complete healing and peace for the family.

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Emily Wykes is due in December.

Felicity Bodden is due in March.

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month

Jeff & Katie Saunders, Emerie & Ezra, Reformed University Fellowship in Tokyo, Japan

Pray

- RUF ministry -Pray for preparation for next semester, increased student connections, the current Bible study, and a second Bible study planned to begin next year.
- New intern -Pray that she will connect well with the students as she builds relationships, and for successful fundraising over the coming year as she works to meet her financial needs.
- Family -Pray for their adjustments back to life in Japan, for new and growing friendships as they seek to be good neighbors and love their friends well, and for their children to be able to engage with other kids in Japanese.

Email prayer requests to robin@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 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

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.

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