



*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 15, 2023

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Janice Bradshaw

PRELUDE

Brooke Lewis

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Brooke Lewis

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

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Joel 3:16*

*"The Lord roars from Zion, and utters his voice
from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth quake.
But the Lord is a refuge to his people..."*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

from Hebrews 10:19-22

Leader: Brother and Sisters, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,

People: **And since we have a great priest over the house of God,**

Leader: Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,

All: **With our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience!**

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

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

May the Peoples Praise You
(Getty, Getty, Townend, Cash, Zimmer)

10,000 Reasons
(Redman, Myrin)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Justin Chandler

Exodus 20:17

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

✦Please stand if able

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Justin Chandler

Leader: Heavenly Father, your 10th Commandment, “You shall not covet,” simultaneously calls us to contentment with what you have given to us and away from practical idolatry. Indeed, your Word teaches us that covetousness is a form of idolatry. Forgive us for intensely longing for that which belongs to others and thereby signaling our lack of gratitude or appreciation for your gifts.

People: Almighty God, we confess that like our first parents we are prone to being dissatisfied with our possessions, with our spouses, with our coworkers and employers, with our friends, with our bodies, and with our allotted situations in life. We envy the situations of others and we grumble at the good they enjoy. Lord, forgive us, we pray.

Leader: Father, we lack both contentment with and appreciation for your many good gifts. But in your goodness, please grant that we would grow in grace and godliness and thus learn contentment and thereby increasingly turn away from the idolatries of our sinful hearts. We also ask that by your Holy Spirit you would bring to mind where else we have sinned and hear our prayers of silent personal confession and forgive us for the sake of Christ..

silent confession of personal sin

...amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD’S GOSPEL

Justin Chandler

Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST’S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Justin Chandler

concluding with the Lord’s Prayer

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.

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

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING *Congregation*
What a Friend We Have in Jesus (Hymn #629)
(Scriven, Converse)

DIACONAL PRAYER *Deacon David Jones*

OFFERTORY *Celtic Praise* *Sanctuary Choir*
(Crown Him Lord of All)
(American Folk Hymn; arr. by López)

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

*All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name, with praise before Him fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!*

Beloved children God has called, and ransomed from the fall,
hail Him who saves you by His grace, crown Him Lord of all!

*Crown Him, we'll crown Him, we'll crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting throng, and crown Him Lord of all!*

Let ev'ry nation join to sing in endless praises to our King.
Come, and crown Him, crown Him. Crown Him!

✦ SONG OF PRAISE *The Doxology* (Hymn #731) *Congregation*
(Ken, Bourgeois)

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 *Matthew 17:14-27* *Pastor Ben*

SERMON *Lessons in the Life of Faith* *Pastor Ben*

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE *Congregation*
O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus! (Hymn #535)
(Francis, Williams)

✦ BENEDICTION *Pastor Ben*

✦ SONG OF BLESSING *Gloria Patri* (Hymn #735) *Congregation*
(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

POSTLUDE *Janice Bradshaw*

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

Sermon Notes

October 15, 2023

Lessons in the Life of Faith

Matthew 17:14-27

Announcements

Monday, October 16	
Tuesday, October 17	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Men's Book Study Room 119	7:00pm
Wednesday, October 18	
Enfuego Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Thursday, October 19	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, October 20	
Saturday, October 21	
Fall Church Workday	8:00am
Sunday, October 22	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am

Reformation Party Volunteer Sign-Up

TODAY, Following the worship service, Narthex

Contact: Susan, susan@springcypresschurch.com

If you have not already signed up to volunteer at our 5th annual Reformation Party be sure to stop by the table in the Narthex after the worship service today to see where you can plug in! We need help with everything from setup/decorating to tear down/cleanup, and everything in between.

Candy Donations

THIS WEEK, Church Office

Contact: Susan, susan@springcypresschurch.com

If you forgot to bring your candy donation today, you may drop it off at the church office this week, Monday thru Thursday, 9am-3pm.

Goody Bag Prep

THIS SATURDAY, Oct. 21, 10am, Annex

Contact: Susan, susan@springcypresschurch.com

Willing to help stuff the children's goody bags for the Reformation Party? Sign up in the Narthex after the worship service!

Church-Wide Fall Workday

THIS SATURDAY, 8am -11am (or until finished)

Contact: Steve, Kovach

Adults and youth are invited to join the Deacons for some repair and beautification projects around our church campus. We have some scraping and painting to do, new picnic tables to assemble, and plenty of additional projects depending on participation. Coffee, breakfast, and supplies will be provided. Sign up in the Narthex **TODAY** so we can have an idea of how many people to expect and plan accordingly!

Child's Choir Rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY, Oct. 22, Sanctuary

Contact: Amy Dietz

Children in grades Pre-K through 5th grade will remain in the sanctuary following the worship service to rehearse their Reformation Day music. Following the rehearsal, children will be escorted to Sunday School by their teachers. Parents may pick up children from their Sunday School classes at the end of the Sunday School hour. Parents, please watch for an email this week with more information!

Christmas Blessings Project

Beginning NEX T SUNDAY, Oct. 22, Narthex

The Missions and Women's Ministry Teams are asking you to help us continue our tradition of providing gifts for the children of SCPC - supported missionaries ages 18 and under. Beginning next Sunday, a Christmas tree will be in the Narthex with an ornament representing each child. Please consider taking one of the ornaments and either purchasing a gift and mailing it or donating \$50 for others to purchase a gift on your behalf. We also encourage you to pray for that child in the coming year. Stop by the Christmas tree next Sunday for more details.

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Pray for our Music Ministry, Praise God for the wonderful volunteers in the hospitality ministry! Pray that the Lord would draw more people into this ministry as we seek to warmly welcome visitors, show hospitality and care for one another, and host events where the church family can enjoy times of fun and fellowship together.

Pray for Our Congregation

Jackie Toothman - Please continue pray for recovery from a recent surgery, and for Jackie and her medical team as they consider surgical and treatment options.

Ongoing health concerns: *Neal Benedict, Hannah Byerly, René & Clairice Chapelle, Joyce Hill, Jeff Kuhn, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, Katie Medeiros, Mark Morrow, Mary Spiritosanto.*

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Washington
Christian Cory, Army, New York
Chris Dietz, Navy Reserves, Texas
Felix Espino, Army Reserves, Texas

Joshua Duncan, Army, North Carolina
Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department
Jessy Wykes, Germany

Pray for Our College Students

Claire Achterkirch, Samford University
Rebekah Allcorn, Abilene Christian University
Kyle Benedict, Lone Star College
Ben Chandler, Samford University
Rebekah Duncan, Blinn College

Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University
Jenna Haaland, Samford University
Aiden Steagall, Texas A&M
Izzy Tousha, Texas State
AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Pray for Our Friends & Family

Vincent & Eleanor Tracey's grandson *Elijah* - PRAISE his MRI and lumbar stick were clear, and his hearing has been preserved. Pray for new rounds of chemo, that he will tolerate the drugs and have good results. Liz Zapp's nephew's son, *Ethan* is in serious condition following a car accident. He has had 5 surgeries, spleen and kidney removed, and other complications. Sara Carrera's sister *Candace* - PRAISE that her biopsy results for her bone marrow came back clear. No signs of cancer.

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Carrington Jones due in November.
Maretha Kritzingner due in March.
Emily Wykes due in March.
Brooke Lewis due in April.

Pray for the Geneva Relief Fund, Care for Widows and Pastors in Need

- For peace and comfort for the PCA widows, ministers, and ministry families served by this fund.
- For wisdom in the administration of the fund.
- For increased donations so that more people may be served.

Email prayer requests to susan@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.

Our Church Leadership & Staff

Our Session

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

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