



*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 2, 2022

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Janice Bradshaw

PRELUDE

Brooke Lewis

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Brooke Lewis

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Zechariah 9:9b,*

*“Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben

Isaiah 12:3-6

Leader: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
And you will say in that day:

People: **“Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.**

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.

All: **Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

I Know Whom I Have Believed (Hymn #705, vs. 1, 3, and 4)
(Whittle, McGranahan; arr. Greer, Lawrence)

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me
(Robinson, Farren, Thompson; arr. Duren, Lawrence)

*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*

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Justin Chandler

Isaiah 64:6

We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Justin Chandler

Leader: Almighty God, we come before you and confess that we are sinners.
Our hearts are filled with wicked desires and so reveal
that like a leper, we are both infected and infectious.

**People: Because of this, even our most noble aspirations,
and our best works, are as filthy rags in your sight.
We know our time is short on the earth,
and our iniquities drive us from you, our only hope.**

Leader: Father, look down from Heaven and show pity on us,
your sons and daughters, for the sake of your precious Son,
our elder brother, who gave his life for us.
Bring to mind where we have transgressed your holy law,
and hear our prayers of silent personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

...amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Justin Chandler

Jeremiah 33:8

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will
forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Justin Chandler

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

O Thou That Hear'st When Sinners Cry (Hymn #485, vs. 1, 2, and 3)

(adapted from Psalm 51 by Watts; Gregorian Chant arr. Mason)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Kyle Bodden

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

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

We confess our common faith as an expression of our unity in coming to the Lord's Table.

OFFERTORY

Abide with Me

Choir

(Lyte, Monk; arr. Ijames)

Text can be found on page 402 in the hymnal.

✦ SONG OF PRAISE

The Doxology (Hymn #731)

Congregation

(Ken, Bourgeois)

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

Pastor Ben

After the blessing on the first Sunday of the month, children remain in the service with their parents.

SCRIPTURE TEXT

Micah 6:9 – 7:17

Pastor Ben

SERMON

Waiting on God

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF PREPARATION

Congregation

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

(Newton, Traditional American melody, Giglio, Tomlin; arr. Mott, Foster, Lawrence)

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor Ben

the Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastor Ben

ABOUT THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized, belong to a church which embraces the Gospel, and who look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. Since Communion is a sacrament of sustaining grace, we request that children not participate until they have professed their faith to the elders of this church or their church of regular worship.

*As the communion servers pass in front of you, please remember to take **both** of the stacked cups from the tray. Note that the bread is in the bottom cup and is gluten-free. **Grape juice is in the colored cups in the outer ring** wine is in the clear cups in the inner rings.*

from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper Christ took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

MUSIC OF REFLECTION

Glenn Ayles

✦SONG OF RESPONSE

Congregation

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

(Newton, Traditional American melody, Giglio, Tomlin; arr. Mott, Foster, Lawrence)

✦BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Janice Bradshaw

DEACONS' FUND OFFERING

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

Announcements

Monday, October 3	
SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Tuesday, October 4	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Men's Bible Study 118	7:00pm
CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Wednesday, October 5	
Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm
Discovering SCPC Fellowship Hall Annex	6:30pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Thursday, October 6	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, October 7	
Saturday, October 8	
Women's Conference Fellowship Hall & Annex	8:30am-3:00pm
Sunday, October 9	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am

Digging Deeper. Systematic Theology in Depth

TONIGHT at 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall Annex

Next Class will be Sunday, October 23

Contact: Pastor Ben

Adults, join us for this seminary-lite study of systematic theology.

Merciful Like Him Women's Conference

Saturday, October 8, 8:30am-3:00pm

Fellowship Hall Annex

Contact: Pam McDaniel

Cost: \$20 (\$21 by credit card)

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP!

Ladies, join us and invite a friend as we consider what the Bible says about mercy, learn more about Care Net Pregnancy Center, and make baby tie-blankets to donate to Care Net. Register at springcypresschurch.com/merciful-conference.

Directory Photos

We will be taking photos for our online directory **TODAY and next Sunday**. Whether it's your first photo or just an update be sure and stop by The Gallery after worship to have your photo taken!

Tables of Eight

Contact: Christine Achterkirch

Adults, we invite you to build deeper relationships with others in the church by sharing a meal with a small group in a host's home.

Contact Christine for more information and to **sign up by TODAY!**

Children's Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 9 & 16, after worship, Sanctuary

Contact: Robin, robin@springcypresschurch.com

The children of SCPC will be helping lead us in worship on October 23rd! They will begin learning the song during Sunday School but will have extra rehearsals in the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service Sunday, October 9th and 16th.

Bell Choir for Reformation Sunday!

Tuesdays, October 11, 18, & 25, 7:00 pm

Contact: Wesley, wesley@springcypresschurch.com

Calling all who have rung before, or any who are interested: Bell choir is rolling toward Reformation Sunday! In preparation for ringing on Sunday October 30th, we will meet for 3 rehearsals in October.

Rehearsals are listed above, get in touch with Wes if you're interested -no experience necessary!

Praise & Worship - Collaborative Contemporary

Sunday, October 16, 6:00 pm, The Gallery

Contact: Wes, wesley@springcypresschurch.com

This month, all are welcome to bring their acoustic guitars and play with us! We'll set up in The Gallery, and be singing great modern songs of the faith with chords on the easier side. (Playing not required, please come and sing along as usual!) Email Wes if you'd like the music ahead of time.

Reformation Celebration

Beginning next Sunday, October 9th we celebrate the Lord's faithfulness to purify, refine, and build his church. This year we will focus on Sola Gratia and Sola Fide, two of the five vitally important truths that were recovered during the Protestant Reformation that began in the early 16th century. Our celebration will culminate with our **4th annual Reformation Party on the afternoon of October 30!**

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Missions - Pray for our Missions team as they pray for and provide encouragement to the missionaries SCPC supports.

Pray for Our Congregation

Neal Benedict - healing from bladder cancer surgery; successful treatment of cancer.

Denise Cooper - peace and comfort following the death of her mother Joyce Hatfield.

Bruce Honts - healing from periodontal surgery, that the bone graft will take and not be rejected.

Jeff Kuhn - strength, stamina, and peace while he has radiation and chemo treatments for esophageal cancer.

Ongoing health concerns: *René & Clairice Chapelle, Carl & Rose Gregory, Rick & Jeanne Maddy,*

Katie Medeiros, Mark Morrow, Jim Spiritosanto.

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Washington

Joshua Duncan, Army, Georgia

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Chris Dietz, Navy Reserves, Texas

Jessy Wykes, Army, Europe

Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, Samford University

Jenna Haaland, Samford University

Zach Allan, Tarleton State University

Rebekah Kooiman, Abilene Christian University

Rebekah Duncan, Montana State University

Ayden Steagall, Lone Star College

Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Justin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Izzy Tousha, Lone Star College

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Theresa Adams is due in February.

Christine Harris is due in March.

Pray for Our Family & Friends

Daniel Burch's friend *Justin Gray* - Justin lost his battle with cancer. Pray for peace and comfort for his wife and three young children.

Jolene Wykes' brother Kevin - successful bypass open heart surgery scheduled for September 29.

Patricia Wyatte's granddaughter *Mistie Hoot* - healing and strength following abdominal surgery.

Prayer and Praise for Our Missionary of the Month

Chris & Beverly Crowder; Global Director of Regional Development, SIM International, working from Tennessee

- **Praise:** Safe and encouraging trip to Central Asia for Chris and Jonathan.
- **Praise:** Beverly is serving in a volunteer medical position at Siloam Clinic in Tennessee working with refugees once a week.
- **Praise:** School is going well for all three children: Thomas, 10th grade, Jonathan, 8th grade, and Bethlehem, 7th grade.
- **Pray** for wisdom, encouragement, and physical stamina for Chris as he travels and serves the SIM country directors.
- **Pray** for peace and comfort for Beverly at the recent passing of her dad.

Sermon Notes

Micah: Who Is Like the Lord?

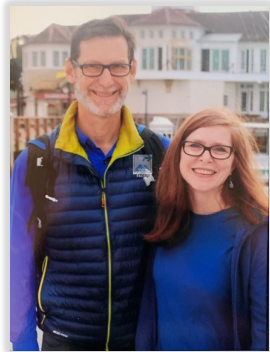
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Waiting on God

Micah 6:9 — 7:17



MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH October 2022



CHRIS & BEVERLY CROWDER THOMAS, JONATHAN, AND BETHLEHEM GLOBAL DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT SIM INTERNATIONAL

The ministry of SIM is to put people who love Jesus into places where He is not known. They seek to have disciples of Jesus expressing God's love in their communities and to see Christ-centered churches among all peoples. As "fishers of men" they are always fishing in places where God's hope is least known.

As Global Director of Regional Development working from Tennessee, Chris works with SIM country directors from all over the world, helping them with the many issues they face regarding governance, leadership, financial concerns, and problem solving. As a former team member in rural South Sudan and former country director, Chris has the grass roots experience to walk alongside and assist them. Most recently he and his son Jonathan traveled to Central Asia to attend the SIM Central Asia team's spiritual life conference. They witnessed the wonderful spirit of co-laborers and cultures worshiping, teaching, and learning together as each day was focused on prayers and testimonies on a different country.

Prayer and Praise:

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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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