



*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 22, 2023

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Brooke Lewis*

PRELUDE *Janice Bradshaw*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Pastor Ben*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP *Janice Bradshaw*

*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 Deuteronomy 8:3*

*“And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna,
which you did not know, nor did your fathers know,
that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone,
but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION *Pastor Ben*
from Psalm 147

Leader: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! For He strengthens the bars of your gates; He blesses your children within you.

People: **He makes peace in your borders; He fills you with the finest of the wheat.**

Leader: He declares His word to Jacob, His statutes and rules to Israel.

All: **Praise the Lord!**

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

✦SONGS OF ADORATION *Congregation*

Come Christians Join to Sing (Hymn #302)
(Bateman, Traditional Spanish Melody; arr. by Evans)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Hymn #529, verses 1-3)
(Wesley, Zundel)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW *Ruling Elder Erik Haaland*
Deuteronomy 8:5-6

Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him.

✦Please stand if able

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Erik Haaland

Leader: Almighty God, we come to you confessing that among many other sins, we regularly forget that your correction and discipline in our lives is testament to your love for us, not your rejection of us.

People: **Father, in our forgetfulness we often fail to regard you, the Holy One, properly; we regard ourselves too highly, and we fail to walk in your ways as we ought. For these sins we repent and seek your forgiveness.**

Leader: Lord, in ourselves we do not deserve forgiveness, but we rejoice that you are gracious and merciful, and that you have sent your Son to fully atone for our every offence. In view of His self-sacrifice, and your gracious character, please hear now our silent personal prayers of confession, and forgive us as your beloved sons and daughters...

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

Isaiah 43:25

I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Erik Haaland

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

O Great God

(Kauflin, based on the Puritan Prayer "Regeneration")

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Stephen Kovach

OFFERTORY

It Is Well

Alli Anderson

Marsha McComb

Jan Morrow

✦SONG OF PRAISE

The Doxology (Hymn #731)
(Ken, Bourgeois)

Congregation

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

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 18:1-35

Pastor Ben

SERMON

Disciples and Sin & Forgiveness

Pastor Ben

✦SONG OF RESPONSE

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God
(Getty, Townend)

Congregation

✦BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Brooke Lewis

*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 Notes

October 22, 2023

Disciples and Sin & Forgiveness

Matthew 18:1-35

Announcements

Monday, October 23		
Tuesday, October 24		
Women in the Word Room 119		9:30am
Wednesday, October 25		
<i>Enfuego</i> Youth Group Youth Building		6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary		6:30pm
Thursday, October 26		
Women in the Word Room 119		7:00pm
Friday, October 27		
Saturday, October 28		
Reformation Party Setup Pavilion		8:00am
Sunday, October 29		
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream		9:30am
Sunday School for all ages		11:00am
Reformation Party Pavilion		3:00pm

Christmas Blessings Project

TODAY, following the worship service, at the Christmas Tree in the Narthex

The Missions and Women's Ministry Teams are seeking your help to continue our tradition of providing gifts for the children, ages 18 and under, of SCPC-supported missionaries. Please consider taking a Christmas Blessings ornament **TODAY** after the worship service. You may either purchase a gift and mail it, or donate \$50 for others to purchase and mail a gift on your behalf.

5th Annual Reformation Party

Sunday, October 29, 3:00-6:30pm, Pavilion

**Contact: Susan, susan@springcypresschurch.com
281-320-3650**

NEXT SUNDAY is the SCPC 5th Annual Reformation Party! **Invite your friends and family, the person with the most guests gets a prize!**

There will be amazing food, fun games, exciting competitions, inflatables, and more! If you missed volunteer sign-ups and are willing to help, please contact Susan. We need help with everything from setup/decorating to tear down/cleanup, and everything in between!

Child's & Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

TODAY, 11:00am, Sanctuary

Contact: Amy Dietz

Children in grades Pre-K through 5th grade will remain in the sanctuary following the worship service **TODAY** to rehearse their Reformation Day offertory music. Following the rehearsal, children will be escorted to Sunday School by their teachers. Parents may pick up children from their Sunday School classes as usual at the end of the Sunday School hour.

Child's & Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 29th, 9:00am, Sanctuary

Contact: Amy Dietz

Parents, don't forget to bring your Pre-K through 5th grade children early **NEXT SUNDAY** to practice their special offertory music with the Sanctuary Choir!

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 4th, 9:00am, Fellowship Hall

Contact: Michael Byerly

Men are invited to join us for a time of fellowship and discussion on biblical fatherhood. Breakfast tacos will be provided! Watch for a sign-up email this week!

ESL Ministry Informational Meeting

Thursday, November 9th, 7:00pm, Room 116

Contact: Gail Hume or Justin Chandler

Church based English (ESL) classes can effectively reach out to immigrant communities. The PCA's director of ESL ministries, Nancy Booher, will be here on November 9 to share how our church could begin offering ESL. Interested? Come find out how you can participate!

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Pray for our Missions Ministry, for God's leading as the Missions Team evaluates new missionary partners, wisdom in caring for current missionary partners, the potential launch of an ESL Ministry, and other plans in 2024.

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 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. He began his 2nd round of chemo treatments. Pray that he will continue to tolerate the drugs and have good results.

Liz Zapp's nephew's son, *Ethan* - PRAISE, after 8 surgeries in less than two weeks, and being in ICU for a month, he is recovering beautifully and has been removed from ICU!

Sara Carrera's sister *Candace* - PRAISE that her biopsy results for her bone marrow came back clear. No signs of cancer.

Bill & Denise Cooper - PRAISE for the safe and healthy birth of their granddaughter, *Iris Graham*, to their daughter.

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Carrington Jones due in November.
Maretha Kritzinger 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.

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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