



*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 23, 2022

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Brooke Lewis

PRELUDE

Janice Bradshaw

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Janice Bradshaw

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on John 20:21,*

“Peace be with you.

*As the Father has sent me,
even so I am sending you.”*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben

Hebrews 10:19-22

Leader: Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence
to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,

People: **By the new and living way
that he opened for us through the curtain,
that is, through his flesh,**

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

All: **Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,
With our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience
and our bodies washed with pure water.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

O Worship the King (Hymn #2, vs. 1, 2, and 5)
(adapted from Psalm 104 by Grant, Haydn)

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord (Hymn #465)
(Johnston, Towner)

*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

Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately sick;
who can understand it?

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Justin Chandler

Leader: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

People: **Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.**

Leader: Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more
in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ,
and hear now our prayers of silent confession...

silent confession of personal sin

...amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Justin Chandler

Psalm 103:13-14

As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Justin Chandler

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

Beneath the Cross
(Getty, Townend)

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.*

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

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon David Jones

OFFERTORY

The Mighty Power of God
(Watts; arr. Eernisse)
Text can be found in the hymnal on page #119.

Children's Choir

✦ SONG OF PRAISE

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

Congregation

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

*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.*

Pastor Ben

SCRIPTURE TEXT

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Pastor Ben

SERMON

The Heart of the Gospel

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE

Stronger
(Fielding, Morgan)

Congregation

✦ BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Brooke Lewis

Sermon Notes

The Heart of the Gospel

October 23, 2022

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Announcements

Monday, October 24	
SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Tuesday, October 25	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Bell Choir Sanctuary	7:00pm
CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Wednesday, October 26	
Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Discovering SCPC Fellowship Hall Annex	6:30pm
Thursday, October 27	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, October 28	
Saturday, October 29	
Sunday, October 30	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am
Reformation Party Pavilion	3:00pm

Digging Deeper. *Systematic Theology in Depth*
TONIGHT at 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall Annex
 Next Class will be Sunday, November 6
Contact: Pastor Ben
 Adults, join us for this seminary-lite study of systematic theology.

Christmas Blessings Project TODAY!

Contacts: Zoe and Sarah

Please consider taking one of the angel ornaments from the Christmas tree in the Narthex that represent our SCPC-supported missionary children in order to bless them with a Christmas gift. To some this is one of the few or only gifts they will receive. You may choose a child with a US mailing address and purchase and mail the gift yourself (suggested amount \$40 including shipping), or choose one with a non-US mailing address, donate \$40 to SCPC and others will purchase the gift on your behalf. Most importantly we ask that you pray for this child throughout the coming year. Stop by the Christmas tree in the Narthex to pick out your angel TODAY!

Bell Choir for Reformation Sunday!

Tuesday, October 25, 7:00 pm

Contact: Wesley, wesley@springcypresschurch.com

Bell choir is rolling toward Reformation Sunday! Our final rehearsal in preparation for ringing on Sunday October 30th is this coming Tuesday. Get in touch with Wes if you're interested -no experience necessary!

Reformation Party

NEXT SUNDAY, October 30, 3:00-6:30 pm, Pavilion

Contact: Tracy

Our Reformation Celebration culminates with our **4th annual Reformation Party!** Please help us make this celebration our best ever - we need many volunteers. Contact Tracy to find out where you can help!

Donations of candy may be dropped off at the Visitor's Kiosk in the Narthex.

Operation Christmas Child begins next Sunday!

Our Missions Team is leading our Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Shoebox drive this year. Shoeboxes will be available for pickup next Sunday. Stay tuned for more information!

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Session - Pray for our Session as they seek the Lord's direction and will for our church, and wisdom as they shepherd our covenant community.

Pray for Our Congregation

Neal Benedict - successful removal of cancerous kidney on October 25 at 7am.

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

Jeff Kuhn - regaining strength after radiation and chemo treatments to prepare for surgery to remove a tumor in his esophagus.

Andy Moncrief and family - peace and comfort following the death of his father.

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

Katie Medeiros, Mark Morrow, Jim & Mary 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

Susy Tousha's cousin *Ingrid* - for healing of a bacterial infection in the wound in her leg, sustained during a fall.

Amy Haaland's friend *Karen McDougald* - strength and healing as she undergoes surgery, chemo, and then radiation for stage one breast cancer.

Daniel Burch's friend's family - for peace, comfort, and well-being for Justin Gray's wife and three young children as they deal with the loss of their husband and father.

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.

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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