



*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 29, 2023

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Janice Bradshaw*

PRELUDE *Susan Cochran*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Pastor Ben*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP *Susan Cochran*

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

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*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,  
and reflect on John 10:27-28*

*"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.  
I give them eternal life, and they will never perish,  
and no one will snatch them out of my hand."*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF ADORATION *Pastor Ben*  
*from Daniel 2:20-22*

Leader: Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might.

People: **He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those have understanding.**

Leader: He reveals deep and hidden things!

All: **He knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.  
To him we give thanks and praise!**

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

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

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***From Age to Age the Same***  
(Larson)

*Sanctuary Choir*

*God is our refuge and our strength, our help in times of trouble.  
We shall not fear for God is near, though the earth should be removed.  
Though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains fall into the sea.  
God is our refuge and our strength, from age to age the same!*

*There is a river whose streams make glad the city of our God,  
a holy place of the Most High God.*

*God is in our midst; it shall not be moved.  
Though the nations rage, and the kingdoms fall, God evermore shall reign!*

***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*** (Hymn #92)  
(Luther, Based on Psalm 46)

*Congregation*

***All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*** (Hymn #4, verses 1, 2, and 4)  
(Schultz, Zart)

✦Please stand if able

**DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW**

*Ruling Elder Justin Chandler*

*1 Timothy 6:11-12*

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Justin Chandler*

**Leader:** Almighty God, we delight in knowing that we love you because you first loved us. In your mercy you have called us out of darkness and into light. Despite this, we humbly acknowledge and confess that we continue to rebel against you in thought, word, and deed.

**People:** **Father, forgive us our sins for the sake of Christ, restore unto us the joy of our salvation, and grant that we may fight the good fight of the faith.**

**Leader:** Lord, give us hearts that long to please you above all else, and wills to obey your righteous commandments. Hear now our silent prayers of personal confession, and look down from Heaven, and forgive us for the sake of Christ, who gave himself for us...

*silent confession of personal sin*

...amen.

**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Justin Chandler*

*John 3:16*

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD**

*Justin Chandler*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

***We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator*** (Hymn #97)

(Cory, Kremser)

**DIACONAL PRAYER**

*Deacon Scott Lewis*

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*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.*

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

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

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<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<i><b>Our God, Our Help in Ages Past</b></i> (see Hymn #30 for text)	<i>Children's Choir Sanctuary Choir Richard Harris, Trumpeter</i>
<b>✦SONG OF PRAISE</b>	<i><b>The Doxology</b></i> (Hymn #731) (Ken, Bourgeois)	<i>Congregation</i>
<b>BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN</b>		<i>Pastor Ben</i> <i>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.</i>
<b>SCRIPTURE TEXT</b>	<i>Jude 1-4</i>	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
<b>SERMON</b>	<i>Does the Reformation Still Matter?</i>	<i>Pastor Ben</i>
<b>✦SONG OF RESPONSE</b>	<i><b>Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God</b></i> (Getty, Townend)	<i>Congregation</i>
<b>✦BENEDICTION</b>		<i>Pastor Ben</i>
<b>✦SONG OF BLESSING</b>	<i><b>Gloria Patri</b></i> (Hymn #735) (Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)	<i>Congregation</i>
<b>POSTLUDE</b>		<i>Janice Bradshaw</i>

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

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**Sermon Notes**

*Does the Reformation Still Matter?*

October 29, 2023

Jude 1-4

# Announcements

<b>Monday, October 30</b>	
<b>Tuesday, October 31</b>	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Men's Book Study Room 119	7:00pm
<b>Wednesday, November 1</b>	
<i>Enfuego</i> Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
<b>Thursday, November 2</b>	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
<b>Friday, November 3</b>	
<b>Saturday, November 4</b>	
Men's Breakfast Fellowship Hall	9:00am
<b>Sunday, November 5</b>	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am

## **5th Annual Reformation Party**

**TODAY, 3:00-6:30pm, Pavilion**

**Contact: Susan, [susan@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:susan@springcypresschurch.com)**

Invite your friends and family and join us at the pavilion at 3pm **TODAY. The person with the most guests gets a prize!** There will be amazing food, fun games, exciting competitions, inflatables, and more! We will begin setting up at 1:30pm - please come early and lend a hand if you are able!

## **Operation Christmas Child**

**TODAY, following the worship service, Narthex** Operation Christmas Child sends shoeboxes full of gifts to children in some of the hardest to reach places in the world as an expression of God's love. The Missions Team invites you to take shoe boxes from beneath the tree in the Narthex. Instructions and gifts suggestions are included with each box. Boxes must be returned no later than November 12th.

## **Daylight Savings Time**

**Sunday, November November 5th**

It's time to *FALL BACK* into daylight savings time. Don't forget to set your (manual) clocks!

## **Enfuego Youth - Smashing Pumpkins**

**Wednesday, November 1st, 6:15pm**

**Contact: Felix Espino**

Don't miss the fun **THIS WEDNESDAY!** Bring a friend to youth group and for a fun time of fellowship and pumpkin smashing!

## **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. Coffee and breakfast tacos will be provided, dishes to share are welcome but not required. Sign up in the Narthex **TODAY!**

## **ESL Ministry Informational Meeting**

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

**Contact: Gail Hume**

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 9th to share how our church could begin offering ESL. Interested? Come find out how you can participate! Must RSVP by November 5th, sign up in the Narthex **TODAY!**

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

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

## **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

*Greg Hill* - Pray for quick recovery from a reverse shoulder replacement surgery, and for the mobility and strength of his arm.

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**

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.

Vincent & Eleanor Tracey's grandson *Elijah* - Pray for protection from infection, fevers, and severe side-effects as he has started another round of chemo treatments. Pray for stable blood count numbers, healing strength, and for him to regain all motor functions.

## **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](mailto: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](http://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](http://springcypresschurch.com/give).

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## Our Church Leadership & Staff

### Our Session

Justin Chandler  
Ben Duncan

Erik Haaland  
Danny McDaniel

### Our Diaconate

Glenn Ayles  
Jakob Basham  
Kyle Bodden  
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### Our Principal Staff

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