



*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 3, 2021

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Janice Bradshaw

PRELUDE

Stephanie Hicks

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Jeff & Katie Saunders

Pastor Ben

Reformed University Fellowship in Tokyo, Japan

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Stephanie Hicks

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on 1 Samuel 2:10b,*

*“The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king
and exalt the horn of his anointed.”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben

Isaiah 44:23

Leader: Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it;
shout, O depths of the earth;

People: **Break forth into singing, O mountains,
O forest, and every tree in it!**

Leader: For the LORD has redeemed Jacob,

All: **And will be glorified in Israel.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Come Praise and Glorify
(Kauflin, Chester)

Behold Our God
(Baird, Altrogge, arr. 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 Erik Haaland

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

Erik Haaland

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

Erik Haaland

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

Erik Haaland

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Psalm 62
(Keyes, Townend)

Congregation

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Jakob Basham

*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.

OFFERTORY

***My Shepherd Will Supply My Need**
(arr. Helvey)
text adapted from Psalm 23*

Choir

✦ SONG OF PRAISE

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

Congregation

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

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

Pastor Ben

SCRIPTURE TEXT

Matthew 7:24-27

Pastor Ben

SERMON

Sola Scriptura: The Authority of the Word

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF PREPARATION

***How Firm a Foundation** (Hymn #94, vs. 1, 2, and 3)
(Rippon's *Selection of Hymns* 1787, traditional American melody; arr. Lawrence)*

Congregation

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

the Apostle's Creed

Pastor Ben

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.

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

*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

Stephanie Hicks

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE

Congregation

How Firm a Foundation (Hymn #94, vs. 4 and 6)

(Rippon's *Selection of Hymns* 1787, traditional American melody; arr. Linker, Lawrence)

✦ BENEDICTION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

Gloria Patri (Hymn #735)

Congregation

(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

POSTLUDE

Janice Bradshaw

DEACONS' FUND OFFERING

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

Announcements

Monday, October 4		
SAA Meeting Youth Building		7:30pm
Tuesday, October 5		
Women in the Word 119		9:30am
Men's Bible Study 116		7:00pm
CODA Meeting Youth Building		7:30pm
Wednesday, October 6		
Discovering SCPC 119		6:30pm
Choir Sanctuary		6:30pm
Youth Group Youth Building		6:30pm
Thursday, October 7		
MOPS The Gallery		7:00pm
Women in the Word Restaurant TBD		7:00pm
Friday, October 8		
Saturday, October 9		
Sunday, October 10		
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream		9:30am
Missionary Presentation for Adults & Youth Sanctuary		11:00am
Sunday School for Children Children's Wing		11:00am
Fellowship Meal Fellowship Hall		12:00pm

Reformation Celebration

Throughout October we celebrate the Lord's faithfulness to purify, refine, and build his church. This year we will focus on the first of the five vitally important truths that were recovered during the Protestant Reformation that began in the early 16th century - *Sola Scriptura*. Our celebration will culminate with our **3rd annual Reformation Party on the afternoon of October 31!**

Missions Presentation during Sunday School Sunday, October 10 11:00 am, Sanctuary

Adults and Youth, make plans to attend as we learn about Jeff & Katie Saunders' work with university students and church-planting in Tokyo.

October Fellowship Meal

October 10, after Sunday School Fellowship Hall

Contact: Tracy

Mark your calendar and make plans to join us for our October Fellowship Meal! Sign up in the Narthex to help provide our meal.

Bell Choir for Reformation Sunday!

Tuesday, October 12 & 26, 7:00 pm

Contact: Wesley, wesley@springcypresschurch.com

Join us for two Tuesday night rehearsals at 7pm in the Sanctuary on October 12 and 26th (no conflict with Men's Bible study). We will play in the service on Sunday, October 31st. No experience necessary!

Wednesday Family Night - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 13, 6:30pm

Contact: Tracy

Our monthly Wednesday Family Night is just around the corner! A family spaghetti dinner will be served from 6:30-7:00. The children will have a lesson and activity and parents will be lead in a study. RSVP to Tracy by next Sunday, October 10.

Praise & Worship

Sunday, October 17, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

Join us for an evening of vibrant contemporary worship with the band! With time for singing, devotions, prayer, and fellowship, it is a great way to joyously close out your Lord's day.

SAVE THE DATE

SCPC *Bread of Life* Women's Conference

Saturday, October 23, 9am-1:30pm, Fellowship Hall

What did Jesus mean when he said that he is the Bread of Life and that whoever comes to him will never hunger? Explore this crucial concept with speaker Christine Achterkirch, while Julie Corley teaches you to make her famous Granny's Hot Buns! Lunch will be provided. Guests welcome. Registration information coming soon!

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Staff - Pray for our staff as they take care of the administrative and ministry tasks of our church.

Pray for Our Congregation

Clairice Chapelle - healing from a broken leg.

Virginia Faries & family - peace and comfort following the death of Eldon.

Rick Toothman - PRAISE - back surgery went well. PRAY for speedy recovery and complete healing.

Ongoing health concerns: *René & Clairice Chapelle, Virginia Faries, Carl & Rose Gregory, Barbara Honts, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, Katie Medeiros, and Jackie Toothman*

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Washington

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Jessy Wykes, Army, Kentucky

Chris Dietz, Navy Reserves, Texas

Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, Samford University

Jenna Haaland, Samford University

Zach Allan, Tarleton State University

Rebekah Kooiman, Abilene Christian University

Daniel Duncan, Lone Star College

Ayden Steagall, Lone Star College

Rebekah Duncan, Montana State University

Lauren Steagall, University of Houston

Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Justin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Izzy Tousha, Lone Star College

Pray for Our Families and Friends

Jeff Cory's sister, *Kim* - pray for successful colon cancer surgery (11/2) and complete healing.

Jess McGlothlin's *Aunt* - comfort following the unexpected loss of her husband, Jess's uncle. Pray that God will use this to bring family members to a saving faith.

Nicholas Ritchie's brother, *Jason Ritchie* - complete healing and peace for the family.

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Emily Wykes is due in December.

Felicity Bodden is due in March.

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month

Jeff & Katie Saunders, Emerie & Ezra, Reformed University Fellowship in Tokyo, Japan

Pray

- RUF ministry -Pray for preparation for next semester, increased student connections, the current Bible study, and a second Bible study planned to begin next year.
- New intern -Pray that she will connect well with the students as she builds relationships, and for successful fundraising over the coming year as she works to meet her financial needs.
- Family -Pray for their adjustments back to life in Japan, for new and growing friendships as they seek to be good neighbors and love their friends well, and for their children to be able to engage with other kids in Japanese.

Email prayer requests to robin@springcypresschurch.com.



MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH October 2021

JEFF & KATIE SAUNDERS
EMERIE & EZRA

Reformed University Fellowship in Tokyo, Japan



While relatively small, Japan is a country with a tremendous influence on the world. From the cuisine and culture to the cars and electronics, much of the world has benefited from Japan. There is so much beauty here but what people often don't see is the brokenness and need. Visibly there is strong community among the Japanese, yet there is a thick but invisible thread of isolation woven into the relational tapestry. And so it is that many Japanese struggle with depression, feelings of worthlessness, and suicidal ideations as an almost daily reality.

It was at Covenant Seminary (Jeff, M.Div., '15) that God began revealing these facts to Jeff and Katie, ultimately calling them to advance His kingdom in Tokyo, Japan. The Japanese desperately need to hear that they are loved, have dignity, and are given ultimate affirmation through the incarnation. The message of Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection has immense power to move people to experience true humanity the way God intended. Pray for Jeff and Katie as they serve in the largest city in the world through church-planting and university ministry.

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Sermon Notes *Sola Scriptura: The Authority of the Word*

October 3, 2021

Matthew 7:24-27

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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