



*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 30, 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 Luke 18:16-17,*

*“But Jesus called them to him, saying,  
‘Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them,  
for to such belongs the kingdom of God.*

*Truly, I say to you,  
whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child  
shall not enter it.”*

### ✦CALL TO WORSHIP

*Pastor Ben*

*Romans 11:33-36*

Leader: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

People: **How unsearchable are his judgments  
and how inscrutable his ways!**

Leader: For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been his counselor?

People: **Or who has given a gift to him  
that he might be repaid?**

Leader: For from him and through him and to him are all things.

All: **To him be glory forever! Amen!**

### ✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Pastor Ben*

### ✦SONGS OF ADORATION

*Congregation*

***Christ is Made the Sure Foundation** (Hymn #342, vs. 1, 3, and 5)  
(7th century Latin hymn text, Smart; arr. Rawsthorne, Lawrence)*

***O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing** (Hymn #164, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6)  
(Wesley, Mason; arr. Linker, Lawrence)*

✦*Please stand if able*

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

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**DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW**

*Ruling Elder Ian Achterkirch*

*Romans 12:2*

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Ian Achterkirch*

Leader: Almighty God, in love you have called us to be conformed to your character and likeness, that we may discern your will.

People: **Yet our hearts so often reflect worldly priorities, values, and interests.**

**Forgive us, Father, for not discerning what is good, and acceptable, and perfect.**

Leader: Father, bring to mind where we have conformed to the pattern of this world rather than to that of your holy will. Grant that we would seek your perfect will and hear now our silent prayers of confession...

*silent confession of personal sin*

...amen.

**PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL**

*Ian Achterkirch*

*Colossians 2:13-14*

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

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

*Ian Achterkirch*

*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

**✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Congregation*

*All I Have Is Christ*  
(Kauflin)

**DIACONAL PRAYER**

*Deacon Stephen Kovach*

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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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**OFFERTORY**

***My Eternal King***

(Jane Marshall)

*Choir*

My God, I love Thee.  
Not because I hope for heaven thereby,  
Nor yet because those who love Thee not  
Must die eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace.  
For me didst bear the nails, and spear, and manifold disgrace.

Why then, why?  
O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well?  
Not for the hope of winning heaven, nor of escaping hell.  
Not for the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward,  
But as Thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord.

Even so, I love Thee, and will love  
And in Thy praise will sing,  
Solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King!

**✦ SONG OF PRAISE**

***The Doxology*** (Hymn #731)

(Ken, Bourgeois)

*Congregation*

**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**

Romans 8:28-39

*Pastor Ben*

**SERMON**

*Sola Gratia: The Ground of Assurance*

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF RESPONSE**

***A Mighty Fortress*** (Hymn #92)

(Music and text adapted from Psalm 46 by Luther; arr. Rutter, Lawrence)

*Congregation*

**✦ BENEDICTION**

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF BLESSING**

***Gloria Patri*** (Hymn #735)

(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

*Congregation*

**RECOGNITION & FAREWELL**

*Wesley Lawrence*

*Pastor Ben*

**POSTLUDE**

*Brooke Lewis*

**Sermon Notes**

***Sola Gratia: The Ground of Assurance***

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## Announcements

<b>Monday, October 31</b>	
SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
<b>Tuesday, November 1</b>	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Men's Bible Study Room 118	7:00pm
CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
<b>Wednesday, November 2</b>	
Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
<b>Thursday, November 3</b>	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
<b>Friday, November 4</b>	
<b>Saturday, November 5</b>	
<b>Sunday, November 6</b>	
Worship & Communion Sanctuary & LS	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am
LS = Live Stream	

### **4th Annual Reformation Party**

**TODAY from 3 to 6:30 pm, Pavilion**

Invite a friend and join us for a lively afternoon of fun and food as we commemorate the 505th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation! History has never been so fun! Activities, games, songs, food, and prizes await those who come!

### **Daylight Savings Ends Next Sunday!**

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour!

### **Operation Christmas Child begins TODAY!**

Stop by the OCC Christmas Tree in the Narthex and pick up a box or two! **Please return filled shoeboxes no later than Sunday, November 13th.** Note: Operation Christmas Child requests a donation of \$10/box for postage. You may either write a check to SCPC for \$10 or go online, donate, and print your own label. Would you like others to pack a box for you? Consider Building a Shoebox Online at SCPC's Build a Shoebox Goal Page. The link can be found on our website: [springcypresschurch.com/operation-christmas-child](http://springcypresschurch.com/operation-christmas-child)

### **Christmas Blessings Project - thank you!**

Thank you to all who picked up an angel last week! All 23 of our missionary children will be blessed by YOU with a Christmas gift and most importantly with your prayers.

### **November Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal**

**Sunday, November 20, 12:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**

**Contact: Kyra**

Mark your calendar and join us for our November Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal! Watch for an email where you can sign up to bring side dishes to complete our turkey dinner!

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

*Diaconate* - Pray for our deacons as they fulfill their calling to care for the many and varied physical needs of our church and congregation.

## **Pray for Our Congregation**

*Neal Benedict* - recovery from surgery to remove a cancerous kidney.

*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.

*Kathryn Ritchie* is due in April.

## **Pray for Our Family & Friends**

Jolene Wyke's brother *Kevin* - pray for healing from complications from open heart surgery.

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](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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