



*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 31, 2021

## Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Stephanie Hicks*

### PRELUDE

*Janice Bradshaw*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor Ben*

### PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

*Janice Bradshaw*

*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 the 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, 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)*

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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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✦Please stand if able

**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 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**

*Ancient Words*  
(DeShazo; arr. Lawrence)

*Congregation*

**DIACONAL PRAYER**

*Deacon Jakob Basham*

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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**

***Standing on the Promises***

*Choir*

(Carter, arr. Hayes)

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
Through eternal ages let His praises ring;  
"Glory in the highest," I will shout and sing,  
'Cause I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,  
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,  
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call,  
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
Standing on the promises of God.

I'm standing on the promises, I'm standing on the Solid Rock,  
And when the storms of doubt assail, God's promises shall prevail!

**✦ 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**

Deuteronomy 30:11-14

*Pastor Ben*

**SERMON**

*Sola Scriptura: The Clarity of the Word*

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF RESPONSE**

*Congregation*

***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*** (Hymn #92)  
(based on Psalm 46, Luther; arr. Rutter, Lawrence)

**✦ BENEDECTION**

*Pastor Ben*

**✦ SONG OF BLESSING**

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

*Congregation*

**POSTLUDE**

*Stephanie Hicks*

**Sermon Notes**

***Sola Scriptura: The Clarity of the Word***

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# Announcements

<b>Monday, November 1</b>	
SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
<b>Tuesday, November 2</b>	
Women in the Word 119	9:30am
Men's Bible Study 116	7:00pm
CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
<b>Wednesday, November 3</b>	
Choir Sanctuary	6:30pm
Youth Group Youth Building	6:30pm
<b>Thursday, November 4</b>	
MOPS 130	7:00pm
Women in the Word 119	7:00pm
<b>Friday, November 5</b>	
<b>Saturday, November 6</b>	
The Training Ground Fellowship Hall	8:00am
<b>Sunday, November 7</b>	
Worship & Communion Sanctuary & LS	9:30am
Sunday School for All Ages	11:00am
LS-Live Stream	

### **3rd 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 504th 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!

### **November Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal**

**Sunday, November 14, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall**

**Contact: Tracy**

Mark your calendar and join us for our November Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal! Sign up to bring side dishes to complete our turkey dinner in the Narthex or through the link that will be emailed later today.

### **The Training Ground**

**Saturday, November 6, 8 am-12 pm, Fellowship Hall**  
**RSVP by Wednesday, November 3** by emailing Elisa, [elisa@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:elisa@springcypresschurch.com).

**Contact: Erik, [erik@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:erik@springcypresschurch.com)**

Calling all boys in 3rd-9th grade and their dads! Join us for the inaugural session of The Training Ground. There will be breakfast, a devotional, and then basic first aid training provided by Spring Fire Department! We hope you will make plans to attend.

### **Saturday Music Session - Contemporary Jam Session**

**Saturday, November 13, 9:30 am, The Gallery**

**RSVP to Wes, [wesley@springcypresschurch.com](mailto:wesley@springcypresschurch.com)**

Calling anyone who plays, or wants to learn to play guitar: bring your guitar and we'll play some music together! Beginners will have the chance to learn some basic chords and a couple songs from Scott Thibaut, and those that have a handle on the basics will play songs with other members of the band. If you want to play but don't have access to an instrument, email Wes and we can try to find one for you! RSVP so we're sure to have enough music. See you there!

### **Youth Movie Night**

**Saturday, November 13, 5:30-9:30pm, Youth Bldg**

**Contact: Felix**

Senior & Junior High students! Mark your calendar for our upcoming movie night and fellowship! Pizza and popcorn will be provided.

### **Missions Presentation during Sunday School**

**Sunday, November 14, 11:00 am, Sanctuary**

Adults and Youth, Tim & Cheri Hoke will be sharing about their work with African Bible University in Uganda. Make plans to attend and hear how the Lord is working in the lives of the teachers and students.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

**Please return your packed boxes no later than Sunday, November 14th** with \$9 (if by check, made out to SCPC) for postage. More information can be found on our website: [springcypresschurch.com/operation-Christmas-child](http://springcypresschurch.com/operation-Christmas-child).

# Prayer

## **Pray for Our Church**

*Youth* - Pray for our youth parents, Sunday School teachers, and Youth Group leaders as they work together to help our youth grow in their Christian faith.

## **Pray for Our Congregation**

*Clairice Chapelle* - healing from a broken leg.

*Ray Rhoades* - PRAISE - knee replacement surgery went well; pray for complete and quick healing.

*Ken Thurman, Laura & Charlton Wimberly* - peace and comfort following the death of Linda.

Ongoing health concerns: *René Chapelle, Carl & Rose Gregory, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, and Katie Medeiros.*

## **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**

Andy & Kyra Moncrief's son, *Cason* - employment.

Thecla Musima's mother, *Elizabeth* - peace and comfort following the death of her son and mother-in-law and as she spends time with her family is in Cameroon 10/30.

Jeff Cory's sister, *Kim* - successful colon cancer surgery scheduled for 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.

## **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](mailto:robin@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

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