



*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 9, 2022

*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*

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRELUDE *Brooke Lewis*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Pastor Ben*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP *Brooke Lewis*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Deuteronomy 8:3,
"And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna,
which you did not know, nor did your fathers know,
that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone,
but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD."*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP *Pastor Ben*
from Psalm 147

Leader: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!
For He strengthens the bars of your gates,
He blesses your children within you.

People: **He makes peace in your borders;
He fills you with the finest of the wheat.**

Leader: He declares His word to Jacob, His statutes and rules to Israel.

All: **Praise the Lord!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION *Pastor Ben*

✦SONGS OF ADORATION *Congregation*

Living Waters
(Kristyn Getty, Cash; arr. Lawrence)

At the Cross (Love Ran Red)
(Cash, Armstrong, Tomlin, Redman, Myrin; arr. Galbraith, Lawrence)

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW *Ruling Elder Erik Haaland*
Deuteronomy 8:5-6

Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him.

✦*Please stand if able*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Erik Haaland

Leader: Almighty God, we come to you confessing
that among many other sins, we regularly forget
that your correction and discipline in our lives
is testament to your love of us, not your rejection of us.

People: **Father, in our forgetfulness we often fail to regard you,
the Holy One, properly,
while we regard ourselves too highly,
and we fail to walk in your ways as we ought.
For these sins we repent and seek your forgiveness.**

Leader: Lord, in ourselves we do not deserve forgiveness,
but we rejoice that you are gracious and merciful,
and that you have sent your Son
to fully atone for our every offence.

In view of His self-sacrifice, and your gracious character,
please hear now our silent personal prayers of confession,
and forgive us as your beloved sons and daughters...

silent confession of personal sin

...amen.

*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.*

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Erik Haaland

Isaiah 43:25

I, I am he
who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,
and I will not remember your sins.

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

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Erik Haaland

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Congregation

Have Thine Own Way, Lord! (Hymn #688, vs. 1, 2, and 3)
(Pollard, Stebbins)

DIACONAL PRAYER

Deacon Bill Dietz

*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 *Come to Me, All Who Labor* *Choir*
text adapted from Matthew 11:28-30, music by John Purifoy

✦ SONG OF PRAISE *The Doxology* (Hymn #731) *Congregation*
(Ken, Bourgeois)

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 Ephesians 2:1-5 *Pastor Ben*

SERMON What Makes Grace...*Grace* *Pastor Ben*

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* (Hymn #616) *Congregation*
(Hoffman, Showalter)

✦ BENEDICTION *Pastor Ben*

✦ SONG OF BLESSING *Gloria Patri* (Hymn #735) *Congregation*
(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

POSTLUDE *Brooke Lewis*

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

Sermon Notes

What Makes Grace... *Grace*

October 9, 2022

Ephesians 2:1-5

Announcements

Monday, October 10 - Holiday, office closed	
SAA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Tuesday, October 11	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Bell Choir Sanctuary	7:00pm
CODA Meeting Youth Building	7:30pm
Wednesday, October 12	
Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm
Discovering SCPC Fellowship Hall Annex	6:30pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Thursday, October 13	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, October 14	
Saturday, October 15	
Sunday, October 16	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am
Praise & Worship Gallery	6:00pm

Reformation Celebration

TODAY we begin a month long celebration of the Lord's faithfulness to purify, refine, and build his church through the Reformation. This year Pastor Ben will focus on *Sola Gratia* and *Sola Fide*, two of the five vitally important truths that were recovered during the Protestant Reformation that began in the early 16th century.

Directory Photos

We are taking photos for our online directory **TODAY**. Whether it's your first photo or just an update be sure and stop by The Gallery after worship to have your photo taken!

Children's Choir Rehearsal

TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY after worship, Sanctuary
Contact: Robin, robin@springcypresschurch.com
 The children of SCPC will be helping lead us in worship on October 23rd! We will rehearse in the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service today and next Sunday.

Bell Choir for Reformation Sunday!

Tuesdays, October 11, 18, & 25, 7:00 pm
Contact: Wesley, wesley@springcypresschurch.com
 Calling all who have rung before, or any who are interested: Bell choir is rolling toward Reformation Sunday! In preparation for ringing on Sunday October 30th, we will meet for 3 rehearsals in October. Rehearsals are listed above, get in touch with Wes if you're interested -no experience necessary!

Praise & Worship - Collaborative Contemporary **NEXT SUNDAY, October 16, 6:00 pm, The Gallery**

Contact: Wes, wesley@springcypresschurch.com
 This month, all are welcome to bring their acoustic guitars and play with us! We'll set up in The Gallery, and be singing great modern songs of the faith with chords on the easier side. (Playing not required, please come and sing along as usual!) Email Wes if you'd like the music ahead of time.

Youth Group Paintball War

Saturday, October 22, 3-6pm
Texas Legends Paintball
11099 Ponderosa Timbers Dr, The Woodlands
Contact: Felix, felix@springcypresschurch.com
Cost: \$25 (meal included)
 Senior & Junior High Youth, join us for an afternoon of paintball fun. Meet at the church by 2pm; we'll return around 7pm.

Reformation Party

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 every - we need many volunteers. Sign up in the Narthex or through the link emailed to you last Sunday, October 2nd. **Donations of candy** may be dropped off at the Visitor's Kiosk in the Narthex.

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Hospitality - Praise God for the wonderful volunteers in the hospitality ministry! Pray that the Lord would draw more people into this ministry as we seek to warmly welcome visitors and care for one another.

Pray for Our Congregation

Neal Benedict - healing from bladder cancer surgery; successful treatment of cancer.

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

Jeff Kuhn - strength and stamina as he heals from complications from surgery and continues radiation and chemo treatments for esophageal cancer.

Ongoing health concerns: *René & Clairice Chapelle, Carl & Rose Gregory, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, Katie Medeiros, Mark Morrow, Jim 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

Daniel Burch's friend's family - Pray 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.

Jolene Wykes' brother Kevin - PRAISE for successful heart surgery; pray for quick recovery.

Patricia Wyatte's granddaughter *Mistie Hoot* - healing and strength following abdominal surgery.

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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