



*We are a body of believers
called by the Holy Spirit
transformed by the Gospel to enjoy and glorify God
as we proclaim the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ.*

Sunday, September 20, 2020

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Janice Bradshaw*

PRELUDE *Saule Garcia*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Pastor Ben*

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP *Saule Garcia*

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Joel 2:32a,*

*“And it shall come to pass
that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD
shall be saved.”*

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

✦CALL TO WORSHIP *Pastor Ben*
Ephesians 1:3-6

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

People: **Even as he chose us in him
before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy and blameless before him.**

Leader: In love, he predestined us for adoption to himself
as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

All: **To the praise of his glorious grace,
with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION *Pastor Ben*

✦SONG OF ADORATION *In Christ Alone* *Congregation*
(Getty, Townend)

✦*Please stand if able*

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ruling Elder Ian Achterkirch

Matthew 5:14-16

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ian Achterkirch

Leader: Holy and gracious Father, we are so frail and fragile,
getting blown about by the latest bad news,
by our own failings, and the wrongs of others.

You call us to view all things through the limitless radiance
of your being, but too often we magnify everything but you.

People: **Lord, you call us to find our satisfaction in you,
but we too often exchange your immortal glory
for the decaying trinkets of the world and the flesh ,
and are robbed of our joy.**

**Open our eyes to see and savor Christ
as our true and lasting delight.**

Leader: Almighty God, fill us with the fullness of joy
and the boundless comfort of your presence,
that our lives may display before the world
the superiority of the manifold perfections of your glory,
and hear now our prayers of silent personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

Amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Ian Achterkirch

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*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.*

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

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Ian Achterkirch

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

All I Have is Christ
(Kauflin)

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 READING

Esther 9:1-19

Pastor Ben

SERMON

Retributive Justice

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE

Lead On, O King Eternal (Hymn #580)
(Shurtleff, Smart)

Congregation

✦ BENEDECTION

Pastor Ben

✦ SONG OF BLESSING

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

Congregation

POSTLUDE

Janice Bradshaw

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

Sermon Notes

September 20, 2020

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Announcements

Monday, September 21		
Session Meeting Pastor's Office		7:00pm
SAA Meeting Youth Building		7:30pm
Tuesday, September 22		
Women in the Word The Gallery		9:30am
CODA Meeting Youth Building		7:30pm
Wednesday, September 23		
Youth Group Youth Building		6:30pm
Thursday, September 24		
MOPS Playdate Pavilion		10:00am
Women in the Word The Gallery		7:00pm
Men's Round Table McDaniel's home		7:00pm
Friday, September 25		
Hinged Women's Conference Sanctuary		7-9 pm
Saturday, September 26		
Hinged Women's Conference Sanctuary		9am-2pm
Sunday, September 27		
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream		9:00am
Adult Sunday School Sanctuary		10:15am
Senior High Sunday School B215-217		10:15am
Junior High Sunday School Youth Bldg		10:15am
Children's Sunday School Fellowship Hall		10:15am

From the Diaconate...

Parking Lot - for the safety of all, please observe the directional arrows in the back parking lot.

Mission Greenspoint, one of the ministries SCPC supports, needs help sorting the abundance of clothing they've received from our generous community. Sorting times are Monday-Thursday, noon-4pm. Masks are required and gloves are provided. Individuals or groups are welcome! To schedule a time to help, call 281-872-1422.

Women in the Word Weekly, The Gallery

Ladies, join us for a study of Ephesians as we learn together what it means to be connected, hinged, to one another by the love of Christ and His church.

Tuesdays at 9:30 am

Contact: Julie (jcorley5@earthlink.net)
Childcare by reservation, contact Elisa (elisa@springcypresschurch.com)

Thursdays at 7:00 pm

Contact: Robin (robin@springcypresschurch.com)

Youth Group

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm Youth Building

Junior and Senior High students, join us for a time of fellowship, fun, games, and gospel-centered teaching.

Contact: Susy (stousha@gmail.com)

MOPS Playdate

Thursday, September 24, 10:00 am Pavilion

Mothers of Preschoolers, join us for a time of fun and fellowship as we hang out together in the church playground and pavilion.

Contact: Elizabeth, Emily W. (MOPS@springcypresschurch.com)

Men's Round Table

Thursday, September 24, 7:00 pm

Location: McDaniel's home

Men, join us for a time of fellowship and theological discussion! To receive an email with the article to be discussed, contact Elisa (elisa@springcypresschurch.com).

Contact: Jim (giacomo_s@yahoo.com)

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Hinged Women's Conference - Pray for the women attending and facilitating this conference this coming weekend, that God will be glorified, that His name will be proclaimed with boldness, and that women will be transformed as they learn about being vitally connected to Christ and His church through the study of Ephesians!

Pray for Our Congregation

Niki Ayles - complete healing following a tonsillectomy.

Eldon & Virginia Faries - strength and healing.

Rose & Carl Gregory - strength and healing for Rose; wisdom and peace for Carl.

Brett Kerr - peace and comfort following the passing of his mother.

John Morrison - PRAISE-successful cataract surgery in one eye; PRAY-success of upcoming cataract surgery on the other eye on 9/22.

Lizzy Musima - successful treatment of high iron deficiency anemia.

Shelley Steagall - full recovery following surgery and improved use of her left hand and arm.

Rick Toothman - healing from infection in his leg.

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Georgia

Chris Dietz, Navy, Kingsville, Texas

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, Samford University

Jacob Kerr, Texas A&M University

Ian Allan, Calvin University

Rebekah Kooiman, Abilene Christian University

Zach Allan, Tarleton State University

Aaron Lewis, Texas Tech University

Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Lauren Steagall, University of Houston

Justin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Pray for Our Families and Friends

Bruce & Barbara Honts' son-in-law's grandmother, Alida - recovery from COVID-19 and comfort for the passing of her husband from COVID-19.

Rita Rivera's sister and nephew, *Juanita & Stephen* - Stephen is returning home after being hospitalized. Pray for peace and strength for Juanita as she cares for him.

Jim & Mary Spiritosanto's daughter, *Rebecca Cooper* - PRAISE - she is officially approved for a transplant and is on the transplant list; PRAY - strength while awaiting a transplant, wisdom and direction regarding her son donating one of his kidneys.

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Jess McGlothlin due in October

Ashley Lin due in November

Kathryn Ritchie in March

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month

Jeff & Katie Saunders, Reformed University Fellowship, Tokyo, Japan

Pray for a great movement of the Holy Spirit, so that many Japanese would experience its power as they taste and see the risen Christ. **Pray for** wisdom, relationships with students and professors, and an increasingly robust life of prayer centered around the university ministry. **Pray for** language fluency for Jeff and Katie - increased understanding, clarity in speech, and comfort in doing ministry in another language. **Pray for** their role in helping support the regular ministry activities at Sugunami and Grace City churches.

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 at the Visitor's Center.
- If you do not have a Bible of your own, please stop by the Visitor's Center.
- To see how our church participates in the global cause for Christ, check out the touch-screen monitor in the Narthex

Restrooms are located in the Narthex.

To learn more about us and our ministries, visit our website, springcypresschurch.com

Like and follow us on Facebook: *Spring Cypress Church*

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 mothers with infants.
- Children ages 4-8 are welcome to go to Children's Worship prior to the sermon. They are returned to the Sanctuary near the end of the service.

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.

If you would like to give via **check**, please make your check payable to SCPC. **Online giving** is available at springcypresschurch.com/give. **Text** any amount to **84321** to give (standard message and data rates may apply).

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