

“The elephant in the room, so to speak, that Paul needs to address is his absence from Rome. If he is the divinely appointed apostle to the Gentiles, then why has he not yet visited the largest Gentile city in the inhabited world? Why has Paul not attempted to correspond with the Roman Gentile believers resident there if they are, as Paul alleges, under the jurisdiction of his apostolate?”

Michael F. Bird

Order of Worship

April 16, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

SMPC Music Team

Call to Worship



The life of the church mirrors the gospel pattern in the life of a disciple.

*This is demonstrated in our **order of worship** (the bulletin you are holding):*

Opening moments offer recognition of the greatness and goodness of God that naturally folds into confession, assurance of pardon, songs of thanksgiving, instruction, and a charge to serve God in response to His grace in Christ.



*We believe everyone **worships** something and that we will inevitably imitate and serve what we worship.*



We Gather Together

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:
Sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:
Thou, Lord, wast at our side—all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our Defender will be.
Let Thy congregation endure through tribulation:
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Invocation

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Incomparable Savior, we thank You with all our hearts, for Your wondrous love in bearing our guilt on the cross. Thank You for giving up the praise and glory of heaven, to please Your Father and rescue us from ourselves. You lived a life of self-denial and sacrificial love for others, always obeying Your Father. We thank You for your radiant robe of righteousness, which replaces the filthy and tattered rags of our attempts to be good. You paid the full price that we owed for sin on the cross, so that we might be freed from sin and death and relentless self-worship. Holy Spirit, remind us of these truths daily. As true worship fills our souls, may we grow into people who swiftly turn from our sinful desires in order to love others as we have been so greatly loved. In the matchless name of Jesus, we pray. Amen~



Gospel

Renewal is a time we use to re-mind people of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

By His obedience we are justified, and by His death are reconciled to God. As we apprehend this we are ready to confess our sin.



Since we understand that we are redeemed sinners, we agree with God about our sin to the end that we might be confirmed in the forgiveness and absolution we have in Christ. This pattern of **confession** makes way for affirmation and confirmation of God's covenant promise that He assures every believer of pardon for the sake of Christ's obedience and substitution.





For

assurance of pardon, the man who has faith is the man who is no longer looking at himself and no longer looking to himself. He looks entirely to the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work, and rests on that alone". – Martyn Lloyd-Jones



Assurance of Pardon

People: Thanks be to God!

There Is a Fountain

There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its pow'r,
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die and shall be till I die.

When this poor lisping, stammering tongue
Lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song,
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.



The purpose of our time of **greeting** is to fulfill the command in Romans 15:7 "Therefore, welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."



The Blessing

Minister: The grace of God be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Experiencing Renewal

Only Jesus

Father of grace, You've sacrificed
Your only Son for us, the crucified Jesus.
Enlarge our hearts, to love Your Son,
O grant to us the grace to walk with Him always.
To make Him our great delight, bringing worship with our lives.

Chorus: Only Jesus! Only Jesus! Give us Jesus, we cry.
Only Jesus! Only Jesus! The Pearl of greatest price.

Spirit of grace, You've shed Your light,
Upon our darkened eyes, unveiling Jesus Christ.
Come change our hearts, conform our ways,
To honor Jesus' Name, His glory our refrain.
Let His love compel our own, as we worship at His throne. **(Chorus)**

Bridge: Jesus, our great Savior, Lord of heaven, Son of God.
Jesus, our great Savior, Lord of heaven, Son of God. **(Chorus)**

(Last Time Repeat Chorus)

Leaning

Let my yes be yes, to you oh Lord.
Let my no be no, to the things of this world.
If I rise or fall, if I stand at all
I am leaning on Your everlasting arms.
(Chorus): What a fellowship, what a joy divine
What a priceless gift, God I'm Yours and You are mine
Let my restless soul be still and know.
I am leaning on Your everlasting arms.

From the morning sun and mercies new
To the evening stars every promise is true
As I walk this world, I'm held by You.
I am leaning on Your everlasting arms.

(Chorus)

(Bridge): The more I'm leaning, the more I'm flying
Feels less like dying, more like living for Heaven on Earth

(Repeat Bridge)

For Heaven on Earth

(Chorus)

I am leaning on Your everlasting arms.



Now that we have reenacted the story of the gospel as a church community. We now experience the renewal merited for us by Jesus Christ. We express this renewal in our singing praises to Jesus for His great mercy towards us.





*Jesus, our shepherd,
prays with us and for us. We pray the **pastoral prayer** expecting the Holy Spirit to minister Jesus' benefits to us as He prays for us.*



Pastoral Prayer

Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word:

Pastor Tim Posey

Series: Romans

Title: Setting the Agenda

Text: Romans 1:8-15

Theme: Why Paul Wants to Visit the Church In Rome

Introduction:

I. Paul's Thanksgiving (v. 8)

II. Paul's Vow (vv. 9-10)

III. Paul's Longing (vv. 11-13)

IV. Paul's Debt (vv. 14-15)

Conclusion:



*Since Jesus
Christ has
committed
Himself to us in
the laying down of
His precious life,
we are reminded
of this in the
preaching of the
Word and likewise
called to a daily,
deepening
commitment to
follow after Him.*





Receiving of tithes and offerings

is not an “add on” to the service. It is part of worship.

We demonstrate our trust in God's present provision and hope in our future with Him by supporting the spread of the Gospel.

You will find baskets for your tithes at the rear of the sanctuary.



Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

can be found on the next page of this bulletin.



The **Benediction** is a pronouncement of God's favor upon His assembled people.



Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Response

Like a River Glorious

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
Over all victorious in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev'ry day,
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way. **(Refrain)**

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand,
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
Not a blast of hurry, touch the spirit there. **(Refrain)**

Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above,
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love.
We may trust Him fully all for us to do;
They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true. **(Refrain)**

Refrain: Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

(White grape juice or red wine is available; and gluten-free bread in the smaller plate.)

Benediction

Guidelines: Reception of the Lord's Supper at Spring Meadows

The Lord's Supper is the family meal of Christians.

We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ.

The Lord's Supper: Words of Institution and Instruction

Setting apart of the Elements / Distribution of the Bread and Wine

Please hold the elements and we will partake of them together. We use both wine and white grape juice in the celebration of Holy Communion. Please note that the outer ring of the tray is white grape juice, and the inner rings are wine.

Silent Prayers if not Communing: *Prayer for those Searching for Truth*

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that You promise. Amen.

Prayer for those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in You the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to You, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow You in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in Your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with Your people and live in the fullness of Your Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I repent of my sins of self-ruling and self-saving. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Thank You that my sin and rebellion are Yours and Your righteous, perfect, and obedient life is mine through faith in You. Knowing that You died on the cross and have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive You as Savior and Lord and I await Your return when I will see You face to face. I now resolve in humble reliance on the Holy Spirit and through the power of the gospel graciously working in my life to seek to walk in a manner pleasing to You. Amen.

Prayer for Covenant Children not yet Communicant Members

Lord Jesus, thank You for placing me inside Your family, the church. Help me to know You, to love You, and to follow You as Your faithful disciple. Amen.

Making Contact

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At Spring Meadows, the work of knowing, feeding, leading, and protecting the flock of God is divided among the Shepherding Elders. We encourage all members of the church to reach out to their **Shepherding Elders** often. They want to pray with and for you! If you do not have a Shepherding Elder, please email the church office.

Shepherding Elders:

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Dan Phillips, RE.....yellowbugger62@yahoo.com
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Sermons may be *found* online on our Sound Cloud page:
<https://soundcloud.com/smpc-las-vegas-nv/>

Sermons can be *heard* live online at 11AM every Sunday:
<https://springmeadowspres.org/resources/sermons>

Download the SMPC “**Connect**” App on your mobile device.
<https://springmeadowspres.churchtrac.com> or scan QR Code:



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Servant Schedule:

Greeter	Barb Kalb
Coffee Station	Steve & Wendy L.
S.S. Nursery	Messerte Sertse
S.S. Pre-K & K	Claire Hiles
S.S. Grades 1-4	Makayla Lavender
S.S. Grades 5-8	Catherine Kelley
Church Nursery	Jasmine Capobianco

Current Sunday School Offerings:

Adult Sunday School: 9:30AM - 10:15AM

Title: The Lord's Prayer
Teacher: Emmanuel Kurapati

Pre-K & K

9:30AM – 10:15AM
Series: Living in God's Family
Title: God Makes Us More Like Jesus
Teacher: Claire Hiles

Grades (1-4)

9:30AM – 10:15AM
Series: Investigating God's Word:
Title: The Book of Joshua
Teacher: Makayla Lavender

Grades (5-8)

9:30 – 10:15AM
Series: Implementing God's Word:
Title: Biblical Worldview
Teacher: Catherine Kelley

Women's Ministry Council 2022-2023:

President~	Karen Guest
Vice President~	Jessica Salinas
Mercy~	Eliza Moe
Fellowship~	Kristi Schmid
Treasurer~	Rebecca Unangst
Secretary~	Catherine Kelley
Communications~	April Stumme



If you are interested in serving alongside our current volunteers in the Children's Ministry at Spring Meadows, please contact Elder Dan Phillips.



If you are interested in serving the body at Spring Meadows and would like more information on where and how you can serve, please contact the church office for information.



Overseeing Elder for the Women's Council: Ed Kelley.



Upcoming SMPC Events

- ❖ **SMPC Session Meeting:** Tuesday, **April 18** at 6:15PM
- ❖ **SMPC Officer Training** begins this **Wednesday, April 19:** open to **Elder & Deacon** Officer Nominees, and **anyone else** Male or Female who would like to attend. (12) classes take place on **Wednesdays** from **7p-8:15p** at the Church property. Ends July 5th.
- ❖ **Hands of Hope Day:** Spring Foot-Washing Clinic **April 29th 10a-2p**
- ❖ **Presbytery Meeting** hosted by SMPC: Wednesday, **May 4th.**
- ❖ **SMPC VBS 2023:** Summer Sequest taking place **July 26-28** from **5p-8p** at the Church Property. Calling all Sea Explorers, ages 4 years – Middle School who are ready to encounter profound truths from the Word of God, deepen their knowledge & love for God, be taught the Gospel and be equipped to share the Gospel. Contact Elder **Dan Phillips** or **Hannah Barnhart** for information about this rich & exciting spiritual adventure, your kids will want to come back year after year!
- ❖ **Southwest Reformed Youth Camp**, Palomar, CA: youth between the ages of entering JR. High to a Graduating H.S. Senior, **July 31st-August 4th.** Be sure to grab a flyer from the back counter and sign up for notifications.
- ❖ **Men's Book Study...**Lessons From The Upper Room by Sinclair Ferguson. One-hour discussion every other Saturday at 7AM, Church property. Books & Info are available in the Men's Cubby, Contact Elder Rick V. with any questions.
- ❖ **Women's Bible Studies:** "Our Light and Life: Identity in the claims of Christ" by Becky Kiern. Discussion leaders are Barb Kalb, Terri Kelley, Shawnee Vetanovetz, and Jessica Salinas. Childcare is available for Thursday AM study led by T. Kelley. Please see a Women's Council Member with any questions.
- ❖ **Men & Women's Ongoing Book Study:** "Institutes of the Christian Religion" by John Calvin. Led by Deacon Walt Kwasniewski, Friday evenings from 6:30P-8P at SMPC. Please bring your own copy of this magnum opus to the study. Never too late to join. Contact: Deacon Walt.

Community Groups at Spring Meadows

At Spring Meadows, we understand that believers are called to
"Build up one another".

To make this happen, we meet in Community Groups around Las Vegas to worship Christ, train for ministry, and pray for the kingdom of God together.

Please contact a
Community Group leader from below for up-to-date information.

North

Elder Dan Phillips
yellowbugger62@yahoo.com

Central

Elder Ed Kelley
chinakids@cox.net
Meets: 2nd and 4th Sundays
5:00PM – 7:00 PM

Green Valley

Elder Rick Vetanovetz
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Meets: 2nd and 4th Sundays
4:00PM – 6:00 PM

1 Thessalonians 5:11

***“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up,
just as you are doing.”***

Announcements

Prayer Requests: Please contact office@springmeadowspres.org or 702-384-3437 or your Shepherding Elder.

Spring Meadows Website: <https://springmeadowspres.org/>

Children's Ministry: If you have a willing heart to serve our little sheep during Sunday School or Worship, either as assistant or teacher, please contact Elder Dan Phillips.

Worship Team: If you have been gifted with musical talent (playing an instrument, singing) or would enjoy working on the audio/visual side, contact the Church Office as we desire to expand our Worship Team.

Coffee Station: If you have a heart for hospitality and are wondering how you can serve the body at Spring Meadows, please consider being on a rotating schedule for the management of the Coffee Station at the back of the Sanctuary. Contact the Church Office for details.

Women's Library: On the SMPC Ladies Bookshelf, you will find books for women on several subjects, plus info on Women's ministry. Books are to be signed out.

Book Library Rack for All: Location-Church Office lobby. Feel free to browse & borrow at your leisure, return when done. Book donations can be given to Church Office.

Cash Donations: There are small envelopes at the back of the church, in the top left cubby. Please be sure to indicate if your offering is Tithe or Benevolence.

Family Update Form: If you have not already, please be sure to submit your completed Family Update Form, hard copy in offering basket or submit online via email. Blank forms at back of church.

Next Step Ministries: Clothing, Shoes and Handbag donations for men, women and children are collected the 1st Sunday of each month. Donations can be left in NextStep Ministries truck bed, parked in the parking lot. See Deacon Walt K for additional info.

New Member Class: If you are interested in attending the next class, please sign up online via ChurchTrac Connect App or at the back of the Sanctuary. You will be contacted by the church office when the next class is scheduled.

**Please be sure to notify the Church Office of any announcements for the upcoming bulletin ahead of time. Deadline is 9AM, the Wednesday prior to the following Sunday.*

APRIL 2023 Events

Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays: “Our Light and Life” Ladies Bible Study
Fridays: “Institutes of the Christian Religion” Men & Women Discussion
Every Other Saturday: “Lessons from the Upper Room” Men’s Book Study

4/1: Women’s Event “Joyful Service”
4/2: Palm Sunday
4/2: NextSTEP Ministries Collection Day
4/7: Good Friday Service
4/9: Resurrection Morning Reception / Kids Activity
4/18: Session Meeting at Church Property
4/19: SMPC Officer Training Begins

H A P P Y

April 1st – Emma S.

April 22nd – Beverly J.

April 9th – Jasmine C.

April 22nd – Amelia C.

April 20th –Keith I.

April 26th – Kim L.

April 22nd – Walt K.

April 28th – Mercy C.

April 22nd – Amy R.

April 29th – John M.

B I R T H D A Y



CHILDREN'S PAGE



1) Put a  next to your favorite song from our Worship Service today.

2) **Underline** your favorite **words** in each song in the bulletin.

3) Which 4 books of the Bible are from today's Sermon?

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| a) 2 Corinthians | c) Matthew | e) 1 John | g) Ephesians |
| b) Ezekiel | d) Isaiah | f) Romans | h) Jeremiah |

4) What is the Title of the Sermon?

Why P _ _ _ Wants to V _ _ _ _ the Church in R _ _ _ .

5) What is today's sermon about?

6) Did you learn anything new from Pastor Tim today?

7) What is something you can pray about this week?

8) What is a way you can show God's love to your family this week?



THANK YOU to all that have helped or who are currently assisting with our Children's Ministry!

- ♥ We need willing Servants who have a heart for Children's Ministry. Please consider *assisting* or *teaching* one of our classes during Sunday School or during the Worship Service.
- ♥ To serve as an Assistant or Teacher in the Children's Ministry, all are required to consent to a background check (*this is covered by SMPC*) and Training is also provided.
- ♥ Teachers of our little sheep must be Members of SMPC.

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