"To see the Law by Christ fulfill'd
And hear His pard'ning voice;
Changes a slave into a child,
And duty into choice."
John Newton

Order of Worship

January 21, 2024

*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.*

Welcome and Announcements

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

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

Prelude

Call to Worship

Come, Let Us Worship

Come let us worship and bow down,
And kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
(Repeat)

Chorus*:* He is our God, He is our God;
We are the people of His pasture.
He is our God, He is our God;
We are the sheep of His Hand.

Come let us worship and bow down,
And kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
Come let us worship and bow down,
And kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
(Chorus)

Bridge*:* Worship the Lord in holiness;
Let the whole earth stand in awe.
He will come to judge the earth
In righteousness and truth.
(Chorus 2x)

Invocation

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being; Your face is hidden from us because of our sins, and in the blindness of our hearts we forget Your mercy. Remember that we are but dust, and look upon us in mercy, Your sinful and wayward children. Cleanse us, we humbly ask, from all our offenses, and deliver us from all proud thoughts and worthless desires. Open our eyes, that we may receive illumination through Your Word and Spirit, so that the darkness will be driven from our minds and hearts. Revive us, that we might walk in Your ways. Then, with humble and grateful hearts, we will praise You as we contemplate Your goodness to us. We will draw near to You and find rest in Your grace and acceptance. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen~

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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.

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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.

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*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*

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Assurance of Pardon

People: Thanks be to God!

God, Be Merciful to Me

God, be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against Thy grace and provoked Thee to Thy face;
I confess Thy judgment just, speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

The Blessing

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*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."*

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Minister: The grace of God be with you.
People: And also, with you.

Reception of New Members

Evan & Amy Faircloth and Family

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: Chorus 2x**)*

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us,
How high the mountain I could not climb;
In desperation, I turned to heaven And spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written, Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Chorus: Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free,
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.
You have broken every chain, There's salvation in Your name,
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven, The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever,
***** Jesus Christ, my living hope.

*(**Chorus 2x then Repeat ***)*

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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.*
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Pastoral Prayer

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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.*
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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom
And the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

Great Are You, Lord

Holy Lord, most holy Lord,
You alone are worthy of my praise;
O holy Lord, most holy Lord,
With all of my heart I sing.

Great are You, Lord, worthy of praise,
Holy and true, great are You, Lord,
Most holy Lord.

(Repeat All)

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: **Romans**
Title: **The Second Misuse of the Law**
Text: **Romans 6:14-15, 7:4-6**
Theme: **Antinomianism, Lawlessness and License**

Intro:

I. **The Curse of Antinomianism**

II. **The Christian and the Law**

III. **The Cure for Antinomianism**

Conclusion:

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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.*

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Receiving 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.*

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Guidelines for the ***Lord's Supper*** *can be found on the next page of this bulletin.*

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

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Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Response

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."
(Refrain))

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul.
(Refrain)

My sin— O the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
(Refrain)

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so" it is well with my soul.
(Refrain)

Refrain**:** It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul);
It is well, it is well with my soul.

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 / Deacons:
Elders……elders@springmeadowspres.org
Deacons……..……..…deacons@springmeadowspres.org

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.**

Complete **SMPC Survey** online under *Contact* or scan **QR Code.**

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Servant Schedule:

Greeters:	Paul & Claire Hiles
Coffee Station:	Patty Lovelady
Nursery:	Benette Sevilla
Church Nursery	Susan Bernard

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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.

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Sunday School Offerings: 9:30a-10:15a

Adult Sunday School:
Title: Covenant Theology
Teacher: Christian Bland

Pre-K
Series: Jesus is God's Son
Title: Mary Believes the Good News
Teacher: Eun-me Phillips

Grades (K-2)
Series: Genesis 25-50
Teacher: Stephen & Brittany Fichter

Grades (2-5)
Title: Exodus 21-40
Teacher: Gwennan Turner

Grades (6-12)
Series: Implementing God's Word:
Title: Biblical Relationships
Teacher: Jeff Williams

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

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Children's Ministry Contacts:
Overseeing Elder: danphillips@springmeadowspres.org
Nursery Scheduling: hmtb37@gmail.com (Hannah B.)
Youth Ministry: christianbland@springmeadowspres.org

Upcoming SMPC Events

- **Youth Group Middle School & High School Students.** We are working to get our Youth Ministry off the ground at SMPC. We currently offer Sunday school lessons for Middle & High School. Our goal is to also host youth group meetings. Contact Christian Bland or refer to our website. Help us get our Youth Ministry started >fill out our **Survey** online > **springmeadowspres.org/youth-ministry/**
- **Youth Group Game Night** Sun. **Feb. 4th** > **5p-6:30p.** Church property. Contact: Christian Bland. christianbland@springmeadowspres.org
- **Fellowship Meal: Chili Cook-off** Sunday **Feb. 18th** following Service. Please plan on attending and bring a main dish & side or dessert to share!
- **Men's "Pleasing God" Book Study** by RC Sproul meets at the Church Property every other Saturday. This book discussion is led by Elder Rick Vetanovetz. Books & Schedule are in Men's Book Study Cubby.
- **Ladies' Galatians Bible Study** in session until mid-March. There are three different studies, **Wednesday, Friday** morning at 10AM or **Thursday** 6PM. Friday morn provides **childcare**. See Bark K or Karen G. Cost is $12 total.
- **Men's & Women's** ongoing book study**: "Institutes of the Christian Religion"** by John Calvin is led by Deacon Walt Kwasniewski, **Fridays 6:30P-8P** at SMPC. Bring your own copy of this magnum opus to the study.
- **Women's Progressive Dinner** is now scheduled for Saturday **March 23rd.** Stay tuned for more details from the Women's Ministry.
- **Women's 2 Day Conference!** Ladies> Save the Date! **April 12 & 13** @ Church Property. Stay tuned for more information. Save the Date Flyers available.
- **NextSTEP Ministries Clothing Donations** are collected on the 1st Sunday of every month. Please leave your new or gently used clothing, backpacks, shoes, hats for men or women in the back of the NextSTEP Ministries truck parked in the parking lot. Contact: Deacon Walt.
- **Membership Class:** (4) consecutive Sundays during the Sunday School hour, **9:30-10:15a**. If you are interested in learning about being a Member of SMPC, sign up for the next class! Use the clipboard in New Member's Cubby in the back or contact the Church Office directly.
- **SMPC Directory:** If you have not already, please send in your contact information and a photo of yourself and your family if you would like to be included in the SMPC Directory.

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
danphillips@springmeadowspres.org
Meets: 2nd and 4th Sundays
5:00PM – 7:00 PM

Central

Elder Ed Kelley
edkelley@springmeadowspres.org
Meets: 2nd and 4th Sundays
5:00PM – 7:00 PM

Green Valley

Elder Rick Vetanovetz
rickvetano@springmeadowspres.org
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."

Information

Prayer Requests: contact your Shepherding Elder or email Church Office**.**

Spring Meadows Website: https://springmeadowspres.org/
*****Bulletins are posted on our website by the Thursday prior to the Worship Service along with Sunday School Information and Upcoming Events.

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.

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 Survey online https://springmeadowspres.org/contact-us/2023-smpc-survey/.

NextSTEP 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.*

January 2024 Events

Thursdays:	Prayer Chain Email is Sent
Fridays:	"Institutes of the Christian Religion" Men & Women Discussion

1/6:	Men's Book Study: Pleasing God
1/6:	Session Meeting
1/6:	Women's Council Meeting
1/7:	NextSTEP Ministries Collection Day
1/15:	Women's Galatians Bible Studies Resume This Week
1/20:	Pleasing God Men's Study





1st - Jessica K.	19th - Alex K.
4th - Teri A.	20th - Paul H.
6th - Jeff W.	20th - Cameron D.
7th - Aidan C.	20th - Karen G.
7th - Jeff C.	21st - Catherine K.
7th - Ron W.	23rd - Jude S.
9th- Elise D.	24th - Zeke M.
10th - Eliza M.	26th - Sakura G.
16th- Cora K.	28th - Rebecca U.
17th - Karen M.	



29th - Scott & Grace J.

Thank You to all those that are currently serving and utilizing your gifts in one way or another at Spring Meadows!!!

Please contact the Church Office if you are interested in learning more about the following Teams or if you would like to join one:

***Greeter Team*, *Coffee Station Rotation*, *Children's / Youth Ministry Team*, *Hospitality & Special Events Team*, *Pot(no luck) Providence Team* or *Worship & Sound*.**



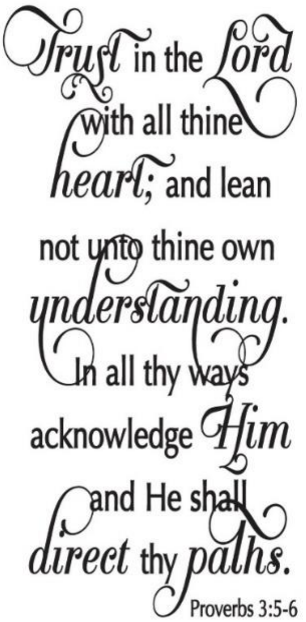












Ladies be sure to grab your copy of the Women's Spring 2024 Newsletter!



