"When the commandment 'came' it killed forever the proud Pharisee thanking God that he was not as other men and sure of his merits before God. It killed off the happy sinner, for it showed him the seriousness, not so much of sin in general as of his own sin. The 'coming' of the law in that sense always kills off our cheerful assumption of innocence. We see ourselves for what we really are, sinners, and we die…It marks the end of self-confidence, self-satisfaction, self-reliance. It is death."
Leon Morris

*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.*

Order of Worship

January 28, 2024

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

The Heav'ns Declare Thy Glory

(Psalm 19)

The heav'ns declare Thy glory, the firmament Thy pow'r;
Day unto day the story repeats from hour to hour;
Night unto night replying, proclaims in every land,
O Lord, with voice undying, the wonders of Thy hand.

The sun with royal splendor goes forth to chant Thy praise,
And moonbeams soft and tender their gentler anthems raise;
O'er every tribe and nation the music strange is poured,
The song of all creation to Thee, creation's Lord.

All heav'n on high rejoices to do its Maker's will;
The stars with solemn voices resound Thy praises still;
So let my whole behavior, thoughts, words and actions be,
O Lord, my Strength, my Savior, one ceaseless song to Thee.

Invocation

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:

Eternal God, Lover of the loveless, it is Your will that we should love You with all of our heart, mind and strength, and that we should love our neighbor as ourselves. But we are not sufficient for these things. By nature, our every affection is turned away from You, and we are bound, slaves to our lusts and evil desires, until You set us free. Have mercy on us, because of Christ. We know that because of His sacrifice, You accept as Your children those who do not deserve even a taste of Your mercy. Cleanse us from our destructive ways, turn our hearts to Your will, and make Your commandments the joy of our souls. Teach us to walk in the right way and give us the strength to persevere in doing good. Make us like Jesus, that His glory may be seen in all we do, to the praise of Your glorious grace. 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!

Grace Like Rain

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found; was blind, but now I see so clearly.

Chorus: Hallelujah! Grace like rain falls down on me.
Hallelujah! And all my stains are washed away, they're washed away.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

(Chorus 2x)

The Blessing

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

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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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Reception of Associate Members Stephen & Heidi Rudy
Baptism Abel Rudy

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Experiencing Renewal

You Are Worthy of My Praise

(Females echo the Men by singing italicized words)

I will worship (*I will worship*) with all of my heart (*with all of my heart*).
I will praise You (*I will praise You*) with all of my strength (*all my strength*).
I will seek You (*I will seek You*) all of my days (*all of my days*).
I will follow (*I will follow*) all of Your ways (*all Your ways*).

Chorus: I will give You all my worship, I will give You all my praise.
You alone I long to worship. You alone are worthy of my praise.

I will bow down (*I will bow down*), hail You as King (*hail You as King*).
I will serve You (*I will serve You*), give You ev'rything (*give You ev'rything*).
I will lift up (*I will lift up*) my eyes to Your throne (*my eyes to your throne*).
And I will trust You, *(I will trust You*,)
I will trust You alone (*trust You alone*).

(Chorus 2x)

Isaiah 40

Lord, I will put my trust in You and I will not faint.
Lord, I will put my trust In You.
Lord, I will put my trust in You and You'll renew my strength.
Lord, I will put my trust in You and You'll renew my strength.

You will not grow tired, You will not grow weary,
So I put my trust in You.
You will not grow tired, You will not grow weary,
So I put my trust in You.

Lord, I bow my face to You for You are my God.
Lord, I bow my face to You for You are my God.

You have been my strength, You have been my shield,
You have been my mighty tower.
You have been my strength, You have been my shield,
You have been my mighty tower.
You have been my mighty tower.

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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

*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.*

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

Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace

Come boldly to the throne of grace, though lost, and blind and lame;
Jehovah is the sinner's Friend, and ever was the same.
"How can I come?" some soul may say, "I'm lame and cannot walk;
My guilt and sin have stopped my mouth; I sigh, but dare not talk."

***Chorus**:* He makes the dead to hear His voice; He makes the blind to see;
The sinner lost He came to save, and set the prisoner free.
Come boldly to the throne of grace, ye wretched sinners come;
And lay your load at Jesus' feet, and plead what He has done.

Come boldly to the throne of grace, for Jesus fills the throne;
And those He kills He makes alive; He hears the sigh or groan.
Poor bankrupt souls, who feel and know the hell of sin within,
Come boldly to the throne of grace; the Lord will take you in.

(Chorus)

Come boldly to the throne of grace, though lost, and blind and lame;
Jehovah is the sinner's Friend, and ever was the same.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: **Romans**
Title: **The Law in the Hands of Angry Sin**
Text: **Romans 7:5-12**
Theme: **Is the Law Sin?**

Intro:

I. **The Function of the Law** **(v.7)**

II. **The Law in the Hands of Sin** **(vv.8-11)**

III. **Alive Apart from the Law** **(v.9)**

IV. **The Law is Good but I am Sinful** **(v.12)**

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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Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Response

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

Jesus! What a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.
*(**Chorus**)*

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.
*(**Chorus**)*

Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my comfort, helps my soul.
*(**Chorus**)*

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find,
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine.
*(**Chorus**)*

Chorus*:* Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

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

Benevolence Offering

Prayer for Elder Guy Williams

Benediction

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The ***Bene-diction*** *is a pronounce-ment of God's favor upon His assembled people.*

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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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Session Clerk/Liaison: ……..…edkelley@springmeadowspres.org
Women's Ministries: Karen Guest…….....karenguest35@gmail.com

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:	Rick & Shawnee Vetanovetz
Coffee Station:	Sandy Green
Nursery:	Benette Sevilla
Church Nursery	Jane Russell

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.

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

Adult Sunday School:
Title: Covenants of Works and Grace
Teacher: Christian Bland

Pre-K
Series: Jesus is God's Son
Title: Jesus is Born
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: Paul Hiles

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

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 Book Study #8 > "The Great Divorce"** by **CS Lewis** begins **Feb. 24th.** Every other Saturday from 7a-8a led by Elder Rick Vetanovetz. Schedule is available in the Men's Cubby. Book is $10 & will be available next week.
- **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 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.
- **SMPC MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** 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.

Events are listed on various SMPC Calendars: *Springmeadowspres.org, Gmail and our Church App>Springmeadowspres.churchtrac.com*

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.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

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





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*.**











