"The difference between an unbeliever sinning and a Christian sinning is the difference between a man transgressing the laws of…[the] State, and …a husband [who] has done something he should not do in his relationship with his wife. That is the difference. It is no longer a legal matter; it is a matter of personal relationship and…love. The man does not cease to be the husband [legally, in that instance]. Law does not come into the matter at all…In a sense it is now something much worse than a legal condemnation. I would rather offend against a law of the land objectively outside me, than hurt someone whom I love… "
Martin Lloyd-Jones

*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

March 3, 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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Invocation

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:
Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, Whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offences, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ, Your Son. 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!

He Is Faithful

If we confess our sins, He is faithful;
If we confess our sins, He is just.
If we confess our sins, He is faithful;
He is faithful, He is faithful to forgive.

So call upon the Lord, He is faithful;
So call upon the Lord, He is just.
*So call upon the Lord, He is faithful;
He is faithful, He is faithful to forgive.

(Repeat *)

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 New Members

Aidan and Jael O'Connell

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice on my behalf appears.
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above for me to intercede,
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead.
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. *(**Chorus**)*

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
Forgive him, O forgive they cry,
Forgive him, O forgive they cry,
Don't let that ransomed sinner die!

My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry. *(**Chorus**)*

Chorus: Arise, arise, arise, arise, my soul, arise;
Arise, arise, arise, arise, my soul, arise,
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

(Last Time Repeat Chorus)

Breathe

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe,
Your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread,
Your very Word spoken to me.

***Chorus**:* And I, I'm desp'rate for You.
And I, I'm lost without You.

*(**Repeat All / Repeat Chorus**)*

I'm lost without You,
I'm lost without You.

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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

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus my eyes at times can see
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me:
And from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess,
The wonders of His glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss;
*****My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

(Repeat *)

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: **Romans**
Title: **Fighting the Flesh with the Spirit**
Text: **Romans 8:1-4**
Theme: **Freedom**

Intro:

I. **No Condemnation (v.1)**

II. **No Bondage to Sin (v.2)**

III. **The Work of Christ (v.3)**

IV. **Walking in the Spirit (v.4)**

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

Jesus, My Great High Priest

Jesus, my great High Priest, offered His blood and died;
My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside.
His pow'rful blood did once atone, and now it pleads before the Throne.

To this dear Surety's hand will I commit my cause;
He answers and fulfills His Father's broken laws.
Behold my soul at freedom set; my Surety paid the dreadful debt.

My Advocate appears for my defense on high;
The Father bows His ears and lays His thunder by.
Not all that hell or sin can say shall turn His heart, His love, away.

Should all the hosts of death and pow'rs of hell unknown
Put their most dreadful forms of rage and mischief on,
I shall be safe, for Christ displays His conqu'ring pow'r and guardian grace.

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

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

Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Benediction

Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

Who may partake? We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of the Lord's Supper. Namely, baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ.

How to partake? Please hold the elements and we will partake of them together. Red wine and white grape juice are both available, as well as gluten free wafers.

What if I don't partake? Please stay seated, meditate on the Gospel, and pray silently.

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: 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.

Guidelines for Baptism

We baptize all who profess faith in Jesus Christ as He comes to us in the Gospel, along with their children. Children of believers are baptized because we trust that God's covenantal promise is for us and our children. Baptism is the sign of initiation into Christ's church, which means it goes hand in hand with membership. If you are ready to publicly profess faith in Jesus for the salvation of your soul and be united to His church, or if you are ready to have your child baptized, then please talk to one of our elders about the next steps to be taken.

Making Contact

Teaching Elder: ……..….pastortimposey@springmeadowspres.org
Assistant Pastor……..…christianbland@springmeadowspres.org
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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:	Mark and Victoria Baltazar
Coffee Station:	Sandy Green
Nursery:	Ines Orozco
Church Nursery	Jasmine Capobianco

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:
Series: The Five Solas
Title: Sola Fide / Sola Gratia
Teacher: Ron Warren

Pre-K
Series: Jesus is God's Son
Title: Jesus is Tempted by Satan
Teacher: Eun-me Phillips

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

Grades (2-5)
Title: Exodus 21-40
Teacher: Dan Phillips

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

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

- **SMPC Youth Ministry:** M.S.& H.S. Students will gather at the Church property on every other Wednesday evening from **5p-6:30p** beginning **March 13th**. Join us for food, fun, fellowship, and finding truth in God's Word. Youth Ministry led by Christian Bland.
- **Men's Book Discussion> "The Great Divorce"** by **CS** Lewis is under way**.** Every other Saturday from 7a-8a led by Elder Rick Vetanovetz. Books, Notes and Schedules are available in Men's Cubby. Book Cost $8 / Pay Church Office.
- **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.
- **2024 Women's Conference "Deepening our Faith"-April 12 - 13, 2024** at the church. Registration fee is $50; $25 student (12 and over). Registration closes and the fee must be received by April 1. Please join us and invite your friends for fun, fellowship and inspiration with our speaker, Carrie Mills. Flyers are available. Contacts for registration and payment: Jane Russell and Karen Guest.
- **NextSTEP Ministries Clothing Donations** are collected on the **1st Sunday** of every month. Please leave your new or gently used items in the NextSTEP truck. Contact: Deacon Walt.
- **SMPC MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** If you are interested in learning about being a Member of SMPC, sign up for the next class in the back or contact the Office

For more information on our events, visit: Springmeadowspres.org, or our Church App> Springmeadowspres.churchtrac.com



March Birthdays		March Anniversaries
3-Toad B.	16-Kelly H.	14-Ritesh & Kriz C.
3-Ritesh C.	16-Wendy L.	28-Eric & Amy R.
4-Jane M.	18-Bob S.	
5-Christian B.	18-Ella F.	
6-Jaden F.	25-Brenda F.	
8-Michah T.	25-Richard S.	
10-Kathy M.	26-Mitchi T.	
13-Lynda J.	27-Aaron G.	
15-Michaela B.		

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
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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."