Galatians 5:16-17

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But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

*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

February 18, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

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

Call to Worship

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Jesus the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears; 'tis life and health and peace.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold Your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Invocation

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:
Eternal God, we confess that we have tried to hide from You, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and apart from You. We have closed our hearts to our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have overindulged our own pleasures, and ignored the hungry, the poor and the oppressed. In Your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may obey Your commandments, through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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!

I'm Forever Grateful

You did not wait for me to draw near to You,
But You clothed Yourself with frail humanity.
You did not wait for me to cry out to You,
But You let me hear Your voice calling me.

Chorus: And I'm forever grateful to You,
I'm forever grateful for the cross.
I'm forever grateful to You
That You came to seek and save the lost.

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

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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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Covenant Child Baptism Asher Bland

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Christ the True and Better Adam

Christ the True and Better Adam Son of God and Son of man,
Who, when tempted in the garden, never yielded, never sinned.
He who makes the many righteous, brings us back to life again.
Dying, He reversed the curse, then rising, crushed the serpent's head.

Christ the true and better Isaac, humble Son of sacrifice
Who would climb the fearful mountain, there to offer up His life.
Laid with faith upon the altar, Father's joy and only Son.
There salvation was provided; oh, what full and boundless love.

Chorus: Amen, Amen from beginning to end,
Christ the story, His the glory. Alleluia, Amen!

Christ the true and better Moses, called to lead a people home;
standing bold to earthly powers; God's great glory to be known.
With his arms stretched wide to heaven, see the waters part in two.
See the veil is torn forever; cleansed with blood we pass now through.

Christ the true and better David, lowly shepherd, mighty King.
He, the champion in the battle; where, O death, is now thy sting?
In our place He bled and conquered; crown Him Lord of Majesty.
His shall be the throne forever. We shall e'er His people be.
(Chorus)

Christ the story, His the glory…Alleluia, Amen!

*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.*

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You;
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength;
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Chorus*:* Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King;
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.
(***Repeat All / Repeat Chorus***)
Nothing compares to the promise I have~
Nothing compares to the promise I have~
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you!

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

Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee

Lord, with glowing heart I'd praise Thee for the bliss Thy love bestows,
For the pardn'ing grace that saves me, and the peace that from it flows.
Help, O God, my weak endeavor; this dull soul to rapture raise:
Thou must light the flame, or never can my love be warmed to praise.

Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee, wretched wand'rer far astray;
Found thee lost and kindly brought thee from the paths of death away.
Praise, with love's devoutest feeling, Him who saw thy guilt-born fear,
And, the light of hope revealing, bade the blood-stained cross appear.

Praise thy Savior God that drew thee to that cross, new life to give,
Held a blood-sealed pardon to thee, bade thee look to Him and live.
***** Praise the grace whose threats alarmed thee,
roused thee from thy fatal ease;
Praise the grace whose promise warmed thee,
praise the grace that whispered peace.
(Repeat *)

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: **Romans**
Title: **Christian Realism Part II**
Text: **Romans 7:13-25**
Theme: **Normal Christian Experience**

Intro:

I. **A Mature Christian**

II. **A General Principle**

III. **Existential Anguish**

IV. **From Delight to Fulfillment**

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 of Tithes and Offerings

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.

Song of Response

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

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

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

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:	Susan Donovan
Coffee Station:	Steve & Wendy Lattner
Nursery:	Ines Orozco
Church Nursery	Austynn Martinson

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: Ecclesiastes
Teacher: Ryan Roper

Pre-K
Series: Jesus is God's Son
Title: Jesus Visits the Temple
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

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/**

- **Fellowship Meal: Chili Cook-off** TODAY, **Feb. 18th** following Service. Please plan on attending and enjoy the sweet fellowship.

- **Men's Book Study > "The Great Divorce"** by **CS Lewis** begins **Feb. 24th.** Every other Saturday from 7a-8a led by Elder Rick Vetanovetz. Books and Schedules are available in Men's Cubby. Book Cost $8 / pay Church Office.

- **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.*

February 2024 Events

Wednesdays/Thursdays & Fridays	Women's 'Galatians' Study
Thursdays:	Prayer Chain Email is Sent
Fridays:	Co-ed Book Study 'Institutes of the Christian Religion'

2/3:	Women's Council Meeting
2/4:	NextSTEP Ministries Collection Day
2/8:	Session Meeting
2/15:	Diaconate Meeting
2/18:	Youth Group Parent Info Meeting
2/18:	Fellowship Meal: Chili Cook-Off
2/24:	Men's Book Study 'The Great Divorce'

4th Gerald M	19th Pearl W.
5th Betsy F.	20th Jerry L.
5th Charlie S.	21st Jonathan F.
7th Stephen F.	22nd Coco W.
8th Makayla L.	22nd Dara W.
14th Riley G.	23rd Jedidiah F.
15th David S.	24th Emberly E.







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*.**











