And Can It Be That I Should Gain?

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th' eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Charles Wesley, pub. 1738

Order of Worship

March 10, 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

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah (Psalm 146)

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;
He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid;
He is blessed whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God is stayed.
Heav'n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;
He delivers from oppression, righteousness He will maintain.

Food He daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning pris'ner free,
Raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eyes to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger He befriends,
Helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
***Over all God reigns forever, through all ages He is King;
Unto Him, thy God O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

*(Repeat *****)*

Invocation

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:
Almighty Father; we enter Your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from You and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused, that make it difficult for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong, and the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Lord, have mercy and forgive us through Christ. 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!

Poor Sinner, Dejected With Fear

Poor sinner, dejected with fear, unbosom thy mind to the Lamb;
No wrath on His brow He does wear, nor will He poor mourners condemn;
His arm of omnipotent grace is able and willing to save;
A sweet and a permanent peace He'll freely and faithfully give.

Come just as thou art, with thy woe, fall down at the feet of the Lamb;
He will not, He cannot say, "Go", but surely will take out thy stain.
A fountain is open for sin, and thousands its virtues have proved;
He'll take thee and plunge thee therein
and wash thee from filth in His blood.

The soul that on Jesus relies, He'll never, no never deceive;
He freely and faithfully gives more blessings than we can conceive;
Yea, down to old age He will keep, nor will He forsake us at last;
He knows and is known by His sheep;
they're His, and He will hold them fast.

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

Evan M. Crawford

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Forevermore

Long before the earth, before there was light, Lord, You were—
Endless are You, God. No time can contain all You are;
There's no other God before You, there is no one to replace You.
You are forevermore, and there's no other God I call to.
You are the One that I cling to; You are forevermore.

Faithful are You, God; You never change, Lord, You are—
Only You are God. Forever You reign above it all.
There's no other God before You, there is no one to replace You.
You are forevermore, and there's no other God I call to.
You are the One that I cling to; You are forevermore.

There's no other, no one greater, There is none like You.
There's no other, no one greater, there is none like You.

*****There's no other God before You, there is no one to replace You.
You are forevermore, and there's no other God I call to.
You are the One that I cling to; You are forevermore.
(Repeat *)
You are forevermore!

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give. He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus, For my life is wholly bound in His. Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, For by my side the Savior, He will stay. I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, For in my need His power is displayed. To this I hold: My Shepherd will defend me,
Through the deepest valley He will lead. Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, For He has said that He will bring me home. And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne. To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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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

Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy laws demands,
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone, Thou must save and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress, helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: **Romans**
Title: **Fighting the Flesh with the Spirit Part II**
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 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

Grace Alone

Ev'ry promise we can make, ev'ry prayer and step of faith,
Ev'ry difference we will make is only by His grace.
Ev'ry mountain we will climb, ev'ry ray of hope we shine,
Ev'ry blessing left behind is only by His grace.

Chorus: Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us, our Cornerstone, we will go forth in grace alone.

Ev'ry soul we long to reach, ev'ry heart we hope to teach,
Everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.
Ev'ry loving word we say, ev'ry tear we wipe away,
Ev'ry sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace.

(Repeat Chorus 2x)

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

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

Guidelines for the __Lord's Supper__ can be found on the next page of this bulletin.

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.

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

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.

Making Contact

Teaching Elder: ……..….pastortimposey@springmeadowspres.org
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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:	Beverly Jordan / Kris Schmid
Coffee Station:	Patty Lovelady
Nursery:	Benette Sevilla
Church Nursery	Susan Bernard

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: Soli Deo Gloria
Teacher: Ron Warren

Pre-K
Series: Jesus is God's Son
Title: Jesus is Tempted by Satan
Teacher: Jessica Denny

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

Grades (2-5)
Title: Exodus 21-40
Teacher: Claire Hiles

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."