“Sinclair Ferguson describes a friend who adopted a child from another country. The girl was slow to bond with her father, but one day she appeared at his side with a shoe in her hand. “Daddy,” she said, “I need another shoelace.” It was the first time she had called him “Daddy,” and he knew that their relationship had changed. Just so, our Father is pleased to hear us call Him “Father” and to meet our needs.”
Sinclair Ferguson, Children of the Living God

*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

April 14, 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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.
*(**Refrain**)*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
*(**Refrain**)*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
*(**Refrain**)*

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Invocation

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:
Gracious God, You have given us the law of Moses and the teachings of Jesus to direct us in the way of life. You offer us Your Holy Spirit so that we can be born to new life as Your children. Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of death have a strong attraction and that we often succumb to their lure. Give us the grace and courage to choose and nurture life, that we may receive Your blessing. 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!

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
my beauty are, my glorious dress;
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
with joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in Thy great day;
for who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am
from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

O let the dead now hear Thy voice;
now bid Thy banished ones rejoice;
Their beauty this, their glorious dress,
Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness.

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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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The Blessing

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

Reception of Communicant Member

Elijah Moe

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

NOT UNTO US

All the glory, Lord to You! For in the secret place
Each life You fashioned through and through
In fearful wonder made! What have we but given by You?
To our God all honor due! You who also made the stars
Yours the glory, never ours!

Though the world may praise our deeds You search much deeper in
You see our pride you see our greed, You see our darkest sin
You the seeker, we the lost- Ours the sin, and Yours the cross
Yours the love that took our place -Yours the glory, ours the grace!

Chorus: Not unto us, not unto us
But all the glory unto You!
For Your great love and faithfulness
We give the glory all to You!

Hopeless lies the road ahead if in our strength we go
Our only hope to run the course is in your strength alone
Every battle every race-Won by your empowering grace
When our fearful faith is small
God of grace You give us all!

(Chorus 2x)

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.*

Your Grace Is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God. You wrestle with the sinner's heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy, and nothing can keep us apart.
So, remember Your people, remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, oh God.

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice, God. You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along.
So, remember Your people, remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, oh God.

Your grace is enough, Heaven reaching down to us.
Your grace is enough for me. (God, I see)
Your grace is enough; I'm covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me.....for me.

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

I Look to the Shepherd

I look to the Shepherd; He meets all my needs;
Beside the still waters He faithfully leads,
Bringing peace to my soul, as His love makes me whole.
(Chorus)

And when in the valley of deepest despair,
I look to the Shepherd, His presence is there.
Bringing peace to my soul, as His love makes me whole.
(Chorus)

Chorus: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me,
Follow me all the days of my life.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me, all my life.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: Romans
Title: **The Spirit of Sonship**
Text: **Romans 8:14-17**
Theme: Adoption

Intro:

I. God's Children Identified (vv. 14-15)

II. The Benefits of Sonship (vv. 15-16)

III. Inheritance, Suffering and Family Resemblance (v. 17)

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

Take My Life, And Let It Be

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing, always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every pow'r as Thou shalt choose,
Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take my self and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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.

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 4-07-2024

Greeters:	Susan Donovan
Coffee Station:	Gwennan Turner
Nursery:	Yvonne Boothe
Church Nursery	Jessica Denny

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: Marriage & Family
Title: A Biblical Model of Marriage
Teacher: Christian Bland

Pre-K
Series: Jesus is God's Son
Title: Peter Says Jesus is the Christ
Teacher: Eun-me Phillips

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:
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Youth Ministry: christianbland@springmeadowspres.org

Upcoming SMPC Events

- ✞ **Installation of a Deacon** Stephen Fichter on April 21st.
- ✞ **SMPC Youth Ministry:** M.S.& H.S. Students gather at the Church property every other Wednesday from **5p-6:30p,** for Food, Fun & diving into God's Word. Next is **April 24th.**
- ✞ **Men's Book Discussion> "The Whole Christ"** by Sinclair Ferguson will begin **April 27th.** Every other Saturday from **7a-8a** led by Elder Rick Vetanovetz. Schedule and Books are in Men's Cubby. Book cost $17.
- ♥ **The Ladies Spring Book Study** has begun. **DEEPER** by Dane Ortlund. It is not too late to join one of our three studies. There are study materials in the Women's Cubby along with the different Sign-up sheets. Cost **$15** total for both study guide and book.
- ✞ **Men's & Women's ongoing book study: "Institutes of the Christian Religion'** by John Calvin is led by Deacon Walt Kwasniewski on **Fridays 6:30p-8p** at SMPC.
- ✞ **VBS 2024 > July 23-26** from **5-8p The King is Coming!** Students Pre-K > Middle School Registration opens in April. Contact **Dan Phillips**.
- ✞ **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



April Birthdays		April Anniversary
1-Emma S.	20-Keith I.	13- Nate & Jessica W.
3- Roy D.	22- Beverly J.	
6- Marie H.	22-Amy R.	
9- Jasmine C.	22-Walt K.	
9- Stephen R.	26- Kim L.	
12-Stephanie O.	27- Michael R.	
13-Noah F.	28- Mercy C.	
	29- John M.	

Community Groups at Spring Meadows

At Spring Meadows, we understand that believers are called to "*Build up one another*". We meet in Community Groups the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month around Las Vegas to worship Christ, train for ministry, and pray for the kingdom of God together. Contact a Group Leader for details.

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

South Henderson / Boulder City
Assistant Pastor Christian Bland
christianbland@springmeadowspres.org
Meets: 2nd and 4th Sundays
4:00PM – 6:00 PM

Scan the **QR code** for Information regarding Community Groups

***1 Thessalonians 5:*11**
"Therefore encourage one another & build one another up, just as you are doing."