“P.T. Forsyth says, ‘It is an item of faith that we are children of God; there is plenty of experience in us against it.’ The faith that surmounts this evidence and is able to warm itself at the fire of God’s love, instead of having to steal self-acceptance from the other sources, is actually the root of holiness…It is a fatal mistake to think of holiness as a possession which we have distinct from our faith…Faith is the very highest form of our dependence on God. We never outgrow it…What ever other fruits of the Spirit we show, they grow upon faith, and faith which is in its nature repentance…Every Christian experience is an experience of what we have not… We are not saved by the love we exercise, but by the love we trust.”

from *The Dynamics of Spiritual Life* by Richard Lovelace

*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 7, 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

We Fall Down

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus,
The greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus,
And we cry, “Holy holy, holy,” we cry, “Holy, holy, holy,”
And we cry, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.”

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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.

Invocation

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.

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:

God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your way. We are misled by our pride, for we see ourselves as pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed to love, neglected justice and ignored Your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

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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 Justified

Most Holy Judge I stood before You guilty,
When You sent Jesus to the cross for my sin.
There Your love was revealed, Your justice vindicated;
One sacrifice has paid the cost for all who trust in Jesus.

***Chorus**:* Now I'm justified, You declare me righteous;
Justified by the blood of the Lamb.
Justified freely by Your mercy, by faith I stand, and I'm justified.

I come to You and I can call You Father,
There is no fear, there is no shame before You.
For by Your gift of grace, now I am one of Your children;
An heir with those who bear Your name and share the hope of glory.

(Chorus 2x)

By faith I stand, and I'm justified!

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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.

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Union with Christ

Union with Christ! What a glorious thought,
What a wonderful truth we embrace;
For His vict'ry attained makes the children of God
To endure, and to finish the race.

The hope that we have is no temporal thing
To be swayed by our failures or fears;
In Christ we have faith as our conquering King,
And the Christian through faith perseveres.

Chorus*:* Hallelujah! We are His. Hallelujah! We are His.
No greater love is there than this; Jesus is ours and we are His.

Union with Christ! What a glorious thought
To be one with the Lion and the Lamb!
To be given a heart that responds as it ought
To the great everlasting, "I AM".

(Chorus)

Hallelujah! We are His. Deepest communion, sweetest bliss;
No greater love is there than this: Jesus is ours and we are His.
Jesus is ours and we are His.

Your Great Name

Lost are saved, find their way at the sound of Your great Name;
All condemned feel no shame at the sound of Your great Name.
Ev'ry fear has no place at the sound of Your great Name,
The enemy, he has to leave at the sound of Your great Name.

Chorus: Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us,
The Son of God and man.
You are high and lifted up, and all the world will praise
Your great Name.

All the weak find their strength at the sound of Your great name;
Hungry souls receive grace at the sound of Your great name.
The fatherless, they find their rest at the sound of Your great name
Sick are healed, the dead are raised at the sound of Your great name.

(Chorus 2x)

Your great name!

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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

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed.
I trust the ever living One, His wounds for me shall plead.
(Refrain)

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt.
A sinful soul I come to Him, He'll never cast me out.
(Refrain)

My heart is leaning on the Word, the written Word of God.
Salvation by my Savior's name, salvation thro' His blood.
(Refrain)

My great physician heals the sick, the lost He came to save,
For me His precious blood He shed, for me His life He gave.
(Refrain)

Refrain*:* I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: Romans
Title: **Fighting the Flesh With the Spirit**
Text: **Romans 8:12-14**
Theme: Being Led by the Spirit

Intro:

I. The Power of the Spirit and the Flesh (Gal. 5:16-18)

II. The Marks of Gratifying the Flesh (Gal. 5:19-21)

III. The Marks of Walking by the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)

IV. The Discipline of Walking by the Spirit (Gal. 5:24-25)

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

Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing;
Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior,
The Hope of nations. ***(Chorus)***

Chorus: Savior, He can move the mountains;
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save!
Forever, Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave!

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures, fill my life again;
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in; now I surrender.
Yes, I surrender. *(**Chorus**)*

***Bridge**:* Shine your light and let the whole world see:
We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus!
Shine your light and let the whole world see:
We're singing for the glory of the risen King!

*(**Chorus**)*

Your my Savior, you can move the mountains;
God, You are mighty to save, You are mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation,
You rose and conquered the grave, yes, You conquered the grave!

You are mighty to save!

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.

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.**

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Servant Schedule 4-07-2024

Greeters:	Mark & Victoria Baltazar
Coffee Station:	Shadds
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:
Series: Marriage & Family
Title: A Biblical Definition 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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Nursery Scheduling- hmtb37@gmail.com (Hannah B.)
Youth Ministry: christianbland@springmeadowspres.org

Upcoming SMPC Events

- ✞ **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 10th.**
- ✞ **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.
- ✞ **2024 Women's Conference "Deepening our Faith" April 12 - 13, 2024** at the church. Registration fee is $50; $25 student (12 and over). 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.
- ✞ **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
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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

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."