"Everyone who is eventually saved can only ascribe his salvation, from the first step to the last, to God's favour and act. Human merit must be excluded: and this can only be by tracing back the work far beyond the obedience which evidences, or even the faith which appropriates, salvation; even to an act of spontaneous favour on the part of that God who foresees and foreordains from eternity all his works."
Curtis Vaughan

*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

May 19, 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

All Heaven Declares

All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?
Forever He will be the Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee and worship Him alone.

I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord.
Who once was slain to reconcile man to God.
Forever You will be the Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow my knee and worship You alone.

Forever You will be the Lamb up on the throne.
I gladly bow my knee and worship You alone,
I gladly bow my knee and worship You alone.

Invocation

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:
Remember, O Lord, Your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth and rebellious ways; according to Your love remember us, for You are good, O Lord. For the sake of Your great name, O Lord, forgive our iniquity, though it is great. Turn to us and be gracious to us. The troubles of our hearts have multiplied; free us from our anguish. Look upon our affliction and our distress and take away all our sins. In Jesus name we pray, 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!

Marvelous Grace

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today.
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.

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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

Experiencing Renewal

Jesus, Draw Me Close

Jesus, draw me close; closer, Lord, to You.
Let the world around me fade away.
Jesus, draw me close; closer, Lord, to You.
For I desire to worship and obey.

(Repeat)

You Are My All in All

***Verse 1*:** You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the Treasure that I seek, You are my All in All.
Seeking You as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool, You are my All in All.

(Women Repeat Verse 1)
(Men Continue with Chorus)

***Chorus**:* Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

(Men Continue with Verse 2)
(Women Sing Chorus)

***Verse 2*:** Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again I bless Your name. You are my All in All.
When I fall down, You pick me up;
When I am dry, You fill my cup. You are my All in All.

(Women Sing Verse 2)
(Men Sing Chorus)

(Chorus)

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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

You Are the Lord

You are the Lord over all that has life and breath;
You reign on, though kingdoms may fail.
Father, You're faithful, Your truth is everlasting:
You are the Lord over all.
And I will glorify Your wonderful name:
Jesus, the Lord over all.

You are the Lord through my doubts and uncertainties;
You bring truth, like sight to the blind.
Teacher, Creator: Your wisdom is eternal:
You are the Lord of my mind.
And I will glorify Your wonderful name:
Jesus, the Lord of my mind.

You are the Lord, through the years let me know You more;
Grow in grace and follow Your call.
Present and future, I trust in You forever:
You are the Lord over all.
And I will glorify Your wonderful name:
Jesus, the Lord over all. Jesus, the Lord over all.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: Romans
Title: **God's Sovereign Purpose Part II**
Text: **Romans 8:28-30 Part II**
Theme: Five Golden Chains

Intro:

I. Foreknowledge

II. Predestination

III. Conformity

IV. Called, Justified

V. Glorified

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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Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Response

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Alas! And did my Savior bleed and did my Sovereign die!
Would He devote that sacred head for such a worm as I!

Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree!
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Thus, might I hide my blushing face while His dear cross appears;
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness and melt my eyes in tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe.
Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do.

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

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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.

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

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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.
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Servant Schedule 5-19-2024

Greeters:	
Coffee Station:	Alex Kwasniewski
Nursery:	Lisa Alvarez
Church Nursery	Susan Bernard
Communion Table	Bonnie Taylor

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 Pelagian Controversy (I)
Teacher: Christian Bland

Pre-K
Series: Jesus Is the Savior
Title: Jesus Cleanses the Temple
Teacher: Jessica Denny

Grades (K-2)
Series: Matthew 10
Teacher: Jessica Salinas

Grades (2-5)
Title: Numbers
Teacher: Claire Hiles

Grades (6-12)
Series: Digging Deeper: Shorter Catechism
Title: How Does God Guide Us?
Teacher: Richard Salinas

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- smpcchildrensministry@springmeadowspres.org
Youth Ministry: christianbland@springmeadowspres.org

Upcoming SMPC Events

- ✞ **VBS 2024 > The King is Coming! July 23-26** from **5-8p.** Students Pre-K > Middle School. Registration is open for both Attendees & Volunteers. Sign up in the back! Contact **Dan Phillips** or **Hannah B**.
- ✞ **SMPC Youth Ministry:** M.S.& H.S. Students gather at the Church property every other Wednesday **5p-6:30p,** for Food, Fun & diving into God's Word. **May 22nd**. **SAVE the DATE** for **Southwest Reformed Youth Camp** in Palomar, CA. **August 5-9 of 2024**!
- ✞ **Men's Book Discussion> "The Whole Christ"** by Sinclair Ferguson **May 25th.** Every other Saturday from **7a-8a** led by Elder Rick Vetanovetz. Updated Schedule and Books are in Men's Cubby. Book cost **$18**.
- ✞ **Women's Leadership Training Class** is taking place & is open to all women**. Sundays 9:15a-10:15a**, led by **Teri Anderson** & **Kris Schmid.** Cost **$5,** meeting in the kitchen. Sign up in the back. *Pay Kristi or Kristen Crawford.*
- ♥ **Ladies Spring Book Study** , **DEEPER** by Dane Ortlund. Materials in the Women's Cubby along with the (3) different Class Sign-up sheets. Cost **$15**.
- ✞ **Men's & Women's ongoing book study: "Institutes of the Christian Religion'** by John Calvin is led by Deacon Walt on **Fridays 6:30p-8p** at SMPC.

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



May Birthdays		May Anniversaries
1-Elijah M.	17-Roxy M.	7-Ryan & Annie R.
3-Sabrina C.	14-Dan P.	8-John & Elize M.
7-Jan G.	19-Katie L.	11- John & Sherry D.
8-April S.	19-Ryan R.	12-Steve & Wendy L.
10-Leena C.	19-Stuart W.	15- Paul & Claire H.
14-RuthClaire S.	23-Mark B.	15- Ed & Terri K.
15-Ed K.	24-Lily G.	26-Steve & Susan G.
16-Nan Y.	31-Annie R.	
17-Amy F.		

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."