“Everything is needful that He sends;
nothing can be needful that He withholds.”
John Newton

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*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.*

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Order of Worship

May 5, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

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

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Call to Worship

The Church's One Foundation (1,2,4,6)

The church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

The Church shall never perish, her dear Lord to defend
To guide, sustain and cherish, is with her to the end
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale
Against a foe or traitor, She ever shall prevail.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell,
That they will dwell, that we will dwell with Thee.

Invocation

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:

Hear our words and our groaning, O Lord, give attention to our cry for mercy. You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with You. The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all evildoers. You destroy those who speak lies; You abhor the bloodthirsty and deceitful. But, O Lord, we are evildoers. We are boastful, deceitful and bloodthirsty. By Your mercy alone, by the abundance of Your steadfast love, may we enter Your house. Because of Your Son, O Lord, let us find refuge in You. Take away our sins and let us sing for joy. Cover us with Your favor as with a shield. For the sake of our Savior, Jesus 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!

Goodness and Mercy

***Chorus*:** I know goodness and mercy will follow me, for all my life.
I know goodness and mercy will follow me because of Jesus Christ.

Though I don't deserve Your love, You give it anyway.
Though I haven't earned Your love, I know it's here to stay.
Your love never goes away.

*(**Chorus 2x**)*

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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Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Experiencing Renewal

I Want to Know You

In the secret, in the quiet place,
In the stillness You are there.
In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait only for You,
'Cause I want to know You more.

Chorus: I want to know You, I want to hear Your voice;
I want to know You more.
I want to touch You, I want to see Your face;
I want to know You more.

I am reaching for the highest goal
That I might receive the prize.
Pressing onward, pushing ev'ry hindrance aside, out of my way,
'Cause I want to know You more.

*(**Chorus 2x**)*

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men, Oh You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost the way, Oh we've hopelessly lost the way.
*(**Chorus**)*

Chorus: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore;
You give the healing and grace our
Hearts always hunger for, Oh our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne, Oh we're falling before Your throne.
*(**Chorus 2x**)*

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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

Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me

Lord, Thou hast searched me, and dost know where'er I rest, where'er I go;
Thou knowest all that I have planned, and all my ways are in Thy hand.

My words from Thee I cannot hide; I feel Thy pow'r on every side;
O wondrous knowledge, awesome might, unfathomed depth, unmeasured height!

Where can I go apart from Thee, or whither from Thy presence flee?
In heav'n? It is Thy dwelling fair; in death's abode? Lo, Thou art there.

If deepest darkness cover me, the darkness hideth not from Thee;
To Thee both night and day are bright, the darkness shineth as the light.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: Romans
Title: **God's Sovereign Purpose**
Text: **Romans 8:28-30 Part I**
Theme: Facing Life with Confidence

Intro:

I. <u>Five Grounding Convictions</u> (v. 28)

A. God is Sovereignly at Work

B. For Good as God Defines It

C. All Things, i.e., All Encompassing

D. For Those Who Love Him

E. Called According to His Purpose

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

Beautiful, Wonderful Cross

There is a place where justice and mercy flow as an endless stream,
Bringing salvation, life and redemption to sinners awaiting in need.

Chorus: At the beautiful wonderful cross,
at the beautiful wonderful cross
Where the King of all glory laid down His life for us,
At the beautiful wonderful cross.

There is a place where things that are broken can come be restored again;
The past is forgiven, washed and forgotten
By love that has conquered sin.

*(**Chorus**)*

Bridge*:* There is a place where hope everlasting
Was sealed by the blood of the King—
To Him be all glory, honor and praises, Jesus the victory!

At the beautiful wonderful cross, at the beautiful wonderful cross
Where the King of all glory laid down His life for us,
At the beautiful wonderful cross, at the beautiful wonderful cross
Where the King of all glory laid down His life for us,
At the beautiful wonderful, beautiful wonderful, beautiful wonderful cross!

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 5-5-2024

Greeters:	Mark & Victoria Baltazar
Coffee Station:	Patty Lovelady
Nursery:	Yvonne Boothe
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: Marriage & Family
Title: Biblical Guide to Parenting Stages
Teacher: Christian Bland

Pre-K
Series: Jesus Is the Savior
Title: Jesus Comes to Zacchaeus' House
Teacher: Jessica Denny

Grades (K-2)
Series: Matthew 8
Teacher: Jessica Salinas

Grades (2-5)
Title: Numbers
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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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 8th**.
- ✞ **Men's Book Discussion> "The Whole Christ"** by Sinclair Ferguson **May 11th.** 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** begins **May 19th**, 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.
- ✞ **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



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
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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."