"For Christians are not distinguished from the rest of humanity by country, language, or custom.... They live in their own countries, but only as nonresidents; they participate in everything as citizens and endure everything as foreigners.... They are in the flesh, but they do not live according to the flesh. They live on earth, but their citizenship is in heaven.... They love everyone, and by everyone they are persecuted.... They are dishonored, yet they are glorified in their dishonor; they are slandered, yet they are vindicated. They are cursed, yet they bless; they are insulted, yet they offer respect. When they do good, they are punished as evildoers; when they are punished, they rejoice as though brought to life." -The Epistle to Diognetus 5:1-16

*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

July 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

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for His own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove:
Who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near:
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna which He gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Thy name:
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

Invocation

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:

O God, our Father in heaven, we come before You, humbly confessing our sins. Let not the darkness of our ignorance and folly, or the impiety of our sin hide Your face from us. Draw near to us so that we may draw near to You. Speak to each of us the word that we need; and let Your Word abide with us until it has worked in us Your will. Refresh our hearts, renew and increase our strength, so that we may become more like You, and will be able to better serve You in our daily lives, in the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord, 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!

How Blest Is He Whose Trespass *(Psalm 32)*

How blest is he whose trespass has freely been forgiv'n,
Whose sin is wholly covered before the sight of heav'n.
Blest he to whom Jehovah will not impute his sin,
Who has a guileless spirit, whose heart is true within.

While I kept guilty silence my strength was spent with grief,
Thy hand was heavy on me, my soul found no relief;
But when I owned my trespass, my sin hid not from Thee,
When I confessed transgression, then Thou forgavest me.

So let the godly seek Thee in times when Thou art near;
No whelming floods shall reach them, nor cause their hearts to fear.
In Thee, O Lord, I hide me, Thou savest me from ill,
And songs of Thy salvation my heart with rapture thrill.

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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

We Will Glorify

We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I Am.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before His throne.
We will worship Him in righteousness, we worship Him alone!

He is Lord of Heaven, Lord of Earth, He is Lord of all who live.
He is Lord above the universe All praise to Him we give!

Hallelujah, to the King of kings, Hallelujah to the Lamb,
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords Who is the great I Am!

*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.*

There Is Joy in the Lord

*****There is joy in the Lord, there is love in His Spirit,
There is hope in the knowledge of Him.
There's a fountain that flows like a river from heaven
Abounding in love to my soul.
(Refrain)

There is joy in the Lord, there is love in His Spirit,
There is hope in the knowledge of Him.
There's a fountain I know ev'ry time I am near it
My heart overflows to the Lord.
(Refrain)

***Refrain**:* All blessing and honor are His. All glory and power are His.
Let all wisdom and strength be the Lord's in this place.
Let all glory be given to Him.

*(**Repeat ***)*

…my soul.

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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Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

Before Jehovah's Awful Throne

Before Jehovah's awful throne, all nations, bow with sacred joy;
Know that the Lord is God alone,
He can create, and He destroy,
He can create, and He destroy.

His sovereign pow'r, without our aid,
made us of dust, and formed us men;
And when like wand'ring sheep we strayed,
He brought us to His fold again,
He brought us to His fold again.

We'll crowd Your gates with thankful songs,
high as the heav'ns our voices raise;
And earth, with her ten thousand tongues,
Shall fill Your courts with sounding praise,
shall fill Your courts with sounding praise.

Wide as the world is Your command, vast as eternity Your love;
Firm as a rock Your truth must stand,
When rolling years shall cease to move,
when rolling years shall cease to move.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Assistant Pastor Christian Bland

Scripture: **Psalm 2**
Title: **The Lord and His Anointed**

I. **The Nations Rage (vv. 1-3)**

II. **The Lord Reigns (vv.4-6)**

III. **The King Recounts (vv.7-9)**

IV. **The Warning Resounds (vv.10-12)**

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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

Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground

Christ, of all my hopes the ground, Christ, the spring of all my joy,
Still in You may I be found, still for You my pow'rs employ,
Still for You my pow'rs employ.

Let Your love my heart inflame; keep Your fear before my sight;
Be Your praise my highest aim; be Your smile my chief delight,
Be Your smile my chief delight.

Fountain of o'erflowing grace, freely from Your fullness give;
Till I close my earthly race, may I prove it "Christ to live,"
May I prove it "Christ to live."

Thus, O thus, an entrance give to the land of cloudless sky;
Having known it "Christ to live," let me know it "gain to die,"
Let me know it "gain to die."

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.)

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

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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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Servants: 7-14-2024 | *7-21-2024*

Greeters:	Rick & Shawnee **|** Ron & Lynn W.
Coffee Station:	Sandy Green **|** Alex Kwasniewski
Church Nursery	Kathy Wassell **|** Rachael Rabe
Communion Table	Bonnie Taylor **|** Scott & Grace J.

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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.

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Current Sunday School Offerings: 9:30a-10:15a

Adult Sunday School:
Title : Atonement
Teacher: Ron Warren

Pre-K
Series: Jesus Is the Savior
Title: Jesus Will Come Again
Teacher: Cameron & Jessica Denny

Grades (K-2)
Series: Matthew 15-28
Teacher: Jessica Salinas / Mary Posey

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

Grades (6-12)
Series: Digging Deeper:
Title: Exploring the Shorter Catechism
Teacher: Jeff Williams / Richard Salinas

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If you are interested in serving alongside our current volunteers in the Children's Ministry at Spring Meadows, please contact Elder Dan Phillips.

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Children's Ministry Contacts:
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Nursery Scheduling- smpcchildrensministry@springmeadowspres.org
Youth Ministry: christianbland@springmeadowspres.org

Upcoming SMPC Events

- **Women's Summer Book Study:** *Idols of the Heart* by Elyse Fitzpatrick, Books $5. An Ice Cream Gathering will be scheduled in August to discuss the book together. Sign up in the back and grab your copy today. Pay Women's Council.
- **VBS 2024 > The King is Coming! July 23-26** from **5-8p.** Students Pre-K > Middle School. Registration is closed. Contact **Dan Phillips** or **Hannah B**. with interest or questions.
- **Southwest Reformed Youth Camp** Registration is open! Camp will take place in Palomar, CA, **August 5-9 of 2024**! Details on back counter.
- **Men's Book Discussion> "The Whole Christ"** by Sinclair Ferguson is meeting every other Saturday from **7a-8a** led by Elder Rick Vetanovetz. Schedule and Books are in Men's Cubby. Book cost $17.
- **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.
- **SMPC MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** If you are interested in joining the next class in August, sign up in the back by cubbies or contact the Office.

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





Birthdays	Birthdays	Anniversaries
1st – John D.	20th - Stephanie C.	4th – Aaron & Fumiko G.
3rd – Asher W.	21st – Aaron G.	8th – Mark & Victoria B.
3rd – Melody R.	22nd - Dave G.	9th – Steve & Terri H.
5th – Gerron F.	22nd – RJ S.	10th- Bob & Lois S.
9th – Paul F.	24th – Abigail C.	15th – Scott & Chimaine S.
10th – Bonnie T.	24th – Greg T.	22nd – Ken & Stephanie O.
18th – Katarina C.	28th – Pam P.	24th – Mark & Teri A.
19th – Steve L.	28th – Stephanie E.	26th – Patrick & Taryn O.
20th – Jeff E.	29th – John R.	30th – Ed & Darlene T.
20th- Kristen H.	31st – Ezra F.	31st – Gerron & Brenda F.
	31st – Jessica D.	



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."