"In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek." -Hebrews 5:7-10

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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

July 21, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

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

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Prelude

Call to Worship

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

Invocation

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:
Our Father, You call us to believe in Your Son Jesus Christ and follow Him, but we would often rather be silent than stand against the world. Forgive our efforts to follow You only when it is convenient, only in places it is safe to do so, and only with those we know will agree with us. Forgive and renew us by Your Spirit for the sake of Jesus, in whose 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!

There Is a Fountain

There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its pow'r,
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die and shall be till I die.

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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.

Baptism Alex Stepp
Reception of New Members Alex, Ebony, Amaya & Hayden Stepp

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

You Chose Me in Him

You chose me in Him before the world's foundation,
You wrote my name in the Lamb's Book of Life;
You set me apart for adoption in Jesus—
For Your good pleasure, You gave me to Christ.

You unveiled my eyes, revealing God's kingdom,
You illumined my mind; I could taste God's Word.
You raised me from death out of sin and trespass,
You cried to my heart. "Abba, Father," I heard. *(**Chorus**)*

***Chorus**:* God the Father, God the Spirit, God the Son We worship You

You came down from heaven to raise up Your own,
You laid down Your life for the sheep of Your fold.
You rose from the grave, interceding for sinners,
I live through Your death; You redeemed me to God. *(**Chorus**)*

Worship leader: *You alone have life and glory,*
You alone give grace and truth.

You alone are redemption's story; We worship You!

Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirit revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

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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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Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Let the Amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Assistant Pastor Christian Bland

Scripture: **Psalm 3**
Title: **Confidence in the Midst of Conflict**

I. **The Conflict (vv. 1-2)**

II. **The Expression of Confidence (vv.5-6)**

III. **The Reason for Confidence (vv.3-4)**

IV. **The Prayer of Confidence (vv.7-8)**

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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

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that we may go in. ***(Refrain)***

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. ***(Refrain)***

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. ***(Refrain)***

Refrain*:* Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory—great things He hath done!

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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.)

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

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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:
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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: 7-21-2024 | *7-28-2024*

Greeters:	Ron & Lynn W. **|** Paul & Claire H.
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Church Nursery	Rachael Rabe **|** Jessica Williams
Communion Table	Scott & Grace J. **|** Ritesh C.

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

Adult Sunday School:
Title : The Threefold Use of the Law
Teacher: Paul Hiles

Pre-K
Series: God Keeps His Promises
Title: God Gives Adam & Eve a New Son
Teacher: Eun-me Phillips / Lily Galvin

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 the body at Spring Meadows and would like more information on where and how you can serve, please contact the church office for information.

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

Upcoming SMPC Events

- **Women's Summer Book Study:** *Idols of the Heart* by Elyse Fitzpatrick, Books **$5**. An Ice Cream Gathering on **August 14th** at Church Property from **5p-7p,** where the book will be discussed. Sign up in the back & grab your copy today!
- **VBS 2024 > The King is Coming! July 23-26** from **5-8p.** Students Pre-K > Middle School. Please be in prayer for this Royal Event! Contact **Dan Phillips** or **Hannah B**
- **Parent Youth Group Meeting July 28th** from **9:30-10:15**, for Parents of Kids 6th - 12th grade. Pastor's Library. Contact: Asst. Pastor Christian Bland.
- **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.
- **Made For More Intergenerational Conference** for Women & Girls *(as young as 3rd grade).* **Sept. 27-28.** Early registration ends July 24th. Escondido, CA. Info & Sign up in the back contact **Kristi Schmid** if interested in forming a travel group.
- **SMPC MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** If you are interested in joining the next class beginning **August 4th**, 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
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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."