““The consistent secularist may deny that he judges God and say that he judges concepts of God. One novelist let a gifted girl make this observation: The Egyptians could see their gods. If you wanted to talk to the god of the river, you dressed well, made yourself ready, and went to him. He saw you only at your best. The God of Israel…sees us when we are ready, when we are not ready, when we are at our best or at our worst or paying no attention. Nothing can be hidden from such a God. That's why people fear Him."
Mary Doria Russell

# Order of Worship

August 4, 2024

*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.*

**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**

## *The Heav'ns Declare Thy Glory*

*(Psalm 19)*

The heav'ns declare Thy glory, the firmament Thy pow'r;
Day unto day the story repeats from hour to hour;
Night unto night replying, proclaims in every land,
O Lord, with voice undying, the wonders of Thy hand.

The sun with royal splendor goes forth to chant Thy praise,
And moonbeams soft and tender their gentler anthems raise;
O'er every tribe and nation the music strange is poured,
The song of all creation to Thee, creation's Lord.

All heav'n on high rejoices to do its Maker's will;
The stars with solemn voices resound Thy praises still;
So let my whole behavior, thoughts, words and actions be,
O Lord, my Strength, my Savior, one ceaseless song to Thee.

**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**

**Gospel Renewal**

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.

**The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:**

Almighty God and heavenly Father, we poor, miserable sinners confess that from our childhood until this very hour, we have sinned against Your holy commandments by evil thoughts, words, will, and works, which we cannot count, and first of all by vast unbelief. Therefore, we are not worthy to be called Your children, nor lift our eyes up to heaven. O God and Father, we wish that we had never provoked You to anger. In Your mercy and for the sake of Your glory, we ask You to receive us into Your grace by the forgiveness of our sins. In Jesus' name we pray, 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!

### *White as Snow*

White as snow, white as snow,
Though my sins were as scarlet;
Lord, I know, Lord, I know,
That I'm clean and forgiven.

Through the power of Your blood,
Through the wonder of Your love,
Through faith in You I know
That I can be white as snow.

***(Repeat All)***

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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

## *You Alone Can Rescue*

Who, O Lord, could save themselves, their own soul could heal?
Our shame was deeper than the sea; Your grace is deeper still!
***(Repeat)***

***Chorus****:* You alone can rescue. You alone can save.
You alone can lift us from the grave.
You came down to find us, led us out of death.
To You alone belongs the highest praise!

You, O Lord, have made a way; the great divide You healed.
For when our hearts were far away, Your love went further still!
Yes, Your love goes further still!

*(**Chorus**)*

***Bridge:*** We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes, You're the Giver of Life!
We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes, You're the Giver of Life**!**
We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes, You're the Giver of Life**!**
We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes, You're the Giver of Life!

*(**Chorus**)*

## *Psalm 9*

*(Women Echo)*

I will praise (*I will praise*) You, O Lord (*You, O Lord*)
With all my heart, with all my heart.
I will tell (*I will tell*) of Your wonders (*of Your wonders*)
I'll be glad and exult in Thee.
I'll be glad and exult in Thee.

***Chorus****:* I will sing praise to Your Name, O Most High,
I will sing praise to Your Name.
I will sing praise to Your Name, O Most High,
I will sing praise to Your Name.

*(**Repeat All / Repeat 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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**Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word**

## *Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace*

Come boldly to the throne of grace, though lost, and blind and lame;
Jehovah is the sinner's Friend, and ever was the same.
"How can I come?" some soul may say, "I'm lame and cannot walk;
My guilt and sin have stopped my mouth; I sigh but dare not talk."

***Chorus:*** He makes the dead to hear His voice; He makes the blind to see; The sinner lost He came to save and set the prisoner free.
Come boldly to the throne of grace, ye wretched sinners come;
And lay your load at Jesus' feet and plead what He has done.

Come boldly to the throne of grace, for Jesus fills the throne;
And those He kills He makes alive; He hears the sigh or groan.
Poor bankrupt souls, who feel and know the hell of sin within,
Come boldly to the throne of grace; the Lord will take you in.

***(Chorus)***

Come boldly to the throne of grace, though lost, and blind and lame;
Jehovah is the sinner's Friend, and ever was the same.

# Deepening Our Commitment

**Preaching of the Word:** Pastor Tim Posey

Series: **Romans**
Title: **Talking Back to God**
Text: **Romans 9:19-29**
Theme: **Objections to God's Sovereignty**

Intro:

**Objection**: Why does God find fault? For who can resist His will?

I. **Answer 1**: God is like a potter Who has the right to form His clay. (9:20-21)

II. **Answer 2**: God's actions reveal His power, wrath and mercy. (9:22-24)

III. **Answer 3:** God fulfilled His plan to rescue many Gentiles and a remnant of Israel. (9:25-29)

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**

## *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine.

**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

Teaching Elder: ……..….pastortimposey@springmeadowspres.org
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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
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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.
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## Servants: 8-04-2024 | 8-11-*2024*

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| **Greeters**: | **Mark & Victoria |** Susan Donovan |
| **Coffee Station**: | **Scott & Isaiah S. |** Ebony Stepp |
| **Church Nursery** | **Austynn Martinson |** Heidi Rudy |
| **Communion Table** | **David Sonner |** Bonnie Taylor |

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

**Adult Sunday School**:
Title : Intro to Interpreting the Bible Pt. I

Teacher: Christian Bland

**Pre-K**
Series: Jesus Is the Savior
Title: God Calls Abraham
Teacher: Patty Lovelady / Susan Bernard

**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!
- **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.
- **Youth Ministry** will begin meeting every Wednesday, **August 21st, 5p-6:30p**. 6th-12th Graders welcome. Sign up today to be a part of providing Youth Dinners. Contact: Christian for details.
- **Women's Fall Kickoff "Brunch and Booties".** Saturday **August 24th** 10a-12p, Church Property. Fellowshipping and Crocheting Baby Booties for the Women's Resource Medical Cener of S. Nevada. Childcare provided! Sign up today!
- **Made For More Intergenerational Conference** for Women & Girls *(as young as 3rd grade).* **Sept. 27-28.** Escondido, CA. Info & Sign up in the back contact **Kristi Schmid** if interested in forming a travel group.

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




| Birthdays | Birthdays | Anniversaries |
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| 1st Roe I. | | 2nd Paul & Katey F. |
| 2nd Mary P. | 13th Joshua T. | 4th Dave & Jan G. |
| 4th Ebony S. | 15th Kristi S. | 4th Rick & Shawnee V. |
| 4th Eun-me P. | 18th Al S. | 8th Christian & Michaela B. |
| 5th Jonni W. | 18th Eleri C. | 8th Joe & Kristi S. |
| 6th Susan B. | 19th Martin L. | 8th Cliff & April S. |
| 6th Luke H. | 20th Ken F. | 10th RJ & Michelle S. |
| 8th Shirley G. | 20th Scarlett O. | 18th John & Floria R. |
| 8th Connor O. | 21st Evan C. | 26th Paul & Isabel D. |
| 8th Josh H. | 23rd Austynn M. | 29th Jon & Jilcy R. |
| 10th Ethan C. | 27th Grant E. | |
| 10th James S. | 29th Robin W. | |
| 11th Amanda L. | 30th Caleb H. | |

# 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
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Meets: 2nd and 4th Sundays
4:00PM – 6:00 PM

**South Henderson / Boulder City**
Assistant Pastor Christian Bland
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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."*