Sproul comments: "There is, within the nation of Israel, some whom God determines in advance to save, to overcome their rebelliousness; and exhibit A for that is Paul. Who was more rebellious than Paul? Who set out to destroy the Messiah and His people more than did Paul? And yet, when God intervened in his life on the Damascus Roard, giving him the vision of the risen Christ, his life was changed."

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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

September 8, 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

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah (Psalm 146)

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;
He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid;
He is blessed whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God is stayed.
Heav'n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;
He delivers from oppression, righteousness He will maintain.

Food He daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning pris'ner free,
Raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eyes to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger He befriends,
Helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
*****Over all God reigns forever, through all ages He is King;
Unto Him, thy God O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

(Repeat *)

Invocation

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:

We confess, Almighty God, that we have greatly sinned,
in thought, word, and deed,
in what we have done, and in what we have failed to do.
Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.
According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.
By the blood of Christ, cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Forgive us our sins, for the sake of the Lamb who was slain for the sins of the world, 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!

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

I will sing of my Redeemer
And His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered,
From the curse to set me free.
(Refrain)

I will tell the wondrous story
How, my lost estate to save,
In His boundless love and mercy,
He the ransom freely gave.
(Refrain)

I will praise my dear Redeemer;
His triumphant power I'll tell,
How the victory He giveth
Over sin and death and hell.
(Refrain)

***Refrain**:* Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!
With His blood He purchased me;
On the cross He sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt and made me free.

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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.

Reception of Members:

Dave and Marin Sanders
Ethan Crawford

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

You Are Worthy of My Praise

I will worship (*I will worship*) with all of my heart (*with all of my heart*).
I will praise You (*I will praise You*)
with all of my strength (*all my strength).*
I will seek You (*I will seek You*) all of my days (*all of my days*).
I will follow (*I will follow*) all of Your ways (*all Your ways*).

Chorus: I will give You all my worship, I will give You all my praise.
You alone I long to worship. You alone are worthy of my praise.

I will bow down (*I will bow down*), hail You as King (*hail You as King*).
I will serve You (*I will serve You*),
give You ev'rything (*give You ev'rything*).
I will lift up (I will lift up)
my eyes to Your throne (*my eyes to your throne).*
And I will trust You, (*I will trust You*,)
I will trust You alone (*trust You alone).*
(Chorus 2x)

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us, How high the mountain I could not climb; In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness tore through the shadows of my soul. The work is finished, the end is written,
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Chorus: Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free,
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me. You have broken every chain, There's salvation in Your name, Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace? The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame. The cross has spoken, I am forgiven, The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever,
*****Jesus Christ, my living hope.

(Chorus 2x then Repeat *)

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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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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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Pastoral Prayer

Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

Just as I Am

Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within and without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou will receive,
Will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: **Romans**
Title: **Did God Reject Israel? No!**
Text: **Romans 11:1-10**
Theme: **God and Israel**

Intro:

I. **God Has Not Rejected His People** (vv.1-2a)

II. **God Chose and Preserved a Remnant** (vv.2b-6)

III. **God Hardened the Rest of Israel** (vv.7-10)

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 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

Now Unto the King Eternal

(1st Time: Worship Team)

Now unto the King eternal,
Unto the King immortal,
Unto the King invisible,
The only wise God, the only wise God.

(Repeat: Congregation)

Oh, unto the King be glory and honor,
Unto the King forever,
Unto the King be glory and honor forever,
and ever. Amen, Amen, Amen.

☙ *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.)

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

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.**

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Communion Table	**Scott & Grace J.**	**|** Bonnie Taylor

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

Adult Sunday School:
Title : The Norman Shepherd Controversy
Teacher: Christian Bland

Pre-K
Series: Jesus Is the Savior
Title: God Preserves Jacob's Family
Teacher: Eun-me Phillips / Jane McGuire

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

- **9:30a Sunday School Classes** are available for all ages from **2yrs** to **12th grade**. If you are interested in serving with the **Children's Ministry** during the Sunday School Hour or during the Worship Service, please see Dan Phillips or Hannah Barnhart.
- **Youth Ministry** led by Christian Bland every **Wednesday** from **5p-6:30p** at Church property. Grades **6th-12th** welcome! *****Sign up in the back if you would like to provide a meal for the Youth on a Wednesday night & you do not have to have a youth in youth group to be a part.
- **Ladies Fall Bible Study, "The Promised One"** by **Nancy Guthrie** is underway**,** there are **3 options** if you would like to join!
  - (1) **Wed.** at **10a** led by Barb Kalb & Jane Russell
  - (2) **Thursday** at **6p** led by Terri Hafen and Kristi Schmid, and
  - (3) **Friday** at **10a *w/childcare*** led by Terri Kelley and Kristen Crawford

  $**5** Books & Sign Ups are on the back counter in Women's Cubbies.
- **Men's Book Discussion> "The Whole Christ"** by Sinclair Ferguson, every other Saturday, **7a-8a** led by Elder Rick Vetanovetz. Next meeting is **Sept. 14th.**
- **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.** Escondido, CA. Info & Sign up in the back.
- **Race for Life** >Women's Resource Medical Center; is **October 5th at 8AM**. 1 Mile Walk / 5K Run. Cornerstone Park. Text **R4L** to **7177** for details.

See Events > Springmeadowspres.org or Springmeadowspres.churchtrac.com







HAPPY BIRTHDAY!	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
7th Samuel G.	4th Charlie & Becky S.
8th Killian F.	4th Jon & Dara W.
11th Dave M.	7th Toad & Judy B.
13th Lois S.	7th Sunil & Leena M.
15th Dan R.	13th Josh & Kelly H.
22nd Chris W.	19th Keith & Roe I.
22nd Royce C.	
26th Steve G.	

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."