"Much that we have interpreted as a defect of sanctification in churchpeople is really an outgrowh of their loss of bearing with respect to justification. Christians who are no longer sure that God loves and accepts them in Jesus, apart from their present spiritual achievements, are subconsciously radically insecure persons-much less secure than non-Christians, because they have too much light to rest easily under the constant bulletins they receive from their Christian environment about the holiness of God and the righteousness they are supposed to have. Their insecurity shows itself in pride, a fierce defensive assertion of their own righteousness and defensive criticism of others. They come naturally to hate other cultural styles and other races in order to bolster their own security and discharge their suppressed anger. They cling desperately to legal, pharisaical righteousness, but envy, jealousy and other branches on the tree of sin grow out of their fundamental insecurity."
(Richard F. Lovelace)

*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

October 20, 2024

Welcome and Announcements Elder Dan Phillips

Celebrating His Presence

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

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

Call to Worship

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

(Psalm 100)

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age-to-age endure.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:
Lord our God, our hearts are restless. They are deceitful and full of wickedness. Yet You are gracious because of Christ Jesus. Lord, we ask that our hearts find their rest in You. Here are our hearts, O God our Father. We offer them to You, promptly and sincerely, for the sake of Your Son. 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!

He Is Faithful

If we confess our sins, He is faithful;
If we confess our sins, He is just.
If we confess our sins, He is faithful;
He is faithful, He is faithful to forgive.

So call upon the Lord, He is faithful;
So call upon the Lord, He is just.
*****So call upon the Lord, He is faithful;
He is faithful, He is faithful to forgive.

(Repeat *)

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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Reception of New Member Minas Mkhitarian

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Union with Christ

Union with Christ! What a glorious thought, What a wonderful truth we embrace; For His vict'ry attained makes the children of God To endure, and to finish the race.

The hope that we have is no temporal thing, To be swayed by our failures or fears; In Christ we have faith as our conquering King, And the Christian through faith perseveres.

Hallelujah! We are His. Hallelujah! We are His.
No greater love is there than this; Jesus is ours and we are His.

Union with Christ! What a glorious thought to be one with the Lion and the Lamb! To be given a heart that responds as it ought To the great everlasting, "I AM".

Hallelujah! We are His. Hallelujah! We are His.
No greater love is there than this; Jesus is ours and we are His!
Hallelujah! We are His-Deepest communion, sweetest bliss;
No greater love is there than this: Jesus is ours and we are His.
Jesus is ours and we are His!

*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.*

Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing;
Let mercy fall on me. Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, The Hope of nations.

Chorus: Savior, He can move the mountains;
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save!
Forever, Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave!

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures, fill my life again;
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in; now I surrender.
(***Chorus)***

Bridge: Shine your light and let the whole world see: We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus! Shine your light and let the whole world see: We're singing for the glory of the risen King!
(Chorus)

You're my Savior, You can move mountains. God, You are mighty to save, You are might to save! Forever, Author of Salvation, You rose and conquered the grave,
Yes, You rose and conquered the grave. You are mighty to save!

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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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The King of Love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul He leadeth,
And, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

In death's dark vale, I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: **Romans**
Title: **Your Spiritual Act of Worship**
Text: **Romans 12:1-2**
Theme: **Putting Practical Christian Living in its Proper Perspective**

Intro:

I. **God's Mercy is the Foundation of All Christian Obedience** (v.1a)

II. **Our Spiritual Act of Worship** (v.1b)

III. **Our Transformation Through the Renewing of the Mind** (v.2)

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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Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Response

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts, Thou fount of life,
Thou light of men, From the best bliss that earth imparts
We turn unfilled to Thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; Thou savest those that on Thee call; To them that seek Thee Thou art good,
To them that find Thee all in all.

We taste of Thee, O living bread, and long to feast upon Thee still;
We drink of Thee, the fountainhead,
And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away,
Shed o'er the world Thy holy light.

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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 bread.

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.

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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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Greeters:	**Paul & Claire Hiles|** Barb K & Pam P.
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Communion Table	**Scott & Grace |**Ritesh Chakranarayan

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

Adult Sunday School:
Title : The Lord's Day Part 2
Teacher: Paul Hiles

Pre-K
Series: God Leads His People
Title: God Takes Care of Moses
Teacher: Eun-me Phillips / Jane McGuire

Grades (K-2)
Series: Investigating God's Word
Title: Genesis 1-24
Teacher: Jessica Salinas / Mary Posey

Grades (2-5)
Series: Investigating God's Word
Title: Joshua
Teacher: Gwennan Turner

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

- **Youth Ministry** led by Christian Bland meets every **Wednesday** from **5p-6:30p** at Church property. Grades **6th-12th** are welcome! A new series on Apologetics has begun, "**Defending the Faith**". Games + Lesson and Dinner is provided!
- **Ladies Fall Bible Study> "The Promised One"** by Nancie Guthrie is in full swing with 3 different offerings. Wed. 10a, / Thur. 6p, / Fri. 10a (w/Childcare).
- **Men's Book Study > 'Embodied Hope"** by Kelly Kapic. This study led by Elder Rick Vetanovetz begins **Dec, 7th**, meeting *every other* Saturday at **7a**. Books and Schedules are available in the Men's Cubby. **$16 Books** *(Pay Church Office Cash or Pay Online or with Check by noting 'Men's Study' in Memo*).
- **Men's & Women's Book Study > "Institutes of the Christian Religion"** by John Calvin is led by Deacon Walt Kwasniewski on Fridays **6:30p-8p** at SMPC. This is an ongoing study, never too late to join. Please bring your own copy of book.
- **Guy's Night** > this **Sat. Oct. 26th** from **4p-7p** at the Church property. Food will be provided along with Games and Fellowship. Childcare provided but you must **RSVP** to Clifford.stumme@gmail.com by today **Oct. 20th** otherwise, **RSVP** by **Oct. 24th** so enough food will be on hand. If anyone wants to bring a grill, please let Cliff know.
- **Fellowship Meal** following Service on **Nov. 3rd.** Please plan on attending and bring a **Main Dish** + a **Side** or **Dessert** to Share. To volunteer with Set Up / Take Down or Décor, please contact loiskar@gmail.com
- **SongBirds Rehearsal** today following Service **Oct. 20th** in Cry Room. See Lois S. See Events > Springmeadowspres.org or Springmeadowspres.churchtrac.com







BIRTHDAYS	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
2nd Marin S.	18th Shawnee V.	2nd Jeff & Jessica W.
2nd Mark L.	19th Ken S.	4th Dan & Jane R.
2nd Sarah P.	20th Asher B.	10th Alex & Jessica K.
3rd Taryn O.	21st Tim P.	20th Ken & Betsy F.
3rd Brittany F.	22nd Susan G.	21st Stuart & Robin W.
4th Hayden S.	25th Jessica S.	24th Dan & Eun-me P.
7th Jon R.	27th Claire H.	
7th Chimaine S.	27th Patty L.	
12th Patrick O.	29th Jessica W.	
12th Karen P.	30th Daniel L.	
12th Kevin T.	30th Timothy F.	
16th Fumiko G.	30th Jonas U.	

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 Ryan Roper
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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
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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."