In Rediscovering Holiness, J.I. Packer says,
"The secular world never understands Christian motivation. Faced with the question of what makes Christians tick, unbelievers maintain that Christianity is practiced only out of self-serving purposes. They see Christians as fearing the consequences of not being Christian (religion as fire insurance) or feeling the need of help and support to achieve their goals (religion as a crutch) or wishing to sustain a social identity (religion as a badge of respectability). No doubt all these motivations can be found among the membership of churches: it would be futile to dispute that. But just as a horse brought into a house is not thereby made human, so a self-seeking motivation brought into the church is not thereby made Christian, nor will holiness ever be the right name for religious routines thus motivated. From the plan of salvation I learn that the true driving force in authentic Christian living is, and ever must be, not the hope of gain, but the heart of gratitude."

*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 6, 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

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam.
(Refrain)

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise Him, alleluia! Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice.
(Refrain)

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care.
(Refrain)

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.
*(**Refrain)***

***Refrain*:** O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Invocation

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:
Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in Your light, and walk in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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!

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

(Repeat)

And now let the weak say, 'I am strong',
Let the poor say, 'I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us!'

Give thanks, give thanks.

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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

Forevermore

Long before the earth, before there was light, Lord, You were—
Endless are You, God. No time can contain all You are;
There's no other God before You, there is no one to replace You.
You are forevermore, and there's no other God I call to.
You are the One that I cling to; You are forevermore.

Faithful are You, God; You never change, Lord, You are— Only You are God. Forever You reign above it all. There's no other God before You, there is no one to replace You. You are forevermore, and there's no other God I call to. You are the One that I cling to;
You are forevermore.

There's no other, no one greater, There is none like You.
There's no other, no one greater, there is none like You.

There's no other God before You, there is no one to replace You.
You are forevermore, and there's no other God I call to.
You are the One that I cling to; You are forevermore.
You are forevermore!

Not Unto Us

All the glory, Lord to You! For in the secret place each life You fashioned through and through. In fearful wonder made!
What have we but given by You? To our God all honor due!
You who also made the stars Yours the glory, never ours!

Though the world may praise our deeds You search much deeper in.
You see our pride you see our greed, You see our darkest sin.
You the seeker, we the lost- Ours the sin, and Yours the cross
Yours the love that took our place -Yours the glory, ours the grace!

Chorus: Not unto us, not unto us -But all the glory unto You!
For Your great love and faithfulness- We give the glory all to You!

Hopeless lies the road ahead if in our strength we go. Our only hope to run the course is in Your strength alone. Every battle every race- Won by your empowering grace. When our fearful faith is small God of grace You give us all! ***(Chorus 2x)***

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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

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty Rock Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat And the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus -My eyes at times can see
The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me:
And from my smitten heart with tears Two wonders I confess,
The wonders of His glorious love And my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than The sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by, To know no gain or loss;
My sinful self my only shame, My glory all the cross.

My sinful self my only shame, My glory all the cross!

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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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

Grace Alone

Ev'ry promise we can make, ev'ry prayer and step of faith,
Ev'ry difference we will make is only by His grace.
Ev'ry mountain we will climb, ev'ry ray of hope we shine,
Ev'ry blessing left behind is only by His grace.

Chorus: Grace alone which God supplies,
strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us, our Cornerstone, we will go forth in grace alone.

Ev'ry soul we long to reach, ev'ry heart we hope to teach,
Everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.
Ev'ry loving word we say, ev'ry tear we wipe away,
Ev'ry sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace.

(Chorus 2x)

We will go forth in grace alone!

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 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.

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
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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:	**Mark & Victoria B**	Ken & Betsy F.
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Current Sunday School Offerings: 9:30a-10:15a

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

Pre-K
Series: God Keeps His Promise
Title: God Makes a Promise to David
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 every **Wednesday** from **5p-6:30p** at Church property. Grades **6th-12th** welcome! Apostles' Creed Lesson, Games & Dinner!
- **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.
- **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.
- **Guy's Night** > Sat. **Oct. 26th** from **4p-7p** at the Church property. Childcare & Food will be provided. Bring your indoor or outdoor games to share. **RSVP** to Clifford.stumme@gmail.com by **Oct. 20th.**
- **Fall 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** 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
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."