As Robert Haldane (1764-1842) observes, "Love is here beautifully represented as a debt that is never paid. It is a debt that ever remains due. Christians ought not only to love one another continually, but to abound in love more and more. The more they pay this debt, the richer will they be in the thing that is paid."

*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

December 01, 2024

Welcome and Announcements Elder Rick Vetanovetz

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

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

Call to Worship Elder Dave McGuire

As with Gladness Men of Old

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious God, may we evermore be led to Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly cradle bed,
There to bend the knee before Him whom heav'n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet ever seek Thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.

In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing alleluias to our King.

Invocation

Congregational Response of Faith: The Lord's Prayer

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!

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People (Isaiah 40)

Comfort, comfort ye My people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness,
mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

Yea, her sins our God will pardon, blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserved His anger He no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many a day, now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness into ever-springing gladness.

For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
Bidding all men to repentance, since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him,
and the hills bow down to greet Him.

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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.

Advent Hope Candle Lighting

Alex, Ebony, Amaya & Hayden Stepp

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

O Come, All You Unfaithful

***O come, all you unfaithful Come, weak and unstable
Come, know you are not alone. O come, barren and waiting ones
Weary of praying, Come See what your God has done.
(Repeat *)

Chorus: Christ is born, Christ is born
Christ is born for you!

O come, bitter and broken Come with fears unspoken Come, taste of
His perfect love. O come, guilty and hiding ones.
There is no need to run. See what your God has done.

(Chorus)

Bridge: He's the Lamb who was given. Slain for our pardon
His promise is peace For those who believe.
(Repeat Bridge)

So come, though you have nothing Come,
He is the offering, Come, see what your God has done
(Chorus 2x)

We Have a Savior

A child has been given,
The King of our freedom,
Sing for the light has come—this is Christmas.

Come and adore Him
And bring gifts before Him.
Joy to the world,
Worship the Son—this is Christmas.

***Chorus**:* This is Jesus, Emmanuel, here with us,
Tell all the world we have a Savior, we have a Savior.
We are no longer lost 'cause He has come down for us.
We have a Savior, we have a Savior.

Sing with the angels. And lift up your voices!
Join in the song of hope—this is Christmas.

(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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: **Romans**
Title: **All You Need is Love**
Text: **Romans 13:8-10**
Theme**: Love is the Fulfillment of the Law**

Intro:

I. Love is an Unpaid Debt (:8a)

II. Love is the Fulfillment of the Law (:8b)

III. Love Does No Harm to its Neighbor (:9-10)

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 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

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens There shone a Holy light

Go, tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.

The shepherds feared and trembled When, lo! Above the Earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth.

Go, tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.

Down in a lowly manger Our humble Christ was born.
And brought us all salvation That blessed Christmas morn.

Go, tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.
That Jesus Christ is born!

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.

Servants:

	12-01-2024	12-08-2024
Greeters	Mark & Victoria B.	Rick & Shawnee V.
Coffee Station	Bob & Lois S.	Ron & Lynn W.
Church Nursery	X	Kathy Wassell
Communion	David S.	Bonnie Taylor

For more ways to serve, https://springmeadowspres.org/volunteer/

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.

Sunday School

Every Sunday at 9:30–10:15 AM

Adult Sunday School:
Title Songs of Christmas
Teacher Ryan Roper

Pre-K
Series God Leads His People
Title God Provides Food
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

For more info, visit https://springmeadowspres.org/sunday-school/

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

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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, or if you aren't sure who your Shepherding Elder is, please email the church office.

To get connected with the SMPC family, please download our '**Connect App'** and complete the **Connection Survey** located under 'Resources' on our website.

For more information about SMPC, our ministries, upcoming events, or to listen to sermon recordings, visit our website:

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Announcements

- **NextSTEP Ministries Winter Clothing Drive: 3** Collection Sundays remaining: **December 1, 8** & **15**. *New* Men's Thermal Tops/Bottoms M-XXL & Men's Gloves.
- **Ladies: Cookies & Cocoa Event** is **Tuesday Dec.10th** from **6PM-8PM.** Please RSVP by **Dec. 3rd** jamj1999@gmail.com. Bring your favorite Christmas Cookie + the Recipe. *Festive Attire* is Encouraged! The event will be held at Jael's home.
- **Men's Book Study > 'Embodied Hope"** by Kelly Kapic. Study led by Elder Rick Vetanovetz begins Dec, 7th. *Every other* Saturday, 7a. **$16** Books & Schedules are available in the Men's Cubby. Pay Church Office.
- **Women's Workshop Day** is **January 25th**, **9am-12pm** at **SMPC**. The theme is **"Basics of the Faith"**, diving even *"Deeper"* by Dane Ortlund with a concise version addition "How Does God Change Us?". We are looking for young ladies to help with brunch set up, please sign up in the back. There will be more details to come!
- Please plan on joining us for our **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**, Tuesday, **December 24th at 6PM**. There will be a Dessert Reception to follow.

This Week at SMPC

Sunday 12/1	
9:30 AM	Sunday School (All ages)
10:30 AM	Worship Service
Varied Times	Community Groups (2nd & 4th Sundays-diff. locations)
Wednesday 12/4	
5:00 PM	Youth Group Ministry (M.S. & H.S.)
Friday 12/6	
6:30 PM	Coed Book Study: Calvin's Institutes is Cancelled (Holiday)
Saturday 12/7	
8:30AM	Women's Council Meeting (Home of K.S.)

For more information about upcoming events, please visit our website, springmeadowspres.org/events-calendar, or contact us.

Community Groups

Community groups are one of the best opportunities to deepen relationships with other Christians and to build each other up. These small groups meet on the **2nd** & **4th Sundays** of every month in homes all around Las Vegas for fellowship, food, Bible study, and prayer. Contact a Group Leader or visit our website for details.

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2nd James H.	17th Lillian O.	2nd Ron & Lynn W.
2nd Joel M.	20th Mark A.	12th Marcel & P.
5th Grace J.	20th Gwennan T.	16th Erick & Erika I.
6th Elias C.	22nd Elizabeth F.	18th Sam & Bonnie T.
6th Owen S.	22nd Marcel P.	18th Stephen & Brittany F.
7th James V.	22nd Grace F.	19th Kevin & Mitchi T.
7th Evan C.	22nd Noel C.	28th James & Makayla L.
9th Sally S.	23rd Evelyn T.	28th Tim & Pam P.
10th Terri H.	24th Elliot S.	
11th Heidi R.	25th Jon W.	
11th Janice L.	26th Kriz C.	
12th Emerie F.	26th William L.	
13th Emma G.	27th Ethan H.	
13th Rick V.	29th Joe S.	
15th James L.	31st Cyrus D.	
17th Macie O.	31st Judy B.	