In fundamentals, then, faith is primary, and we may not appeal to love as an excuse to deny essential faith. In non-fundamentals, however, love is primary, and we may not appeal to zeal for the faith as an excuse for failures in love. Faith instructs our own conscience; love respects the conscience of others. Faith gives liberty; love limits it exercise. No-one has put it better than Rupert Meldenius, a name which some believe was a nom de plume *used by Richard Baxter:*
In essentials unity;
In non-essentials liberty;
In all things charity.
(John Stott)

*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 29, 2024

Welcome and Announcements Elder Dave McGuire

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

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

Prelude Worship Team

Call to Worship Asst. Pastor Christian Bland

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

Crown Him, ye morning stars of light, who fixed this earthly ball;
Now hail the strength of Israel's might, and crown Him Lord of all;
Now hail the strength of Israel's might, and crown Him Lord of all!

Invocation

Congregational Response of Faith: The Nicene Creed

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:
Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Bearer of our sins, have mercy on us and forgive us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us peace. 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!

Tender Mercy (Psalm 28)

Hear my cry for mercy as I call to You,
As I lift my hands in Spirit and in Truth.

Chorus: Men Sing / (Women Reply):
We cry mercy *(in the name of the Father most Holy)*,
We cry mercy *(in the name of the Son who was slain).*
Lord, have mercy *(in the name of the Spirit indwelling),*
Tender mercy, Lord.
You are mercy *(in the name of the Father most Holy),*
You are mercy *(in the name of the Son who was slain).*
Lord, have mercy *(in the name of the Spirit indwelling),*
Tender mercy, Lord.

In Your tender mercy brought by grace through faith,
I will lift my heart toward Your most Holy Place. ***(Chorus)***

We cry mercy, we cry mercy; Lord, have mercy;
Tender mercy, Lord; tender mercy, Lord.

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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.

Baptism Anneliese Wetlesen
Prayer Andy Crawford

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give. He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom, My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace. To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus, For my life is wholly bound in His. Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, For by my side the Savior, He will stay. I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, For in my need His power is displayed. To this I hold: My Shepherd will defend me, Through the deepest valley He will lead. Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, For He has said that He will bring me home. And day by day I know He will renew me. Until I stand with joy before the throne. To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to Him.

***When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
(Repeat*)
Yet not I but through Christ in me!

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men, Oh You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have…
Hopelessly lost the way, Oh we've hopelessly lost the way.

Chorus: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore;
You give the healing and grace our
Hearts always hunger for, Oh our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own; Here in our weakness You find us Falling before Your throne, Oh we're falling before Your throne. *(**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

Nothing but the Blood

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
*(**Refrain**)*

Nothing can for sin atone- Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
(***Refrain**)*

This is all my hope and peace- Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness- nothing but the blood of Jesus.
(***Refrain**)*

Now by this I'll overcome- Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Now by this I'll reach my home-Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
(***Refrain**)*

***Refrain**:* O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: **Romans**
Title: **Our Relationship to the Weak**
Text: **Romans 15:1-13**
Theme**: Do Not Please Yourselves**

Intro:

I. Do Not Please Yourselves (vv.1-2)

II. Because Christ Did Not Please Himself (vv.3-4)

III. Because Christ is the Way to United Worship (vv.5-6)

IV. Because Christ Has Accepted You (v.7)

V. Because Christ Has Become a Servant (vv.8-13)

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

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong men and maidens meek,
Raise high your free, exulting song; God's wondrous praises speak.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth,
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth!
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Then on, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks and sing;
Your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

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.)

Benevolence Offering
Prayer Deacon Mark Baltazar

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 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:

	12-29-2024	1-05-2024
Greeters	Marce & Richard S	Rick & Shawnee V
Coffee Station	Sandy Green	Patty Lovelady
Church Nursery	Jane Russell	TBD
Communion	Deacons	David Sonner

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 — Redeeming the Time, Resolutions
Teacher — Paul Hiles

Pre-K
Series — God Leads His People
Title — God Loves & Forgives His Children
Teacher — Eun-me Phillips

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

- **With the start of 2025,** we are asking all **Members** to please contact the SMPC Office & sign up to serve on rotation in one or more of the following areas: Greeters, Coffee Station Attendants, Communion Table Clean Up, Children's Nursery, Children's Sunday School Classes, Worship Team, Audio Visual, Fellowship Meals, Easter & Christmas Special Events or Youth Group. The body at Spring Meadows is filled with gifted people, let's come together and all play a part!!

- **Men's Book Study > 'Embodied Hope"** by Kelly Kapic. Led by Elder Rick Vetanovetz every other Saturday. Next meeting **is on Jan. 11th** at **7AM**. It is not too late to join, **$16** Books & Schedules are available in the Men's Cubby. Pay Office.

✞ **Women's Faith Workshop Day** is **January 25th**, **9am-12pm** at **SMPC**. Theme: **"Basics of the Faith",** we will dive even "Deeper" by Dane C. Ortlund with a concise version addition ***"How Does God Change Us?".*** Please sign up in the back to RSVP. Young ladies please sign up in the back to help set up brunch that morning. Stay tuned for more details to come!



SMPC Events This Week

Sunday 12/29
9:30 AM Sunday School (All ages)
10:30 AM Worship Service

Wednesday 1/01 Happy New Year!
5:00 PM Canceled > Youth Group Ministry (M.S. & H.S.)

Friday 1/04
6:30 PM Coed Book Study: Calvin's Institutes led by Deacon Walt K.

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 & Claudia 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.	