Dan Doriani summarizes these matters:
Essential points about church life emerge from the greetings of Romans 16:1-23. Above all, we see a church that found unity despite diversity in ethnicity, sex, social status, and native language. The names suggest both high rank and enslavement. Paul mentions people from noble households, people with civil status, and total unknowns. He praises both men and women. As Paul said in Galatians 3:28, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Paul's greetings show a diverse yet unified church.

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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

January 26, 2025

Welcome and Announcements Elder Ron Warren

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 Asst. Pastor Christian Bland

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God: the Father, Maker of the heav'n and earth;
And in Jesus Christ our Savior, God's own Son of matchless worth.
By the Holy Ghost conceived, Virgin Mary bore God's Son,
He in Whom I have believed, God Almighty Three in One.

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, crucified for me, He died.
Lies within the grave so silent, gates of hell He opened wide.
And the stone-sealed tomb was empty, on the third day He arose.
Into heaven made His entry, Mighty Victor o'er His foes.

At God's right hand He is seated till His coming as He said;
Final judgement will be meted to the living and the dead;
I confess the Holy Spirit, has been sent through Christ, the Son;
He applies salvation's merit, God the Spirit Three in One.

I believe the church of Jesus, holy catholic remains.
We are one through all the angels, with communion of the saints.
I believe sins are forgiven, that our bodies will be raised;
Everlasting life in heaven; A-men, let His name be praised!

Invocation

Congregational Response of Faith: **WSC Q. 3**

Q. What do the Scriptures principally teach?
A. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God and what duty God requires of man.

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:
Lord, we confess that we are debtors in need of Your grace. May Your grace bind our wandering hearts to You, for we are prone to wander. We are prone to leave You, the One we love. Here are our hearts, Lord, take and seal them for the sake of Your Son Jesus. 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 Have a Shelter

I have a shelter in the storm when troubles pour upon me;
Though fears are rising like a flood my soul can rest securely.
O Jesus, I will hide in You, my place of peace and solace,
No trial is deeper than Your love that comforts all my sorrows.

I have a shelter in the storm when all my sins accuse me;
Though justice charges me with guilt, Your grace will not refuse me.
O Jesus, I will hide in You Who bore my condemnation;
I find my refuge in Your wounds for there I find salvation.

I have a shelter in the storm when constant winds would break me,
For in my weakness I have learned
Your strength will not forsake me.
*****O Jesus, I will hide in You, the One who bears my burdens,
With faithful hands that cannot fail You'll bring me home to heaven.

(Repeat *)

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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.

Receiving New Member Cathy Hilden
Praying Elder Dan Phillips

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Experiencing Renewal

How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

***Chorus**:* How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

*(**Chorus**)*

How great, How great is our God!

*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.*

Amazing Love!

My Lord, what love is this that pays so dearly;
That I, the guilty one may go free? *(**Chorus**)*

And so they watched Him die despised, rejected;
But O, the blood He shed flowed for me. *(**Chorus**)*

And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers;
Come wash your guilt away, live again.

***Chorus**:* Amazing love, O what sacrifice,
The Son of God, giv'n for me;
My debt He pays and my death He dies,
That I might live, that I might live.

(Last Time Repeat Chorus)

That I might live!

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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

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness;
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility,
Test our thoughts and our attitudes;
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds:
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built,
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: **Romans**
Title: **The Contours of the Church**
Text: **Romans 16:1-16, :21-23**
Theme**: Commendations and Greetings**

Intro:

I. **Phoebe *(16:1-2)***

II. **Prisca and Aquila *(16:3-5a)***

III. **Many Greetings *(16:5b-15)***

IV. **Greet with a Holy Kiss *(16:16)***

V. **Greetings to Rome from Paul's Associates *(16:21-23)***

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

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

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 Dave Gonzales

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 do not 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:	01-26-2025	02-02-2025
Greeters	Barb K & Pam P.	Mark & Victoria B.
Coffee Station	Sandy Green	Ebony Stepp
Church Nursery	Austynn Turner	
Communion	Marcel Poulin	David Sonner

For more ways to serve, visit 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:

Series	Of God and of the Holy Trinity
Title	The Trinity (WCF 2.1-2)
Teacher	Christian Bland

Pre-K

Series	Living in God's Family
Title	Jesus Explains Salvation
Teacher	Jessica Denny

Grades (K-2)

Series	Investigating God's Word
Title	Matthew 5:1-37
Teacher	Harley Adams

Grades (2-5)

Series	Investigating God's Word
Title	1 Samuel 3
Teacher	Katey Forster

Grades (6-12)

Series	Digging Deeper
Title	Exploring the Shorter Catechism
Teacher	Jeff Williams / Richard Salinas

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

For more info, visit springmeadowspres.org/Sunday-school

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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

All Members are vital to the life of Spring Meadows and are encouraged to serve alongside one another, utilizing their gifts in one of our various ongoing ministries. Please contact the church office to be added to one of the ministry rotations.

Men's Book Discussion > 'Embodied Hope" by **Kelly Kapic**, meets every other Saturday at 7AM here at the Church. Led by Elder Rick V. Next discussion 2/8.

Ladies Galentine's Night Out: February 10, 4:30p-7p. Join the Spring Meadows ladies for a Galentines Night of Craft & Dinner. Free childcare provided. Please **RSVP** by 2/1 to the email invite that was sent and please contact Jael directly if you need childcare. See any member of the Women's Council with questions.

Singles Event: Feb. 8th at the Church Property **5p-8p**. Dinner is included. See Mitchi T.

Communicant's Class: Feb. 15 & 22, led by Elder Ed Kelley. Sign up in the back.

Ladies, you are invited to the **March 14-16 SMPC Women's Retreat** at the beautiful Red Mountain Resort in Ivins, UT. This will be a **2-night getaway** with exciting teaching from **Carrie Mills,** wonderful food, a relaxing atmosphere & great fellowship with sisters-in-Christ. **2 Steps**>**Sign up** with Michelle Santiago after Service *(retreat fee= $100)* and be sure to **book your room** by 2/12 using our specific discounted link.

Church-Wide Invite to **Save the Dates > Kelly Kapic**, author of "Embodied Hope" will be visiting SMPC on **April 5th & 6th**. We will have a luncheon event on **Sat. April 5** for Kelly to discuss topics surrounding his book with a Q & A Session. This is open to **ALL** in **SMPC and others** from local churches *(Outreach Opportunity).* Kelly will also lead Sunday School and preach on the **Lord's Day, April 6**. The Agenda details will be available shortly as a hard copy and also found on the SMPC website.

Men: Tentatively SMPC will host a **Men's Conference** on **June 6 & 7**. Venue, TBD. Topic: **"Forging Biblical Manhood".** The keynote speaker will be **Pastor Pete Alwinson**, who leads a men's ministry called Forge Truth. More details to follow.

SMPC Events This Week

Sunday 1/26	9:30 AM	Sunday School (All ages)
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Fellowship Meal (Kid's Craft)
Wednesday 1/29	5:00 PM	M.S. & H.S. Youth Group Ministry (Church)
Friday 1/31	6:30 PM	Coed Book Study: Calvin's Institutes (Church)

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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2-Erick I.	17-Karen M.	
4-Teri A.	19-Alex K.	
6-Jeff W.	19-Anneliese W.	
7-Jeff C.	20-Cameron D.	
7-Ron W.	20-Paul H.	
7-Aidan C.	20-Karen G.	
8- Minas M.	21-Catherine K.	
10-Annabel L.	23-Jude S.	
10-Monica L.	26-Sakura G.	
10-Wesley L.	27-Vanessa B.	
10-Eliza M.	28-Rebecca U.	
11-Abel R.		