"From the time of Moses onwards, prophets wove their way in and out of the history of the Lord's people, not predictable in their appearing not indeed explaining themselves; simply individuals who were bearers of the word of the Lord to the people of the Lord."
Alec Motyer

*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

February 23, 2025

Welcome and Announcements Elder Rick Vetanovetz

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 Elder Richard Salinas

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love Divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down;
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

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.

Invocation

Congregational Response of Faith: WSC Q.4

Minister: What is God?

Congregation: God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

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.

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:

Eternal Father, You are good beyond all thought, but we are vile, wretched, miserable, blind; Our lips are ready to confess, but our hearts are slow to feel, and our ways reluctant to amend. We bring our souls to You, break them, wound them, bend them, mold them. Unmask to us sin's deformity, that we may hate it and flee from it. Merciful God, we lament and cry pardon for all our sins. By the grace of Your Holy Spirit, work in us more profound and abiding repentance; give us the fullness of a godly grief that trembles and fears, yet always trusts and loves, and is ever powerful and confident; grant that through the tears of repentance we may see more clearly the brightness and glories of the saving cross of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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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!

Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirit revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

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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.

Profession of Faith / Baptism Shatlyk (*Batyr*) Hydyrov
Praying Elder Paul Hiles

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Experiencing Renewal

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears; The bleeding sacrifice on my behalf appears. Before the throne my Surety stands, Before the throne my Surety stands, My name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above for me to intercede, His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead. His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race, And sprinkles now the throne of grace. *(**Chorus**)*

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary; They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me. Forgive him, O forgive they cry, Forgive him, O forgive they cry, don't let that ransomed sinner die!

My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear; He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear; With confidence I now draw nigh, With confidence I now draw nigh, And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry. *(**Chorus**)*

Chorus: Arise, arise, arise, arise, my soul, arise; Arise, arise, arise, arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears and rise.
(Last Time Repeat Chorus)

Christ the True and Better Adam

Christ the True and Better Adam Son of God and Son of man, Who, when tempted in the garden, never yielded, never sinned. He who makes the many righteous, brings us back to life again. Dying, He reversed the curse, then rising, crushed the serpent's head.

***Chorus**:* Amen, amen from beginning to end, Christ the story, His the glory. Alleluia, amen!

Christ the true and better David, lowly shepherd, mighty King. He, the champion in the battle; where, O death, is now thy sting? In our place He bled and conquered; crown Him Lord of Majesty. His shall be the throne forever. We shall e'er His people be.

(Chorus)

Christ the story, His the glory, Alleluia, amen!

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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

How Sweet and Awesome is the Place

How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast,
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues, "Lord, why was I a guest?

'Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.

We long to see Thy churches full, that all the chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul, sing Thy redeeming grace.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: The Gospel According to Elijah and Elisha
Title: **Faith in the Face of Apostasy**
Text: **1 Kings 16:29-17:1**
Theme: An Introduction to Elijah/Elisha Narratives

Intro:

I. Christians and the Old Testament

II. Historical and Literary Horizons in the Narratives of Elijah and Elisha

III. New Testament Resonance of the Narratives of Elijah and Elisha

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

O Day of Rest and Gladness

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light:
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;
On thee the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
Sing "Holy, Holy, Holy", to the great God Triune.

On thee, at the creation the light first had its birth;
On thee, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;
On thee our Lord, victorious the Spirit sent from heav'n
And thus on thee, most glorious, a triple light was giv'n.

Thou art a holy ladder, Where angels go and come;
Each Sunday finds us gladder, Nearer to Heav'n, our home;
A day of sweet reflection, Thou art, a day of love,
A day of resurrection From earth to things above.

Today on weary nations The heav'nly manna falls;
To holy convocations The silver trumpet calls,
*****Where Gospel light is glowing With pure and radiant beams;
And living water flowing, With soul-refreshing streams.

(*Repeat)

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 Jeff Williams

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:	02-23-2025	03-02-2025
Greeters	James & Galina H.	Mark & Victoria B.
Coffee Station	Minas Mkhitarian	Sandy Green
Communion	Scott & Grace J.	David Sonner
Church Nursery	Jasmine Capobianco	Amanda Ladefoged

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 Westminster Confession of Faith
Title Of Providence (WCF 5)
Teacher Paul Hiles

Pre-K

Series Living in God's Family
Title Jesus Says, "Love God Best"
Teacher Jessica Denny

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

Grades (K-2)

Series Investigating God's Word
Title Matthew 9
Teacher Harley Adams

Grades (2-5)

Series Investigating God's Word
Title 1 Samuel 8
Teacher Katey Forster

Grades (6-12)

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

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. All needed.

Communicant's Class: Feb. 22 & March 8, **10a-12p**, here at the Church property. These classes are led by Elder Ed Kelley. Info and Sign Up are in the back of Sanctuary.

Ladies Bible Studies are scheduled to begin the **week** of **February 24th**. Sign up for one of three classes offered to enjoy reading **1 & 2 Peter**; "*Living Hope in a Hard World" by Lydia Brownback.* **Sign Up Sheets** + **$5 Books** are in the Women's Cubbies.

Ladies, **March 14-16 SMPC Women's Retreat** at the beautiful Red Mountain Resort in Ivins, UT. 2-night getaway, teaching by Carrie Mills, wonderful food, relaxing atmosphere & great fellowship. Register with **Michelle Santiago.** *(Fee $100)*. Deadline is **2/12.**

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 / 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**.

VBS 2025 "The Race Is On" is **June 10-13, 4:30p-7:30p** @ SMPC. (Ages 4yrs – M.S.)

SMPC Events This Week

Sunday 2/23	9:30 AM	Sunday School (All ages)
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Wednesday 2/26	10:00 AM	Ladies 1 & 2 Peter Study (Church)
	5:00 PM	M.S. & H.S. Youth Group Ministry (Church)
Thursday 2/27	6:00 PM	Ladies 1 & 2 Peter Study (Church)
Friday 2/28	10:00 AM	Ladies 1 & 2 Peter Study (Childcare /Church)
	6:30 PM	Coed Book Study: Calvin's Institutes (Church)
Saturday 3/1	1:00 PM	Mission Committee Meeting (Home of K.G)

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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7-Michael C.	22-Dara W.
8-Makayla L.	22-Coco W.
10-Jackson A.	24-Emberly E.
14-Riley G.	28-Erick I.

Happy Birthday to You!