"Now when John (*the Baptist*) heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to Him, “Are You the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.... Wisdom is justified by her deeds.""
Matthew 11:3-5, 19

*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 16, 2025

Welcome and Announcements Elder Richard Salinas

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 Ryan Roper

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

Invocation

Congregational Response of Faith: **Psalm 124:8**

Minister: People of God, from where does your help come?

Congregation: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:
Most merciful God, whose Son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin: we confess before You our sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted Your power to protect us. Forgive us for our lusts, our selfishness, our laziness; have mercy on our weakness. Strengthen us in trust and love that we may walk in Your ways and delight in doing Your will. In Jesus' name. 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!

How Blest Is He Whose Trespass

(Psalm 34)

How blest is he whose trespass has freely been forgiv'n,
Whose sin is wholly covered before the sight of heav'n.
Blest he to whom Jehovah will not impute his sin,
Who has a guileless spirit, whose heart is true within.

While I kept guilty silence my strength was spent with grief,
Thy hand was heavy on me, my soul found no relief;
But when I owned my trespass, my sin hid not from Thee,
When I confessed transgression, then Thou forgavest me.

The sorrows of the wicked in number shall abound,
But those that trust Jehovah, His mercy shall surround.
Then in the Lord be joyful, in song lift up your voice;
Be glad in God, ye righteous, rejoice, ye saints, rejoice.

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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.

Reception of New Members — Luke and Anya Foxall
Praying Elder — Dan Phillips

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Experiencing Renewal

Psalm 62

My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation,
A fortress strong against my foes, and I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,
and lies, like arrows, pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness, I'll look to Him who hears me.

Find rest, my soul, in God alone, amid the world's temptations.
When evil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my salvation;
Though riches come and riches go, don't set your heart upon them.
The fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven.

***Chorus**:* Oh, praise Him, hallelujah! My delight and my reward.
Everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God.

I'll set my gaze on God alone, and trust in Him completely;
With ev'ry day pour out my soul, and He will prove His mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too brief to measure,
My King has crushed the curse of death, and I am His forever.

(Repeat Chorus 2x)

O Church Arise

O church, arise, and put your armor on. Hear the call of Christ our captain. For now the weak can say that they are strong In the strength that God has given. With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies. An army bold, whose battle cry is love
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet, As the Son of God is stricken. Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen! And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave, this victory march continues till the day every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit come, put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle. That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful. As saints of old still line the way retelling triumphs of His grace, we hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory.

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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

Before Jehovah's Awful Throne

Before Jehovah's awful throne, all nations, bow with sacred joy;
Know that the Lord is God alone,
He can create, and He destroy, He can create, and He destroy.

His sovereign pow'r, without our aid, made us of dust, and formed us men; and when like wand'ring sheep we strayed,
He brought us to His fold again, He brought us to His fold again.

We are His people, we His care, our souls, and all our mortal frame;
What lasting honors shall we rear, Almighty Maker, to Your name?
Almighty Maker, to Your name?

Wide as the world is Your command, vast as eternity Your love;
Firm as a rock Your truth must stand,
When rolling years shall cease to move, when rolling years shall cease to move.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Asst. Pastor Christian Bland

Scripture: **Proverbs 3:13-26**
Title: **The Blessings of Wisdom**

I. The General Value of Wisdom

II. The Creational Value of Wisdom

III. The Personal Value of Wisdom

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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

There is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
(Chorus)

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.
(Chorus)

When I stand in glory I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever, in that Holy place.
(Chorus)

Chorus*:* Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

(Last Time Chorus 2x)

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 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:	**02-16-2025**	**02-23-2025**
Greeters	Beverly / Susan D	James & Galina H.
Coffee Station	Scott & Chimaine	Minas Mkhitarian
Church Nursery	Rachael Rabe	Jasmine Capobianco
Communion	Ritesh Chakranarayan	Scott & Grace J.

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 Creation (WCF 4)
Teacher Tim Posey

Pre-K

Series Living in God's Family
Title Jesus Says, "Pray Like This"
Teacher Jessica Denny

Grades (K-2)

Series Investigating God's Word
Title Matthew 8
Teacher Harley Adams

Grades (2-5)

Series Investigating God's Word
Title 1 Samuel 6:13-7:17
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.

New SMPC Live Stream: youtube.com/@smpclv

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

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Announcements

Current Sunday School Series: Reformed Theology / Westminster Confession of Faith

New Sermon Series begins **Feb. 23** on Faith in the Face of Syncretism and Apostasy Elijah & Elisha 1 Kings17 - 2 Kings 8

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. 15 & 22, **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.)

***New Streaming Available:** **youtube.com/@smpclv**

SMPC Events This Week

Sunday 2/16	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School (All ages) Worship Service
Monday, 2/17	6:15 PM	Session Meeting
Wednesday 2/19	5:00 PM	M.S. & H.S. Youth Group Ministry (Church)
Friday 2/21	6:30 PM	Coed Book Study: Calvin's Institutes (Church)
Saturday 2/22	10:00 AM	Communicants Class (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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10-Jackson A.	24-Emberly E.
14-Riley G.	28-Erick I.

Happy Birthday to You!