“For to see Elijah appear thus reminds us that we need not despair when we see great movements of evil achieving spectacular success on this earth, for we may be sure that God, in unexpected places, has already secretly prepared His countermovement. God has always His ways of working underground to undermine the stability of evil. God can raise men for His service from nowhere. He can use ‘things which are not, to bring to nought things that are’. Therefore, the situation is never hopeless where God is concerned. Whenever evil flourishes, it is always a superficial flourish, for at the height of the triumph of evil God will be there, ready with His man and His movement and His plans to ensure that His own cause will never fail.” Ronald S. Wallace

*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

March 02, 2025

Welcome and Announcements Elder Andy Crawford

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 Asst. Pastor Christian Bland

The Heav'ns Declare Thy Glory

(Psalm 19)

The heav'ns declare Thy glory, the firmament Thy pow'r;
Day unto day the story repeats from hour to hour;
Night unto night replying, proclaims in every land,
O Lord, with voice undying, the wonders of Thy hand.

The sun with royal splendor goes forth to chant Thy praise,
And moonbeams soft and tender their gentler anthems raise;
O'er every tribe and nation the music strange is poured,
The song of all creation to Thee, creation's Lord.

All heav'n on high rejoices to do its Maker's will;
The stars with solemn voices resound Thy praises still;
So let my whole behavior, thoughts, words and actions be,
O Lord, my Strength, my Savior, one ceaseless song to Thee.

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: The Lord's Prayer

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:

O Father, we are gathered before You, the Maker of heaven and earth, Whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed; we have not loved You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength; nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and the good we have left undone, that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. Yet please do not leave us in sorrow. Holy Father, forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness, for we trust in the promises You give us through Your Son Jesus. By Your grace, restore the joy of our salvation, that we may love You with a holy love. 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!

White as Snow

White as snow, white as snow,
Though my sins were as scarlet;
Lord, I know, Lord, I know,
That I'm clean and forgiven.

Through the power of Your blood,
Through the wonder of Your love,
Through faith in You I know
That I can be white as snow.

*(**Repeat All**)*

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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.

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Experiencing Renewal

10,000 Reasons

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.
(Chorus)

Chorus*:* Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
(Chorus)

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore!
(Chorus 2x)

You Are High and Lifted Up

There is no glory in my own wisdom;
There is no power in my own strength;
There is no might in my own riches,
But I will boast in knowing You.

For You are high and lifted up, the glory of the nations,
You are high and lifted up, the Lord of all the earth,
You are high and lifted up, Creator, Redeemer,
And I will boast in knowing You.
(Repeat All)

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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

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God
in the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.

Chorus: We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the church was called to go
in the power of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth.

By faith this mountain shall be moved
and the power of the Gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

(Chorus)

We'll walk by faith and not by sight!

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: The Gospel According to Elijah and Elisha
Title: **The God of Israel Lives**
Text: **1 Kings 16:29-17:6**
Theme: Judgement is Coming

Intro:

I. The Wicked King and Queen (16:29-34)

II. The War Begins with the Word of the Lord (17:1)

III. Bootcamp for Elijah Begins (17:2-6)

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

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine.

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:	03-02-2025	03-09-2025
Greeters	Mark & Victoria B.	Ron & Lynn Warren
Coffee Station	Sandy Green	Marcel Poulin
Communion	David Sonner	Bonnie Taylor
Church Nursery	Amanda Ladefoged	Jessica Wetlesen

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 the Fall of Man, of Sin, and of the Punishment Thereof (WCF 6)
Teacher Ron Warren

Pre-K

Series Living in God's Family
Title Jesus Says, "Love One Another"
Teacher Patty Lovelady

Grades (K-2)

Series Investigating God's Word
Title Matthew 10
Teacher Harley Adams

Grades (2-5)

Series Investigating God's Word
Title 1 Samuel 9:1-10:8
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

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

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 (3) classes offered.**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 > Lecture + Luncheon Sat. April 5th with **Dr. Kelly Kapic**, author of "Embodied Hope". Dr. Kapic will discuss topics surrounding his book w/ a Q & A Session. This is open to **ALL** in **SMPC** and others from local churches *(Outreach Opportunity).* Lunch + Childcare are included. Please **RSVP** on the sign-up sheet (*red clipboard*) in the back **or** reply to the email that was sent from Church office.

Our Upcoming Fellowship Meal is scheduled for **May 18th** following the Service, and will be a **Picnic in the Park**. Park TBD. If you know of a nice family park, please do share. Our Fellowship Meal Dates have been posted online and in back of Sanctuary.

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

SMPC Events This Week

Sunday 3/02	9:30 AM	Sunday School (All ages)
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	6:00 PM	Evening Service
Wednesday 3/05	10:00 AM	Ladies 1 & 2 Peter Study (Church)
	5:00 PM	M.S. & H.S. Youth Group Ministry (Church)
Thursday 3/06	6:00 PM	Ladies 1 & 2 Peter Study (Church)
Friday 3/07	10:00 AM	Ladies 1 & 2 Peter Study (Childcare /Church)
	6:30 PM	Coed Book Study: Calvin's Institutes (Church)
Saturday 3/8	7:00 AM	Men's Discussion: Embodied Hope (Church)
	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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Birthdays	Birthdays	Anniversaries
3-Laney A.	16-Kelly H.	14-Ritesh & Kriz
3-Ritesh C.	16-Wendy L.	
3-Toad B.	18-Ella F.	15-Daniel & Amanda
4-Jane M.	18-Bob S.	
5-Christian B.	19-Alex S.	28-Eric & Amy
8-Micah T.	24-Lawrence S.	
10-Kathy M.	25-Richard S.	
13-Lynda J.	25-Brenda F.	
15-Michaela B.		

Happy Birthday &
Happy Anniversary to You!