“Creation, providence, redemption – 1 Kings 17 introduces three great works of God. Together they comprise a proof for the Godness of God. They show that God is really God, with a capital G. Only God can make the world, provide daily bread, and bring the dead back to life. What was announced in the first verse of the chapter is true: “The LORD the God of Israel lives,” and soon the whole nation of Israel will know it (see 1 Kings 18:39).”
Philip Ryken

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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

March 30, 2025

Welcome and Announcements Elder Richard Salinas

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 Elder Dan Phillips

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

Jesus the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears; 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; Ye blind, behold Your Savior come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Invocation

Congregational Response of Faith: The Nicene Creed

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:
O Lord our God, our hearts are restless. They are deceitful and full of wickedness. Yet You are gracious because of Christ Jesus. We ask that our hearts find their rest in You. O God our Father, here are our hearts. We offer them to You, promptly and sincerely, for the sake of Your Son. 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!

God, Be Merciful to Me

God, be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against Thy grace and provoked Thee to Thy face;
I confess Thy judgment just, speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

Sinners then shall learn from me; And return O God to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove, And my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips O Lord, And my mouth shall praise accord.

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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

You Chose Me in Him

You chose me in Him before the world's foundation, You wrote my name in the Lamb's Book of Life; You set me apart for adoption in Jesus—For Your good pleasure, You gave me to Christ.

You unveiled my eyes, revealing God's kingdom, You illumined my mind; I could taste God's Word. You raised me from death out of sin and trespass, You cried to my heart. "Abba, Father," I heard.
*(**Chorus**)*

***Chorus**:* God the Father, God the Spirit, God the Son-
We worship You.

You came down from heaven to raise up Your own, You laid down Your life for the sheep of Your fold. You rose from the grave, interceding for sinners, I live through Your death; You redeemed me to God. *(**Chorus**)*

Worship leader: You alone have life and glory, You alone give grace and truth.

***All**:* You alone are redemption's story; We worship You.

There Is Joy in the Lord

******There is joy in the Lord, there is love in His Spirit,
There is hope in the knowledge of Him. There's a fountain that flows like a river from heaven Abounding in love to my soul.

(Refrain)

There is joy in the Lord, there is love in His Spirit, there is hope in the knowledge of Him. There's a fountain I know ev'ry time I am near it
My heart overflows to the Lord.

(Refrain)

***Refrain**:* All blessing and honor are His. All glory and power are His.
Let all wisdom and strength be the Lord's in this place.
Let all glory be given to Him.

*(**Repeat ***)*

…my soul.

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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

Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee

Lord, with glowing heart I'd praise Thee for the bliss Thy love bestows, For the pardn'ing grace that saves me,
and the peace that from it flows. Help, O God, my weak endeavor; this dull soul to rapture raise: Thou must light the flame, or never can my love be warmed to praise.

Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee, wretched wand'rer far astray; Found thee lost and kindly brought thee from the paths of death away. Praise, with love's devoutest feeling, Him who saw thy guilt-born fear, And, the light of hope revealing, bade the blood-stained cross appear.

Praise thy Savior God that drew thee to that cross, new life to give, Held a blood-sealed pardon to thee, bade thee look to Him and live.
***** Praise the grace whose threats alarmed thee, roused thee from thy fatal ease; Praise the grace whose promise warmed thee, praise the grace that whispered peace.

(Repeat *)

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: The Gospel According to Elijah and Elisha
Title: **The Raising of the Widow's Son**
Text: **1 Kings 17:17-24 / Luke 7:11-17**
Theme: Yahweh: LORD of Life and Death

Intro:

I. The Widow in Great Distress

II. Elijah and the Raising of the Widow's Son

III. Yahweh, Not Baal is the Giver of Life

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

Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy laws demands,
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone, Thou must save and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress, helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

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:	**03-30-2025**	**04-06-2025**
Greeters	Cathy H. / Susan D.	Mark & Victoria B.
Coffee Station	Bob & Lois S.	Sandy Green
Communion	Scott & Grace J.	David Sonner
Church Nursery	Gwennan Turner	Jessica Williams

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

Adults:

Series Westminster Confession of Faith
Title Of Christ the Mediator (WCF 8.4-6,8)
The Work of Christ
Teacher Elder Ryan Roper

Pre-K
Series Living in God's Family
Title Jesus Says, "Serve Others"
Teacher Patty Lovelady

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 13:53-14:36
Teacher Harley Adams

Grades (2-5)
Series Investigating God's Word
Title 1 Samuel 14:15-52
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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David McGuire, RE
Ed Kelley, RE, Clerk
Paul Hiles, RE
Richard Salinas, RE
Rick Vetanovetz, RE
Ron Warren, RE
Ryan Roper, RE
Tim Posey, TE

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David Gonzales
Jeff Williams
Joe Schmid
Mark Baltazar
Stephen Fichter
Walt Kwasniewski

SMPC Staff

Tim Posey, Pastor
Christian Bland, Asst. Ptr.
Chimaine Shadd, Admin

Announcements

All Members, please contact the church office if you are able to serve on one of the many ministry rotations.

Ladies Bible Studies > **1 & 2 Peter**; "*Living Hope in a Hard World"* by Lydia Brownback. **Sign Up Sheets** + **$5 Books** are in the Women's Cubbies.

Lecture + Luncheon with **Dr. Kelly Kapic**, Saturday, **April 5th** author of "Embodied Hope". Dr. Kapic will discuss topics surrounding his book with a Q & A Session. This is open to **ALL** in **SMPC** and visitors. Lunch + Childcare are included. Please **RSVP** on the sign-up sheet (*red clipboard*) in the back including ages of your children**.**

Good Friday Service: April 18th at **6PM.** There will be no childcare this evening.

***EASTER at SMPC: April 20th**
~Resurrection Reception, 9:30AM in place of all Sunday School classes.
~Worship Service, 10:30AM *(childcare provided)*.
~Egg Hunt *(1-10yrs),* **after Service**-please **RSVP** on Sign-Up Sheet *(back counter).*

Spring Meadows Fellowship Meal > 'Picnic in the Park' is scheduled for **May 18th** following the Service. Stay tuned for Park & Food details.

All **Fellowship Meal Dates** have been posted online and hanging in back of Sanctuary.

VBS 2025 "The Race Is On" is **June 10-13, 4:30p-7:30p** @ SMPC. (Ages 4yrs – M.S.) Please reserve the dates and stay tuned for further information.

SMPC Events This Week

Sunday 3/30	9:30 AM	Sunday School (All ages)
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Wednesday 4/2	10:00 AM	Ladies 1 & 2 Peter Study (Church)
	5:00 PM	M.S. & H.S. Youth Group Ministry (Church)
Thursday 4/3	6:00 PM	Ladies 1 & 2 Peter Study (Church)
Friday 4/4	6:30 PM	Coed Book Study: Calvin's Institutes (Church)
Saturday 4/5	11:00 AM	Lecture and Q&A w/ Dr. Kelly Kapic (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	Birthdays	Anniversaries
3-Laney A.	10-Kathy M.	18-Bob S.	14-Ritesh & Kriz
3-Ritesh C.	13-Lynda J.	19-Alex S.	
3-Toad B.	15-Michaela B.	24-Lawrence S.	15-Daniel & Amanda
4-Jane M.	16-Kelly H.	25-Richard S.	
5-Christian B.	16-Wendy L.	25-Brenda F.	28-Eric & Amy
8-Micah T.	18-Ella F.	26- Mitchi T.	

