“Is this not vintage Yahweh? Who else would ever design to use the unclean (ravens) and the unlikely (widow) as sustainers of His servant? Who am I to object if Yahweh delights to use dirty birds and hopeless women? We should, however, adore the scintillating creativity of a God who brings help to His people through channels they would never suspect.”
Ralph Davis

*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 09, 2025

Welcome and Announcements Elder Ryan Roper

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 Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

Invocation

Congregational Response of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:
Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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!

A Shield About Me

Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me,
You're my glory; You're the lifter of my head.
Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me,
You're my glory, You're the lifter of my head.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, You're the lifter of my head.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, You're the lifter of my head.

Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me,
You're my glory; You're the lifter of my head.
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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

Psalm 9

(Women Echo)

I will praise (*I will praise*) You, O Lord (*You, O Lord*)
With all my heart, with all my heart.
I will tell (*I will tell*) of Your wonders (*of Your wonders*)
I'll be glad and exult in Thee.
I'll be glad and exult in Thee.

***Chorus**:* I will sing praise to Your Name, O Most High,
I will sing praise to Your Name.
I will sing praise to Your Name, O Most High,
I will sing praise to Your Name.

*(**Repeat All / Repeat Chorus**)*

*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.*

Jesus, I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health, Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth, Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, Out of life's storms and into Thy calm, Out of distress into jubilant song, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, Out of despair into raptures above, Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold, Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

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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

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Christ is made the sure Foundation,
Christ the Head and Cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of hosts today:
With Thy wonted lovingkindness hear Thy people as they pray;
And Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.

Here vouch safe to all Thy servants What they ask of Thee to gain
What they gain from Thee for ev-er With the blessed to retain
And hereafter in Thy glory evermore with Thee to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: The Gospel According to Elijah and Elisha
Title: **The Prophet and the Widow**
Text: **1 Kings 17:7- 16**
Theme: Spreading Grace to the Nations

Intro:

I. When the Brook Dries Up (vv 7-9)

II. Spreading Grace to the Nations (vv 10-11)

III. The Purpose of Miracles (vv 12-16)

IV. The Wideness of God's Mercy

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 Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away;
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life – I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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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:	03-09-2025	03-16-2025
Greeters	Ron & Lynn Warren	James & Galina H.
Coffee Station	Marcel Poulin	Alex Kwasniewski
Communion	Bonnie Taylor	Marcel Poulin
Church Nursery	Jessica Wetlesen	Heidi Rudy

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 God's Covenant with Man (WCF 7.1-2)
The Covenant of Works
Teacher — Asst. Pastor Christian Bland

Pre-K

Series — Living in God's Family
Title — Jesus Says, "Love Your Enemies"
Teacher — Patty Lovelady

Grades (K-2)

Series — Investigating God's Word
Title — Matthew 11
Teacher — Harley Adams

Grades (2-5)

Series — Investigating God's Word
Title — 1 Samuel 10:9-11:11
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.

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.**

Men Your Input is Needed: please complete the **Questionnaire** that was created by Rick V either by giving to Rick directly or submitting online. Due date is this Saturday, **March 15th**. Hard copies are in the back and the email with link was last sent on 3/6.

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 3/09	9:30 AM	Sunday School (All ages)
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	Varies	Community Groups (4 Groups/Homes)
Wednesday 3/12	10:00 AM	Ladies 1 & 2 Peter Study (Church)
	5:00 PM	M.S. & H.S. Youth Group Ministry (Church)
Thursday 3/13	6:00 PM	Ladies 1 & 2 Peter Study (Church)
Friday 3/14	4:00 PM	Ladies Retreat in Ivins, Utah
	6:30 PM	Coed Book Study: Calvin's Institutes (Church)
Saturday 3/15	7:30 AM	Ladies Retreat in Ivins, Utah

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!