“The Lord looks on the heart and is pleased when he finds it quaking in wonder, love, and praise. But that should concern all who place their stock in the their outward usefulness rather than the inner state of their hearts. Yet all should be encouraged. For the nature of the living God means that the fear which pleases him is not a groveling, shrinking fear. He is no tyrant. It is an ecstasy of love and joy that senses how overwhelmingly kind and magnificent, good and true God is, and that therefore leans on him in staggered praise and faith.”
Michael Reeves

*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

April 13, 2025

Welcome and Announcements Elder Dave McGuire

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 Paul Hiles

All People That on Earth Do Dwell (Psalm 100)

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age-to-age endure.

Invocation

Congregational Response of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:
Behold, O Lord, we are empty vessels that need to be filled; our Lord, fill us. We are weak in the faith; please strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us and make us fervent, that our love may go out to our neighbors. We do not have strong and firm faith; at times we doubt and are unable to trust You altogether. O Lord, help us. Strengthen our faith and trust in You. We are poor; You are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. With us, there is an abundance of sin, but in You is the fullness of righteousness and mercy. Please grant us Your righteousness & mercy in Jesus Christ for we rest in His 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!

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
His mercies never come to an end.
They are new ev'ry morning, new ev'ry morning,
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord,
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord,
Great is Thy faithfulness!

(Repeat)

The Blessing

Minister: The grace of God be with you.
People: And also, with you.

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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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Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Experiencing Renewal

Come, Let Us Worship

Come let us worship and bow down,
And kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
(Repeat)

***Chorus**:* He is our God, He is our God;
We are the people of His pasture.
He is our God, He is our God;
We are the sheep of His Hand.

***Come let us worship and bow down,
And kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
(Repeat* / Chorus)

***Bridge**:* Worship the Lord in holiness; Let the whole earth stand in awe. He will come to judge the earth In righteousness and truth.
*(**Chorus**)*

Isaiah 40

Lord, I will put my trust in You and I will not faint.
Lord, I will put my trust In You.
Lord, I will put my trust in You and You'll renew my strength.
Lord, I will put my trust in You and You'll renew my strength.

You will not grow tired, You will not grow weary,
So I put my trust in You.
You will not grow tired, You will not grow weary,
So I put my trust in You.

Lord, I bow my face to You for You are my God.
Lord, I bow my face to You for You are my God.

You have been my strength, You have been my shield,
You have been my mighty tower.
You have been my strength, You have been my shield,
You have been my mighty tower.
You have been my mighty tower.

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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

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus my eyes at times can see
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me:
And from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess,
The wonders of His glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss;
*****My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

(Repeat*)

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: **The Gospel According to Elijah and Elisha**
Title: **The Troubler of Israel?**
Text: **1 Kings 18:1-19**
Theme: **Mercy and Judgement**

Intro:

I. The Word of the LORD (vv.1-2)

II. Obadiah, Servant of Yahweh (vv.3-6)

III. Elijah and Obadiah (vv. 7-16)

IV. Elijah and Ahab (vv. 17-19)

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
SongBirds "*To the King Sing Hosanna"*

Song of Response

Jesus, My Great High Priest

Jesus, my great High Priest, offered His blood and died;
My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside.
His pow'rful blood did once atone,
and now it pleads before the Throne.

To this dear Surety's hand will I commit my cause;
He answers and fulfills His Father's broken laws.
Behold my soul at freedom set; my Surety paid the dreadful debt.

My Advocate appears for my defense on high;
The Father bows His ears and lays His thunder by.
Not all that hell or sin can say shall turn His heart, His love, away.

Should all the hosts of death and pow'rs of hell unknown
Put their most dreadful forms of rage and mischief on,
I shall be safe, for Christ displays
His conqu'ring pow'r and guardian grace.

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:	04-13-2025	04-20-2025
Greeters	Ron & Lynn W.	James & Galina H.
Coffee Station	Ebony Stepp	Cathy Hilden
Communion	Bonnie Taylor	Marcel Poulin
Church Nursery	Jane Russell	Kathy Wassell

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 Biblical Literacy
Title "Follow Me and I will Make You Fishers of Men" (*Matthew 4:19)*
Teacher Paul Hiles

Pre-K
Series Living in God's Family
Title God Makes Us More Like Jesus
Teacher Patty Lovelady

Grades (K-2)
Series Investigating God's Word
Title The Story of Easter
Teacher Gwennan Turner

Grades (3-5)
Series Investigating God's Word
Title Luke 1
Teacher Claire Hiles

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

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.

M.S. and **H.S. Youth Group:** led by Christian Bland meets at the Church on **Wednesdays** from **5-6:30PM**. Games, Lesson and Dinner enjoyed by all. We are continuing to study Apologetics but now we will consider and compare the beliefs of other Christian denominations.

Good Friday Service: this Friday **April 18th** at **6PM. (***No Childcare)*

***EASTER** at **SMPC: April 20th**

~Resurrection Reception, 9:30AM in place of all Sunday Schools.
~Worship Service, 10:30AM *(childcare provided)*.
~Egg Hunt ***(1-10 yrs)*** after Service**. RSVP** on Sign-Up Sheet *(back counter).*

Ladies: 2025-2026 Women's Council Vote following Service **April 27th**

2025-2026 Women's Council Installation on **May 11th.**

"Change For Life" Allyfe Baby Bottles are due back by **May 11th**.

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

~All **Fellowship Meal Dates** are posted online & 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 4/13	9:30 AM	Sunday School (All ages)
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Wednesday 4/16	10:00 AM	Ladies 1 & 2 Peter Study (Church)
	5:00 PM	M.S. & H.S. Youth Group Ministry (Church)
Thursday 4/17	6:00 PM	Ladies 1 & 2 Peter Study (Church)
Friday 4/18	5:00 PM	S.I.C. Bocce Ball & Smash Burgers (Garden's Park)
	6:00 PM	Good Friday Service

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
1-Emma S.	13-Noah F.	22-Walt K.	13-Nate & Jessica W.
3-Roy D.	20-Keith I.	26-Kim L.	
6-Marie H.	21-Erika I.	27-Michael R.	
9-Jasmine I.	22-Amaya S.	28-Mercy C.	
9-Stephen R.	22-Amy R.	29-John M.	
12-Stephanie O.	22-Beverly J		

