*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.*

"How is it possible for a man and Jesus Christ to pray the Psalter together? It is the incarnate Son of God, Who has borne every human weakness in His own flesh, who here pours out the heart of all humanity before God and who stands in our place and prays for us. He has known torment and pain, guilt and death more deeply than we. Therefore it is the prayer of the human nature assumed by Him which comes here before God. It is really our prayer, but since He knows us better than we know ourselves and since He himself was true man for our sakes, it is also really His prayer, and it can become our prayer only because it was His prayer."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Psalms: The Prayer Book of the Bible (Minneapolis,: Augsburg Pub. House, 1970), 20-21.

Order of Worship

April 6, 2025

Welcome and Announcements Elder Andy Crawford

Celebrating His Presence

*We believe everyone **worships** something and that we will inevitably imitate and serve what we worship.*

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

Call to Worship Pastor Tim Posey

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
(Refrain)

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise Him, alleluia! Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
(Refrain)

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care,
(Refrain)

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
(Refrain)

***Refrain*:** O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Invocation

Congregational Response of Faith: The Lord's Prayer

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:
O Good Shepherd, seek us out, and bring us home to Your fold again. Holy Father, please forgive our many sins and show us Your mercy. Deal favorably with us according to Your good pleasure and for the sake of your Son Jesus, until we dwell in Your house all the days of our lives, and praise You forever and ever with all Your holy people. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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!

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

I will sing of my Redeemer
And His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered,
From the curse to set me free.
(Refrain)

I will tell the wondrous story
How, my lost estate to save,
In His boundless love and mercy,
He the ransom freely gave.
(Refrain)

I will sing of my Redeemer
And His heavenly love for me;
He from death to life hath brought me,
Son of God, with Him to be.
(Refrain)

***Refrain**:* Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!
With His blood He purchased me;
On the cross He sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt and made me free.

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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

Come and See

Come and see the glory of the Lord, come, behold the Lamb.
Come and see the mercy of the King, bowing down before Him.

Come and give thanks unto the Lord, come, behold the Lamb.
Come and sing the praises of the King, bowing down before Him.

***For He is Lord above the heavens, Lord in all the earth;
Lord of all the angels, worthy to be served.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord.

*(**Repeat** *)*

*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.*

Exodus XV

The Lord is my strength and my song
And He is become my salvation, He is my God.

***Chorus**:* And I shall prepare Him my heart,
And I shall prepare Him my heart,
And I shall prepare Him my heart.

***The Lord, He shall reign forever and ever,
The Lord, He shall reign forever and ever. Amen.

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

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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

O Word of God Incarnate

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky;
We praise Thee for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from her dear Master received the gift divine.
And still that light she lifteth o'er all the world to shine.
It is the golden casket where gems of truth are stored;
It is the heav'n-drawn picture of Christ, the living Word.

O make Thy church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,
To bear before the nations Thy true light, as of old.
O teach Thy wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended, they see Thee face to face.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Dr. Kelly Kapic

Scripture: **Psalm 22**

Title: **The Man Who Sings a New Song**

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

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul." ***(Refrain)***

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul. ***(Refrain)***

My sin— O the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! ***(Refrain)***

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so" it is well with my soul. ***(Refrain)***

Refrain**:** It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul);
It is well, it is well with my soul.

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:	**04-06-2025**	**04-13-2025**
Greeters	Mark & Victoria B.	Ron & Lynn W.
Coffee Station	Sandy Green	Ebony Stepp
Communion	David Sonner	Bonnie Taylor
Church Nursery	Jessica Williams	Jane Russell

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 Faithfulness & Suffering: How to Love One Another Well
Teacher Dr. Kelly Kapic

Pre-K
Series Living in God's Family
Title Jesus Says, "Obey God's Word"
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 The Story of Easter
Teacher Gwennan Turner

Grades (2-5)
Series Investigating God's Word
Title 1 Samuel 15
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

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

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**. We are continuing to study Apologetics but now we will consider and compare the beliefs of other Christian denominations.

S.I.C. *(Singles intha Church):***April 11th** from **5PM – 8PM** > Bocce Ball & Smashburgers (Garden's Park). Contact Mitchi or Kevin Thomas. Feel free to bring a side to share!

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**-**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 4/6	9:30 AM	Sunday School (All ages)
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	6:00 PM	Evening Service
Monday 4/7	6:30 PM	Diaconate Meeting (Church)
Wednesday 4/9	10:00 AM	Ladies 1 & 2 Peter Study (Church)
	5:00 PM	M.S. & H.S. Youth Group Ministry (Church)
Thursday 4/10	6:00 PM	Ladies 1 & 2 Peter Study (Church)
Friday 4/11	5:00 PM	S.I.C. Bocce Ball & Smash Burgers (Garden's Park)
	6:30 PM	Coed Book Study: Calvin's Institutes (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
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		

