*The LORD alone is GOD. All throughout Israel's history, God calls his people to exclusive, unrivaled commitment and worship (Deut.6:4-5). The people of Israel, from the golden calf of Aaron (Ex.32) to the golden calves of Jeroboam (1 Kings 12:25-33), frequently turn aside from this calling to worship God alone, as they worship other gods instead. Perhaps in no other place in the Bible is God's exclusive claim to deity more evident, or the choice between the true God and idols more poignant, than in 1 Kings 18. As the prophets of Baal cry out for an answer during the contest at Carmel, we read that "there was no voice, and no one answered" (1 Kings 18:26); "no one answered; no one paid attention" (v.29). The story emphasizes the absolute powerlessness of idols and the Lord's exclusive power to save, This theme will be picked up again and again in the prophets (Hab.2:18-20), and in the New Testament Paul will declare, "We know that 'an idol has no real existence,' and that 'there is no God but one'" (1 Cor 8:4). Dane C. Ortlund*

*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 27, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements** Elder Rick Vetanovetz

## 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** Asst. Pastor Christian Bland

## *Holy, Holy, Holy!*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

**Invocation**

**Congregational Response of Faith:** WSC Q.6

**Q.** How many persons are there in the Godhead?

**A.** There are three person in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same substance, equal in power and glory.

**Gospel Renewal**

**The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:**

Most merciful God, whose son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin, we confess before You our own sinfulness: we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted Your power to protect us. Forgive us for our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Strengthen us in such trust and love that we may walk in Your ways and delight in doing Your will. In Jesus' 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!

## *Nothing but the Blood*

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
***(Refrain)***

For my cleansing this I see—nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my pardon this my plea—nothing but the blood of Jesus.
***(Refrain)***

Nothing can for sin atone, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
***(Refrain)***

***Refrain**:* O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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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 Ye Sinners*

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched,
weak and wounded, sick and sore.
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity joined with power.
He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome; God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall.
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Lo! The Incarnate God ascended; pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.

None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good!

## *He Will Hold Me Fast*

When I fear my faith will fail Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold, Through life's fearful path.
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast.

***Chorus:*** He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast.
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
***(Chorus)***
For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast.
'Til our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!
***(Chorus 2x)***

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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

### *Just as I Am*

Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou will receive,
Will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

# Deepening Our Commitment

**Preaching of the Word:** Pastor Tim Posey

Series: **The Gospel According to Elijah and Elisha**
Title: **The Battle of the Gods**
Text: **1 Kings 18:20-40**
Theme: **Who is the Real God?**

**Intro:**

**I. Confrontation (vv.20-22 )**

**II. Challenge (vv.23-29)**

**III. Resolution (vv.30-40 )**

**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**

## *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!*

Jesus! What a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.
*(**Chorus**)*

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.
*(**Chorus**)*

Jesus! What a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me, He, my pilot, hears my cry.
***(Chorus)***

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find,
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.
*(**Chorus**)*

***Chorus**:* Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

**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 Joe Schmid

## *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:** | **04-27-2025** | **05-04-2025** |
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| **Greeters** | Susan D / Bev. J. | Mark & Victoria B. |
| **Coffee Station** | Minas Mkhitarian | Sandy Green |
| **Communion** | Scott & Grace J. | David Sonner |
| **Church Nursery** | Jasmine C. | Rachael Rabe |

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 An Introduction to Biblical Theology
Teacher Christian Bland

**Pre-K**
Series Jesus Is God
Title Jesus Changes Water to Wine
Teacher Eun-me Phillips

**Grades (K-2)**
Series Investigating God's Word
Title Seeing Jesus in Matthew
Teacher Gwennan Turner

**Grades (3-5)**
Series Investigating God's Word
Title Luke 2-3
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.

## Making Contact

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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:

*Springmeadowspres.org*

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## Session

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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

**Ladies Bible Studies** > **1 & 2 Peter**; "*Living Hope in a Hard World"* by Lydia Brownback. Meeting Wed. & Fri. 10AM and Thursday 6PM at Church property.

**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.

**Female Members of SMPC,** please plan on staying after Service **today** to cast your Votes for the **2025-2026 Women's Council**.

**2025-2026** Women's Council is scheduled for **May 11th.**

**"Change For Life"** Allyfe Baby Bottles are due back by **May 11th**. Please grab a bottle and fill it with loose change, cash or even a check to support this vital local ministry to save the lives of babies and encourage parents with the love and beauty of the gospel.

**'Picnic in the Park'** is scheduled for **May 18th** following our Service. Please **RSVP today** as we need a head count. SMPC will provide the meat & drinks. We ask that you bring either a side or dessert to share.

The next **Men's Book Study: 'Rejoice & Tremble'** by Michael Reeves**,** led by Elder Rick V. Men will meet every other Saturday, here beginning **May 31st** until **Sept. 6th**. **$12** Books + **Syllabus** can be found in the men's cubby with the Sign-up Sheet on back counter. Sign up today!

**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

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| **Sunday 4/27** | 9:30 AM | Sunday School (All ages) |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship Service |
| **Wednesday 4/30** | 10:00 AM | Ladies 1 & 2 Peter Study (Church) |
| | 5:00 PM | M.S. & H.S. Youth Group Ministry (Church) |
| **Thursday 5/1** | 6:00 PM | Ladies 1 & 2 Peter Study (Church) |
| **Friday 5/2** | 6:00 PM | Co-ed Calvin's Institutes Book Study (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 |
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| 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 | | |




BBQ Picnic:
EXPLORATION PEAK PARK
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***SMPC will provide the BBQ & DRINKS**