There are various kinds of depression, to be sure, and some are the result of complex physical and psychological disorders. But there are times when we are spiritually depressed for no good reason. There are times when the best thing to do with our feelings is to challenge them: "Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil, within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God" (Ps 42:11).

("A Light in Dark Places")
Derek Thomas

*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

May 11, 2025

Welcome and Announcements Elder Ron Warren

2025-2026 Installation Women's Council

Shawnee Vetanovetz *(President)*, Terri Hafen *(Vice President),* Kathy McGuire *(Secretary),* Kristen Crawford *(Treasurer),* Mitchi Thomas *(Mercy),* Jael O'Connell *(Fellowship)* & Ebony Stepp *(Communications).*

Celebrating His Presence

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

Preparation for Worship

Prelude: *Alleluia to the Lord* SongBirds

Call to Worship Asst. Pastor Christian Bland

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, His praise should sing? Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
Praise Him, still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless;
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Fatherlike, He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Widely as His mercy goes.

Angels, help us to adore Him, you behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space,
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise with us the God of grace.

Invocation

Congregational Response of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:
Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge unto You that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression in all our life. We do not fully believe Your Word nor follow Your holy commandments. Remember Your goodness, we beseech You, and for Your Name's sake be gracious unto us, and forgive us our iniquity. 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!

Your Kindness

It's Your kindness that leads us to repentance, O Lord.
Knowing that You love us, no matter what we do
Makes us want to love You.

It's Your kindness that leads us to repentance, O Lord.
Knowing that You love us, no matter what we do
Makes us want to love You too.

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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 with Peace in the Name of the Lord

Experiencing Renewal

Offering

*The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love;
There is no shadow in Your presence.
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne,
Before the Holy One of Heaven.
It's only by Your blood, and it's only through Your mercy,
Lord, I come.

Chorus: I bring an offering of worship to my King.
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.
Jesus, may You receive the honor that You're due;
O Lord, I bring an offering to You.

(Repeat * / Chorus 2x)

Now Unto the King Eternal

(1st Time: Worship Team)
Now unto the King eternal,
Unto the King immortal,
Unto the King invisible,
The only wise God, the only wise God.

(Repeat: Congregation)

Oh, unto the King be glory and honor,
Unto the King forever,
Unto the King be glory and honor forever,
and ever. Amen, Amen, Amen!

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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

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

O Lord, how shall I meet You, how welcome You aright?
Your people long to greet You, my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord Most Holy, Your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly all that may please You best.

Love caused your incarnation, love brought You down to me;
Your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling, that led You to embrace,
In love all love excelling, our lost and fallen race!

Rejoice, then, you sad-heartened, who sit in deepest gloom,
Who mourn o'er joys departed and tremble at your doom.
Despair not, He is near you, yea standing at the door,
Who best can help and cheer you and bids you weep no more.

Sin's debt, that fearful burden, let not your souls distress;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon and cover by His grace.
He comes, for men procuring the peace of sin forgiv'n,
For all God's sons securing their heritage in heav'n.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: **The Gospel According to Elijah and Elisha**
Title: **I Have Had Enough, Lord**
Text: **1 Kings 19:1-8**
Theme: **Spiritual Depression**

Intro:

I. Elijah: A Great Man of God

II. Spiritual Depression: Its Causes

III. Messiah Complex

IV. Spiritual Depression: Its Cure

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

Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart;
They tell me all is done; they bid my fear depart.
(Refrain)

Thy pains, not mine, O Christ, Upon the shameful tree
Have paid the law's full price; And purchased peace for me.
(Refrain)

Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the awful load
Of sins that none in heav'n or earth could bear but God.
(Refrain)

Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me:
No righteousness avails save that which is of Thee.
(Refrain)

Refrain: To whom, save Thee, who canst alone
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

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:	05-11-2025	05-18-2025
Greeters	Mark & Victoria B.	James & Galina H.
Coffee Station	Erika Islas	Alex Kwasniewski
Communion	Bonnie Taylor	Ritesh Chakranarayan
Church Nursery	Austynn Turner	Jessica Wetlesen

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 The Principles of Biblical Theology
Teacher Christian Bland

Pre-K
Series Jesus Is God
Title Jesus Feeds the 5,000
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 5:17-6:46
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, contact 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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Ryan Roper, RE
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Christian Bland, Asst. Ptr.
Chimaine Shadd, Admin

Announcements

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.

2025-2026 Women's Council Installation is today, **May 11th.**

"Change For Life" Allyfe Baby Bottles are due back today, **May 11th**. Please leave your baby bottle on the designated table in the back of the Sanctuary.

'Picnic in the Park' is scheduled for next Sunday, **May 18th** following our Service. Please if you have not already, **RSVP today** as we need a head count. SMPC will be providing the BBQ & drinks. We ask that each family bring either a fabulous side or delish dessert to share! And in addition, if desired, pack your picnic blanket, games to play and portable lawn chairs for comfort.

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 is in the Men's Cubby. Sign up today! Pay Church Office (Cash /Check) or you can pay online, designating 'Rejoice & Tremble' in memo.

VBS 2025 "The Race Is On" is **June 10-13, 4:30PM – 7:30PM** @ SMPC. (Ages 4yrs – M.S.) Register today by scanning **QR Code** on next page or on the back wall & Save the dates! For questions please see Elder Dan Phillips or Paul Hiles.

SMPC Events This Week

Sunday 5/11	9:30 AM Sunday School (All ages) 10:30 AM Women's 2025-2026 Council Installation 10:30 AM Worship Service
Tuesday 5/13	12:30 PM Pacific Presbytery Meeting (Camarillo, CA)
Wednesday 5/14	5:00 PM M.S. & H.S. Youth Group Ministry (Church)
Friday 5/16	6:30 PM Co-ed Calvin's Institutes Book Study (Church)

Saturday 5/17 Pack lawn chairs/blankets + prepare a side / dessert for **5/18** Picnic!

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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MAY	Birthdays	Birthdays	Anniversaries	Anniversaries
1-Elijah M.	16-Nan Y.	23-Mark B	1-Tim & Stephanie	12-Steve & Wendy
3-Cathy H.	17-Dan P.	24-Lily G.	5-Josh & Hannah	15-Ed & Terri
3-Sabrina C.	17-Amy F.	26-Todd A.	7-Ryan & Annie	15-Paul & Claire
7-Jan G.	17-Roxy M.	29-Adam L.	8-John & Eliza	26-Steve & Susan
8-April S.	19-Stuart W.	29-Grayson A.	11-John & Sherry	
10-Jim S.	19-Katie L.	30-Dave S.		
14-RuthClaire	19-Ryan R.	31-Annie R.		
15-Ed K.	19-Anya F.			



BBQ Picnic:
EXPLORATION PEAK PARK
9275 S Buffalo Dr,
LV, NV 89178

*SMPC will provide the BBQ & DRINKS

Please **RSVP** in the back of Sanctuary today!



VBS 2025 Registration QR Code