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*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.*

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

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"The enormity of the loss of Elijah, that spirit-filled and empowered prophet, must have so gripped the humble Elisha that, claiming his position as fist-born, he asked for the firstborn's "double portion" – that is, for especially granted spiritual power far beyond his own capabilities to meet the responsibilities of the awesome task that lay before him."
(Richard. Patterson and Hermann J. Austel)

Order of Worship

June 29, 2025

Welcome and Announcements Elder Andy Crawford

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

Prelude Worship Team

Call to Worship Elder Rick Vetanovetz

Immortal, Invisible

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

Invocation

Congregational Response of Faith: The Nicene Creed

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:
Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Jesus, Bearer of our sins, have mercy on us and forgive us. Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us peace. 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!

Here is Love

Here is love vast as the ocean,
lovingkindness as the flood:
When the Prince of life, our ransom,
shed for us His precious blood.

Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He will never be forgotten
throughout heav'ns eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion
fountains opened deep and wide.
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
flowed a vast and gracious tide.

Grace and love like mighty rivers
poured incessant from above.
Heaven's peace and perfect justice
kissed a guilty world in love.

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kissed a guilty world in love.

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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

Sing to Jesus

Come and see, look on this mystery: The Lord of the universe nailed to a tree. Christ our God, spilling His holy blood, bowing in anguish His sacred head.
Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame, Lord of our sinful hearts,
He is our great Redeemer. Sing to Jesus, honor His name, sing of His faithfulness, Pouring His life out unto death.

Come you weary, and He will give you rest. Come, you who mourn, lay on His breast. Christ who died, risen in paradise, giver of mercy, giver of life. Sing to Jesus, His is the throne; Now and forever
He is the King of heaven. Sing to Jesus, we are His own.
Now and forever sing for the love our God has shown.

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame, Lord of our sinful hearts, He is our great Redeemer. Sing to Jesus, honor His name.
Sing to Jesus, His is the throne; Now and forever He is the King of heaven. Sing to Jesus, we are His own.
Now and forever sing for the love our God has shown.

Sovereign Over Us

There is strength within the sorrow, there is beauty in our tears,
And You meet us in our mourning with a love that casts out fear.
You are working in our waiting, sanctifying us,
When beyond our understanding You're teaching us to trust.

***Chorus**:* Your plans are still to prosper, You've not forgotten us,
You're with us in the fire and the flood; Faithful forever, perfect in love, You are sovereign over us.

You are wisdom unimagined, who could understand Your ways.
Reigning high above the heavens, reaching down in endless grace.
You're the lifter of the lowly, compassionate and kind;
You surround and You uphold me, and Your promises are my delight.
(Chorus)

Bridge**:* Even what the enemy means for evil, You turn it for our good, You turn it for our good and for Your glory. Even in the valley You are faithful, You're working for our good, You're working for our good and for Your glory. ***(Chorus)
Faithful forever, perfect in love…You are sovereign over us!

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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

My Jesus, I Love Thee

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My Gracious Redeemer, My Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me.
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death;
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath.
And say, when the death dew lies cold on my brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight;
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright.
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: **The Gospel According to Elijah and Elisha**
Title: **Chariots of Fire**
Text: **2 Kings 2:1-18**
Theme: **The Ascension of Elijah**

Intro:

I. Passing the Torch (vv.1-8)

II. A Bold Request (vv.9-10)

III. A Blaze of Glory (vv.11-12)

IV. A Big Answer (vv.13-18)

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 of Tithes and Offerings

***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.*

Song of Response

Like a River Glorious

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
Over all victorious in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev'ry day,
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.
*(**Refrain**)*

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand,
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
Not a blast of hurry, touch the spirit there.
*(**Refrain**)*

Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above,
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love.
We may trust Him fully all for us to do;
They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.
*(**Refrain**)*

Refrain: Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.

*Guidelines for the **Lord's Supper** can be found on the next page of this bulletin.*

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 Mark Balazar

*The **Benediction** is a pronouncement of God's favor upon His assembled people.*

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:	06-29-2025	07-06-2025
Greeters	Susan D. / Cathy H.	Mark & Victoria B.
Coffee Station	Chimaine S.	Sandy Green
Communion	Scott & Grace J.	David Sonner
Church Nursery	Fumiko Gastaldo	Jasmine Capobianco

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 Fear of the Lord
Teacher James Hufstetler

Pre-K
Series Jesus Is God
Title Jesus Raises the Widow's Son
Teacher Eun-me Phillips

Grades (K-2)
Series Investigating God's Word
Title Seeing Jesus in the Gospel of Luke
Teacher Gwennan Turner

Grades (3-5)
Series Investigating God's Word
Title Luke 17:1-19:10
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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Announcements

Hoover Care Basket Collection Days: June 29, July 6 & 13. If you would like to contribute toward this Mercy Basket that will be given to the Hoovers for their time away, please place your items in the marked basket on back counter of Sanctuary. Any questions, please speak with Mitchi Thomas.

Calvin's Institutes Book Discussion: will not be meeting this Friday, 7/4.

Evening Service will take place next Sunday, July 6th at 6PM at SMPC.

Men's Book Discussion Rejoice & Tremble by **Michael Reeves,** led by Elder Rick Vetanovetz meets next Saturday July 12th 7AM at the Church.

Ladies Summer Book Discussion will be: **Rejoice & Tremble** by **Michael Reeves.** Sign Up Sheet in the back. Discussion date & place TBD. Books $12.

'Culture & Heritage' is our next themed **Fellowship Meal**, **July 20th**. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite nostalgic Main Dish and a Side or Dessert to share. If you are interested in assisting our new coordinators, Joe & Kristi Schmid, please add your name to the list on the **sign-up sheet** in the back.

The Women's Ministry Leadership Class is open to all women & will begin on Thursday, **July 31**. Led by Kristi Schmid and Shawnee Vetanovetz. This is a **5-week study** held here at the church on Thursdays from **6pm to 8pm**. This class will help you view women's leadership through a survey of women in the Bible. If you are interested in attending and have questions, please reach out to Shawnee or Kristi. There is a sign-up sheet on the back counter.

2025 Southwest Reformed Youth Camp: **August 4-8**, 5 days, in Palomar Mtn., CA. Jr. High & High School campers are invited to get together to study God's Word, join in fun activities and build friendships. Register Online & Sign up in the back! Pastor Christian Bland will be a Camp Counselor and is planning on driving our kids down. Registration is now open > swryc.com

SMPC Events This Week

Sunday 6/29	9:30 AM Sunday School (All ages) 10:30 AM Worship Service
Friday 7/4	Happy Independence Day!

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	Anniversaries
04- Jael O.	21-Katey F.	07-Andy & Kristen C.	26-Patrick & Taryn O.
07- Nate W.	22- Josh B.	09-Jackson & Harley A.	26-Gerald & Karen M.
09-Allison R.	24-Becky S.	10-Stephen & Heidi R.	27-Richard & Jess S.
12-Daniel L.	25-Michelle S.	11-David & Sally S.	30-Jeff & Stephanie E.
14-Victoria B.	26-Kenneth O.	20-Dave & Kathy M.	
16-Leia H.	28-Kristen C.	20-Chris & Kathy W.	



Save the Date!
Bring your favorite nostalgic main dish with a side or dessert to share. Plan on enjoying sweet fellowship and flavors from all over!

Fellowship Meal Coordinators: Joe & Kristi Schmid