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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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"The responsibility of the Church in the new age is the same as its responsibility in every age. It is to testify that this world is lost in sin; that the span of human life—nay, all the length of human history—is an infinitesimal island in the awful depths of eternity; that there is a mysterious, holy, living God, Creator of all, Upholder of all, infinitely beyond all; that He has revealed Himself to us in His Word and offered us communion with Himself through Jesus Christ the Lord; that there is no other salvation, for individuals or for nations, save this, but that this salvation is full and free, and that whosoever possesses it has for himself and for all others to whom he may be the instrument of bringing it a treasure compared with which all the kingdoms of the earth—nay, all the wonders of the starry heavens—are as the dust of the street.

An unpopular message it is—an impractical message, we are told. But it is the message of the Christian Church. Neglect it, and you will have destruction; heed it, and you will have life."

(J. Gresham Machen, The Responsibility of the Church in Our New Age)

Order of Worship

August 10, 2025

Welcome and Announcements Elder Ron Warren

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

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Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

Prelude Worship Team

Call to Worship Elder Rick Vetanovetz

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

Invocation

Congregational Response of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:
Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in Your light, and walk in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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!

Hide Me in Your Holiness

Hide me Lord, in Your holiness,
Every sin I now confess.
Praise to You, forgiving Lord,
Hide me in Your holiness,
Hide me in Your holiness.

I have called upon You Lord,
For You will answer me, O God.
Incline Your ear to hear me, Lord,
Hear my prayer, O God, please
Hear my prayer, O God.

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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

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice on my behalf appears.
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above for me to intercede,
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead.
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. *(**Chorus**)*

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
Forgive him, O forgive they cry, Forgive him, O forgive they cry,
Don't let that ransomed sinner die!

My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry. *(**Chorus 2x**)*

Chorus: Arise, arise, arise, arise, my soul, arise;
Arise, arise, arise, arise, my soul, arise,
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

***Chorus**:* How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *(**Chorus**)*

How great, How great is our God!

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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

Thou Lovely Source of True Delight

Thou lovely source of true delight whom I unseen adore,
Unveil Thy beauties to my sight that I might love Thee more,
O that I might love Thee more.

Thy glory o'er creation shines, but in Thy sacred Word
I read, in fairer, brighter lines my bleeding, dying Lord,
See my bleeding, dying Lord.

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light, oh come with blissful ray;
Break radiant through the shades of night and chase my fears away,
Won't You chase my fears away.

Then shall my soul with rapture trace the wonders of Thy love,
But the full glories of Thy face are only known above,
They are only known above.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Elder Dan Phillips

Sermon Text: **Luke 4:1-14; 23:32-43**
Title: **How the Kingdom is Won**

I. Israel, God's Son: A Failure
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II. Jesus, God's Son: Victor Over Temptation
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III. Jesus, God's Son: The Last Temptations of the Christ
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IV. What is All of This to YOU?

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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

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away;
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life – I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Celebrating the Lord's Supper Pastor Christian Bland

(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:	08-10-2025	08-17-2025
Greeters	Mark & Victoria B.	Ron & Lynn W.
Coffee Station	Sandy Green	Alex Kwasniewski
Communion	Bonnie Taylor	Marcel Poulin
Church Nursery	Stephanie Casarez	Kriz Chakranarayan

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.

8-17-2025 Sunday School 9:30AM-10:15AM

Adults:
Series Presbyterian Polity
Title A Taxonomy
Teacher Pastor Christian Bland

Pre-K
Series God Created All Things
Title God Created Earth, Plants & Land Animals
Teacher Patty Lovelady

Grades (K-2)
Series Investigating God's Word
Title Genesis 8-9
Teacher Harley Adams

Grades (3-5)
Series Investigating God's Word
Title 1 Samuel 19
Teacher Katey Forster

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

- **Moms & Tots** (0-5yrs) meet here **Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30a**. Open to all moms & grandmas, invite your friends! Toy Donations welcome.
    - **Baby + Kids Gently Used Clothing & Toy Swap, Sept 2nd** during Moms & Tots. Moms do not need to contribute to participate. Contact: Heidi Rudy.
- **Middle School & High School Youth Group** will not meet this Wednesday.
- **The Women's Ministry Leadership Class,** led by Kristi S & Shawnee V is **still** open to all women. Thursdays from **6pm to 8pm**. Questions, see Shawnee V. or Kristi S. **RSVP** sign-up sheet in back.
- **Calvin's Institutes Co-ed Book Discussion:** every Fri. here, 6:30PM led by Deacon Walt. You can join at any time, never too late, this is ongoing.
- **Men's Rejoice & Tremble Book Discussion #7, Saturday. Aug. 23rd** 7AM, Church property**.** Led by Elder Rick Vetanovetz.
- **Ladies Summer Book Discussion: Rejoice & Tremble** by Michael Reeves is Saturday **August 30th**. Sign Up Sheet & $12 Books in the back.
- **Women's Fall Kickoff** is **September 13th** from 10:30am-1pm at Gwennan's home. To **RSVP & ask Questions** email Jael at jamj1999@gmail.com
- **Women's Fall Bible Studies**: **Habakkuk** by Lydia Brownback. **3** different options> **Wed. 10AM** *(begins 9/17),* **Thur. 6PM** *(begins 9/11),* or **Fri.10AM** *(begins 9/12).* Friday AM has Childcare.**$10** Books & Sign-Up Sheets in the back.
- **Allyfe (5K / 1M Wak) Race for Life is October 11th.** There will be a picnic in the park following race for SM's participants! Use this link to register: https://mercuryevents.raceentry.com/race-for-life-allyfe/race-information

Events This Week at Spring Meadows

Sunday 8/10	9:30 AM	Sunday School (*all ages*)
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Tuesday 8/12	9:30 AM	Moms & Tots
	1:00 PM	Women's Council Meeting
Wednesday 8/13	5:00 PM	Private Event
Thurday 8/14	6:00 PM	Women's Leadership Class
Friday 8/15	1:00 PM	Private Event
	6:30 PM	Calvin's Institutes Co-ed Book Discussion

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. Our 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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AUGUST	Birthdays	Birthdays	Birthdays	Anniversaries
	1-Roe I.	10-Ethan C.	23-Beckett A.	2-Paul & Katey F.
	2-Mary P.	10-James S.	24-Harley A.	4-Dave & Jan G.
	4-Ebony S.	11-Amanda L.	26-Nick D.	4-Rick & Shawnee V.
	4-Dannielle D.	13-Josh T.	29-Robin W.	8-Christian & Michaela B.
	4-Eun-Me P.	15-Kristi S.	30-Caleb H.	8-Joe & Kris Schmid
	6-Susan B.	18-Al Salerno	30-Sandee G.	8-Cliff & April S.
	6-Luke H.	18-Eleri C.	31-Sherry D.	10-RJ & Michelle S.
	8-Josh H.	19-Martin L.	31-Jonni Belle W.	15-Nick & Salma D.
	8-Conner O.	20-Scarlett O.		18-John & Floria R.
	8-Shirley G.	23-Austynn T.		29-Jon & Jilcy R.