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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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"If God is the God of resurrection, then we have every reason to get our hopes up! Everyone who trusts in Jesus for salvation will be raised to eternal life. The resurrection of Christ guarantees the resurrection of the Christian. So we do not go around saying, "We think we might get to heaven, but we're trying not to get our hopes up." Nor do we say-as we consider the destiny of brothers and sisters in Christ who have already died-"I'd sure like to see them again, but I don't want to get my hopes up." And when we recite the Apostles' Creed, we do not confess, "I believe in the resurrection of the body, but I won't get my hopes up." On the contrary, since we have an unshakable confidence in the resurrection promises of God, we get our hopes up, and we keep them there."
(Philip Graham Ryken)

Order of Worship

August 17, 2025

Welcome and Announcements Elder Andy Crawford

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

Prelude Worship Team

Call to Worship Associate Pastor Christian Bland

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift of Thine to our race so freely giv'n,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heav'n,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Invocation

Congregational Response of Faith: Psalm 124:8

Minister: People of God, from where does your help come?

Congregation: Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

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!

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Alas! And did my Savior bleed and did my Sovereign die!
Would He devote that sacred head for such a worm as I!

Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree!
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut His glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died for man the creature's sin.

The Blessing
Minister: The grace of God be with you.
People: And also, with you.

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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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Reception of Communicant Member Pearl Williams
Baptism of Covenant Child Esther Williams
Shepherding Elder Rick Vetanovetz

Greeting One Another with Peace in the Name of the Lord

Experiencing Renewal

All Heaven Declares
(Psalm 19)

All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?
Forever He will be the Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee and worship Him alone.

I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord.
Who once was slain to reconcile man to God.
Forever You will be the Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow my knee and worship You alone.

Forever You will be the Lamb up on the throne.
I gladly bow my knee and worship You alone,
I gladly bow my knee and worship You alone!

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design, In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear with the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.

Chorus: We will stand as children of the promise; We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward. Till the race is finished and the work is done we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the church was called to go in the power of the Spirit to the lost. To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth.

By faith this mountain shall be moved and the power of the Gospel shall prevail, For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

(Chorus)

We'll walk by faith and not by sight!

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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

Before Jehovah's Awful Throne

Before Jehovah's awful throne, all nations, bow with sacred joy;
Know that the Lord is God alone,
He can create, and He destroy,
He can create, and He destroy.

His sovereign pow'r, without our aid,
made us of dust, and formed us men;
And when like wand'ring sheep we strayed,
He brought us to His fold again,
He brought us to His fold again.

We are His people, we His care, our souls, and all our mortal frame;
What lasting honors shall we rear,
Almighty Maker, to Your name?
Almighty Maker, to Your name?

Wide as the world is Your command, vast as eternity Your love;
Firm as a rock Your truth must stand,
When rolling years shall cease to move,
when rolling years shall cease to move.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: **The Gospel According to Elijah and Elisha**
Title: **A Family at Shunem**
Text: **2 Kings 4:8-37**
Theme: **The Nature of Faith**

Intro:

I. The Generosity of a Wealthy Woman

II. The Doubt of a Suspicious Woman

III. The Grief of a Bitter Woman

IV. A Miracle for a Grateful Woman

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

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Man of Sorrows! What a name for the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah!
What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood,
Sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah!
What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die, "It is finished!" was His cry:
Now in heav'n exalted high: Hallelujah!
What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King, all His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah!
What a Savior!

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:	08-17-2025	08-24-2025
Greeters	Jim & Galina H.	Poulin / Mkhitarian
Coffee Station	Alex Kwasniewski	Erika Islas
Communion	Marcel Poulin	Ritesh Chakranarayan
Church Nursery	Kriz Chakranarayan	Heidi Rudy

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.

8-24-2025 Sunday School 9:30AM-10:15AM

Adults:
Series Presbyterian Polity
Title Biblical & Historical Case for Presbyterianism
Teacher Pastor Christian Bland

Pre-K
Series God Created All Things
Title God Created Man and Woman
Teacher Patty Lovelady

Grades (K-2)
Series Investigating God's Word
Title Genesis 10-11
Teacher Harley Adams

Grades (3-5)
Series Investigating God's Word
Title 1 Samuel 20
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

- **SongBirds Girls Choir & Birds of Praise Boys Choir** (Ages 7 & Up) led by Lois Summers. Sign Up Sheet is on the back counter.
- **Moms & Tots** (0-5yrs) will meet here this Tues. **9:30a – 11:30a**. Open to all moms & grandmothers, invite your friends!! Toy Donations welcome.
    - ♥ **Kids Clothing Swap** on **Sept. 2nd** during **Moms & Tots.** Baby & Kids gently used clothing & toys swap. Moms do **not** need to contribute in order to participate. Contact: Heidi Rudy.
- **Ladies Summer Book Discussion: Rejoice & Tremble** by Michael Reeves is Saturday **August 30th**. Sign Up Sheet & Childcare RSVP 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** studies:
    - ♥ **Wednesdays 10AM** led by Barb K & Jane R begins **9/17**
    - ♥ **Thursdays 6PM** led by Terri H begins **9/11**
    - ♥ **Fridays 10AM** led by Terri K & Rachael R begins **9/12** w/ Childcare.

      $10 Books & Sign-Up Sheets for each study are in their cubbies.
- **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 8/17	9:30 AM	Sunday School (*all ages*)
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Tuesday 8/19	9:30 AM	Moms & Tots
	6:15 PM	Session Meeting
Wednesday 8/20	5:00 PM	M.S. & H.S. Youth Group
Thurday 8/21	6:00 PM	Women's Leadership Class
Friday 8/22	6:30 PM	Calvin's Institutes Co-ed Book Discussion
Saturday 8/23	7:00 AM	Men's Rejoice & Tremble 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.