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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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"It's clear to me that Karma is at the very heart of the universe. I'm absolutely sure of it. And yet, along comes this idea called Grace to upend all that "as you reap, so you will sow" stuff. Grace defies reason and logic. Love interrupts, if you like, the consequences of your actions, which in my case is very good news indeed, because I've done a lot of stupid stuff. That's between me and God. But I'd be in big trouble if Karma was going to finally be my judge…It doesn't excuse my mistakes, but I'm holding out for Grace. I'm holding out that Jesus took my sins onto the Cross, because I know who I am, and I hope I don't have to depend on my own religiosity. The point of the death of Christ is that Christ took on the sins of the world so that what we put out did not come back to us, and that our sinful nature does not reap the obvious death. That's the point. It should keep us humbled. …It's not our own good works that get us through the gates of heaven."
(Bono, U2 Lead Singer)

Order of Worship

August 24, 2025

Welcome and Announcements Elder Paul Hiles

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

Prelude Worship Team

Call to Worship Associate Pastor Christian Bland

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for His own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove:
Who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near:
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna which He gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Thy name:
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

Invocation

Congregational Response of Faith: WSC Q:10

Q: How did God create man?

A: God created man, male and female, after His own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of your 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!

A Shield About Me

Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me,
You're my glory; You're the lifter of my head.
Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me,
You're my glory, You're the lifter of my head.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, You're the lifter of my head.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, You're the lifter of my head.

Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me,
You're my glory; You're the lifter of my head.
Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me,
You're my glory, You're the lifter of my head.

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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

All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
Come to the fountain. Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow—be washed away
In the waves of His mercy as deep cries out to deep.

***Chorus**:* We sing come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

(Repeat All)

As deep cries out to deep…
We sing come, Lord Jesus, come. Come Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come!

*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.*

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread His praise from shore to shore;
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
How He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of ev'ry love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

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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

Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground

Christ, of all my hopes the ground, Christ, the spring of all my joy,
Still in You may I be found, still for You my pow'rs employ,
Still for You my pow'rs employ.

Let Your love my heart inflame; keep Your fear before my sight;
Be Your praise my highest aim; be Your smile my chief delight,
Be Your smile my chief delight.

Fountain of o'erflowing grace, freely from Your fullness give;
Till I close my earthly race, may I prove it "Christ to live,"
May I prove it "Christ to live."

Thus, O thus, an entrance give to the land of cloudless sky;
Having known it "Christ to live," let me know it "gain to die,"
Let me know it "gain to die."

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: **The Gospel According to Elijah and Elisha**
Title: **The Irony of Grace**
Text: **2 Kings 5:1-27**
Theme: **Status Anxiety**

Intro:

I. The Cure of a Mighty Leper (vv.1-14)

II. The Conversion of a Proud Conqueror (vv.15-19)

III. The Curse of an Envious Servant (vv.20-27)

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

O Church Arise

O church, arise, and put your armor on Hear the call of Christ our captain. For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given. With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies an army bold, whose battle cry is love. Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul. But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole we will fight with faith and valor. When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure. And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken. Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen! And as the stone is rolled away
and Christ emerges from the grave, this victory march continues till the day every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit come, put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful. As saints of old still line the way retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in glory.

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:	08-24-2025	08-31-2025
Greeters	Poulin / Mkhitarian	Susan D. / Beverly J.
Coffee Station	Erika Islas	Minas Mkhitarian
Communion	Ritesh Chakranarayan	Scott & Grace J.
Church Nursery	Heidi Rudy	Jessica Salinas

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.

8-31-2025 Sunday School 9:30AM-10:15AM

Adults:
Series Presbyterian Polity
Title The Practice of Presbyterianism
Teacher Pastor Christian Bland

Pre-K
Series God Created All Things
Title Tending and Keeping God's World
Teacher Patty Lovelady

Grades (K-2)
Series Investigating God's Word
Title Genesis 12-13
Teacher Harley Adams

Grades (3-5)
Series Investigating God's Word
Title 1 Samuel 21:1-22:5
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 will begin soon. Sign Up Sheet is on the back counter.
- **Kids Clothing Swap** on Tuesday **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. Grab a flyer from back counter.
- **Friday Night Calvin's Institutes Co-ed Book Discussion:** led by Deacon Walt. You can join at any time, never too late, this is ongoing.
- **Ladies Summer Book Discussion: Rejoice & Tremble Sat. Aug. 30th**. RSVP & note if Childcare is needed. Discussion questions on back counter.
- **Women's Fall Kickoff September 13th** 10:30am-1pm at Gwennan's home. **RSVP>** Jael at jamj1999@gmail.com *(No childcare, kids welcome).*
- **(3) Different Women's Fall Bible Studies** on **Habakkuk** by Lydia Brownback. $10 Books & Sign Ups are in the individual Women's 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 8/24	9:30 AM	Sunday School (*all ages*)
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Tuesday 8/26	9:30 AM	Moms & Tots *(0-5 yrs)*
	6:00 PM	Young Adult Book Study
Wednesday 8/27	5:00 PM	M.S. & H.S. Youth Group
Thurday 8/28	6:00 PM	Women's Leadership Class
Friday 8/29	6:30 PM	Calvin's Institutes Co-ed Book Discussion
Saturday 8/30	10:30 AM	Ladies 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.