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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 Lord is my light and my salvation;*
*whom shall I fear?*
*The Lord is the stronghold of my life;*
*of whom should I be afraid?*
*Though an army deploys against me,*
*my heart is not afraid;*
*though war breaks out against me,*
*still I am confident. (Psalm 27:1,3)*

*The one who lives under the protection of the Most High*
*dwells in the shadow of the Almighty.*
*I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress,*
*my God, in whom I trust." (Psalm 91:1-2)*

# Order of Worship

August 31, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements** Elder Rick Vetanovetz

## Celebrating His Presence

**Preparation for Worship**

**Prelude** Worship Team

**Call to Worship** Associate Pastor Christian Bland

## *All Creatures of Our God and King*

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
***(Refrain)***

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise Him, alleluia! Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
***(Refrain)***

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care,
***(Refrain)***

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
***(Refrain)***

***Refrain*:** O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Invocation**

**Congregational Response of Faith**: The Nicene Creed

**Gospel Renewal**

**The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:**
Almighty God, have mercy on us. Forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. 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!

## *I Have a Shelter*

I have a shelter in the storm when troubles pour upon me;
Though fears are rising like a flood my soul can rest securely.
O Jesus, I will hide in You, my place of peace and solace,
No trial is deeper than Your love that comforts all my sorrows.

I have a shelter in the storm when all my sins accuse me;
Though justice charges me with guilt, Your grace will not refuse me.
O Jesus, I will hide in You who bore my condemnation;
I find my refuge in Your wounds for there I find salvation.

I have a shelter in the storm when constant winds would break me,
For in my weakness I have learned
Your strength will not forsake me.
***O Jesus, I will hide in You, the One who bears my burdens,
With faithful hands that cannot fail You'll bring me home to heaven.

***(Repeat *)***

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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.

**Reception Communicant Member** Grayson Adams
Shepherding Elder Dan Phillips

**Greeting One Another with Peace in the Name of the Lord**

# Experiencing Renewal

## *In My Place*

In my place He stood condemned, He who knew no sin,
Became sin for us that we might become His righteousness;
Bearing all my sin and shame, the punishment and blame,
He conquered the grave that we might become the heirs of grace.

***Chorus:*** In my place Jesus died, the spotless Lamb laid down His life; The wrath of God was satisfied, in my place, Jesus died.

*(**Repeat All**)*

***Bridge**:* Nail-pierced hands, bleeding side, His body bruised, my God crucified. A crown of thorns, dying cries, His flesh was torn,
my God crucified.
Hallelujah, what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Savior!
Hallelujah, what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Savior!

*(**Repeat Chorus**)*

## *Jesus, Lord of Heaven*

Jesus, Lord of Heaven, I do not deserve
The grace that You have given, or the promise of Your Word.
Lord, I stand in wonder at the sacrifice You made;
With mercy beyond measure,
my debt You freely paid.

Your love is deeper than any ocean, Higher
than the heavens, Reaches beyond the stars in the sky.
Jesus, Your love has no bounds. Your love has no bounds.

*****Your love is deeper than any ocean, Higher than the heavens,
Reaches beyond the stars in the sky.
***(Repeat *)***
Jesus, Your love has no bounds.
Your love has no bounds!

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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

### *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee*

Here, O My Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen,
Here grasp with firmer hand th'eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heaven;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
This is the heav'nly table spread for me:
Here let me feast, and, feasting, still prolong
The brief, bright hour of fellowship with Thee.

Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace,
Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

# Deepening Our Commitment

**Preaching of the Word:** Pastor Tim Posey

**Series:** The Gospel According to Elijah and Elisha
**Title:** Nothing is Too Small or Too Big for Our Sovereign God
**Text:** 2 Kings 6:1-23
**Theme:** Safe in the Shadow of His Care

*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.*

Intro:

I. The Floating Axe Head (vv.1-7)

II. Open Our Eyes, Lord (vv.8-20)

III. An Unexpected Ending (vv.21-23)

Conclusion:

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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**

## *'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord".
*(**Refrain**)*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!
*(**Refrain**)*

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.
*(**Refrain**)*

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend!
And I know that Thou are with me, Will be with me to the end.
*(**Refrain**)*

***Refrain**:* Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

**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 Walt Kwasniewski

## *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: | 08-31-2025 | 09-07-2025 |
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| **Greeters** | Susan D. / Beverly J. | Mark & Victoria B. |
| **Coffee Station** | Scott Shadd | Nick Dudgeon |
| **Communion** | Scott & Grace J. | David Sonner |
| **Church Nursery** | Jessica Salinas | Kathy Wassell |

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.

## 9-07-2025 Sunday School 9:30AM-10:15AM

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

**Pre-K**
Series God Created All Things
Title God Set Apart the 7th Day
Teacher Patty Lovelady

**Grades (K-2)**
Series Investigating God's Word
Title Genesis 14-15
Teacher Harley Adams

**Grades (3-5)**
Series Investigating God's Word
Title 1 Samuel 22:6-23:13
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.

## Making Contact

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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:

*Springmeadowspres.org*

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## Session

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Paul Hiles, RE
Richard Salinas, RE
Rick Vetanovetz, RE
Ron Warren, RE
Ryan Roper, RE
Tim Posey, TE

## Diaconate

David Gonzales
Jeff Williams
Joe Schmid
Mark Baltazar
Walt Kwasniewski

## SMPC Staff

Tim Posey, Pastor
Christian Bland, Pastor
Chimaine Shadd, Mgr.

## Announcements

- **Membership Class:** If you are interested in learning about what it means to be Member at Spring Meadows, please add your name to the **New Members Class** sign up sheet in the back cubby. You will be contacted by Church Office regarding the next starting date.
- **Kids Clothing Swap** this 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.
- **Men's Rejoice & Tremble Final Book Discussion #8** is **Sat. Sept. 6th** 7AM.
- **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

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| **Sunday 8/31** | 9:30 AM | Sunday School (*all ages*) |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship Service |
| **Tuesday 9/02** | 9:30 AM | Moms & Tots *(Clothing/Toy Swap!)* |
| **Wednesday 9/03** | 5:00 PM | M.S. & H.S. Youth Group |
| **Friday 9/05** | 6:30 PM | Calvin's Institutes Co-ed Book Discussion |
| **Saturday 9/06** | 7:00 AM | Men's Final Rejoice & Tremble Book Discussion |
| | 1:00 PM | Mission Committee Meeting *(Home of Karen G)* |

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 |
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| | 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. |