*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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*"Not long after the end of the World War II, the young evangelist Billy Graham was called to the office of Conrad Adenauer, who was then serving as the chancellor of West Germany. Upon his arrival, Adenauer stood up and said, "Mr. Graham, I have a question for you: Do you really believe that Jesus rose again from the dead?"*

*"As a younger evangelist," remembers Graham, "I was shocked. I was already nervous to be in the presence of a world statesman, and then to have this question thrown at me! I looked at him and said, "Sir, if I did not believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, I would have no gospel left to preach."*

*Adenauer turned and walked across the room to the window, where he stood deep in thought, gazing out at the streets below. When the chancellor finally turned around, he said, "Mr. Graham, outside of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, I know of no other hope for mankind." (2 Kings, Philip Ryken)*

# Order of Worship

September 14, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements** Elder Ron Warren

## Celebrating His Presence

**Preparation for Worship**

**Prelude** Worship Team

**Call to Worship** Elder Ryan Roper

## *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Love Divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down;
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

**Invocation**

**Congregational Response of Faith**: The Apostles' 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, the Good Shepherd, who seeks and saves the lost, 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!

### *You Are My King*

***(Amazing Love)***

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken,
I'm accepted; You were condemned.
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me,
Because You died and rose again.

***Chorus**:* Amazing love, how can it be
That You my King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true;
It's my joy to honor You, in all I do I honor You.

***(Repeat All)***

In all I do I honor 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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## 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

## *Only Your Mercy*

Only Your mercy, only Your grace
Only Your Spirit brings us to faith;
O what a wonder that You chose us first
Not by our merit, but Your perfect work.

*Only Your goodness, only Your love,
Only Your pardon poured out in blood;
Your righteousness exchanged for our sin,
O what a Savior, O what a friend!

***Chorus:*** Jesus, we long to worship You, And give You all glory and praise; All that You are, all that You have, We have received by faith.

***(Repeat * / Chorus 2x)***

We have received by faith!

## *Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace*

Come boldly to the throne of grace, though lost, and blind and lame;
Jehovah is the sinner's Friend, and ever was the same.
"How can I come?" some soul may say, "I'm lame and cannot walk;
My guilt and sin have stopped my mouth; I sigh but dare not talk."

***Chorus:*** He makes the dead to hear His voice;
He makes the blind to see; The sinner lost He came to save and set the prisoner free. Come boldly to the throne of grace, ye wretched sinners come; And lay your load at Jesus' feet
and plead what He has done.

Come boldly to the throne of grace, for Jesus fills the throne;
And those He kills He makes alive; He hears the sigh or groan.
Poor bankrupt souls, who feel and know the hell of sin within,
Come boldly to the throne of grace; the Lord will take you in.

***(Chorus)***

Come boldly to the throne of grace, though lost, and blind and lame;
Jehovah is the sinner's Friend, and ever was the same.

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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**

## *Rock of Ages*

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy laws demands,
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone, Thou must save and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress, helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

# Deepening Our Commitment

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

**Series:** The Gospel According to Elijah and Elisha
**Title:** There is Still Life in Those Old Bones
**Text:** 2 Kings 13:1-25
**Theme:** The Resurrection

*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 Mercy that Should Transform Us *(vv.1-9)*

II. The Promise that Should Give Us Life *(vv.10-19)*

III. The Graces that Will Haunt Us *(vv.20-25)*

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**

## *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Jesus the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears; 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; Ye blind, behold Your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

**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:** | **09-14-2025** | **09-21-2025** |
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| **Greeters** | Ron & Lynn W. | James & Galina H. |
| **Coffee Station** | Marcel Poulin | Alex Kwasniewski |
| **Communion** | Bonnie Taylor | Scott & Isaiah Shadd |
| **Church Nursery** | Katey Forster | Gwennan Turner |

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.

## 9-21-2025 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 Sin Spoiled God's Perfect World
Teacher Heidi Rudy

**Grades (K-2)**
Series Investigating God's Word
Title Genesis 18-19
Teacher Harley Adams

**Grades (3-5)**
Series Investigating God's Word
Title 1 Samuel 23:14-24:22
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.

## 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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Rick Vetanovetz, RE
Ron Warren, RE
Ryan Roper, RE
Tim Posey, TE

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Jeff Williams
Joe Schmid
Mark Baltazar
Walt Kwasniewski

## SMPC Staff

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Christian Bland, Pastor
Chimaine Shadd, Mgr.

# Announcements

- **SMPC Membership Class: Sept. 21st, 28th, Oct. 5th & 12th** from **9:30a-10:15a.** If you are interested in learning about what it means to be Member at Spring Meadows, add your name to the sign-up sheet in the new members cubby.
- **Women's Fall Bible Studies** on **Habakkuk** by Lydia Brownback. There are (3) Class Options with Sign Up Sheets in the individual Women's cubbies.
- **Bridal Shower** for **Emma Schmid** on **Oct. 4th** 10a-12p at Barb Kalb's home. Invites are on the back counter. RSVP to Kristen Crawford.
- **Allyfe (5K / 1M Wak) Race for Life 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
- **Joyful Tea Bridal Shower** for **Dannielle Doplayna** on **Oct. 18th** at 11AM at SMPC. Tables will be set, come in your Par-TEA dress! RSVP to Mitchi Thomas.
- **Men's Fellowship / Mini Conference** will take place on **Nov. 21 & 22**. Stay tuned for details. Questions see Rick Vetanovetz.

# Events This Week at Spring Meadows

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| Sunday 9/14 | 9:30 AM | Sunday School (*all ages*) |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship Service |
| Tuesday 9/16 | 9:30 AM | Moms & Tots (0-5yrs.) |
| Wednesday 9/17 | 10:00 AM | Women's Habakkuk Study |
| | 5:00 PM | M.S. & H.S. Youth Group |
| Thursday 9/18 | 6:00 PM | Women's Habakkuk Study |
| Friday 9/19 | 10:00 AM | Women's Habakkuk Study *(w/ Childcare)* |
| | 6:30 PM | Co-ed Calvin's Institutes 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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| SEPTEMBER | Birthdays | Anniversaries |
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| | 7- Sam G. | 4- Jon & Dara W. |
| | 11- Dave M. | |
| | 13- Lois S. | 7- Toad & Judy B. |
| | 15- Dan R. | |
| | 15- Nicholas A. | 13- Josh & Kelly H. |
| | 22- Royce C. | |
| | 22- Chris W. | 19- Keith & Roe I. |
| | 26- Steve G. | |
| | 28- Gracie C. | |