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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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"When it became necessary, men were chosen as deacons to serve the church, particularly in the area of ministry that would distract the elders, pastor, and other leaders from performing their biblical responsibility to teach the Word and equip Christians for service. These leaders, along with all members of each local body form a unique organism-a visible and functioning expression of the universal church. SMPC recognizes this biblical pattern for the plurality of godly leadership under the oversight and watchcare of elders and the supportive leadership of deacons."
SMPC Membership Manual

Order of Worship

September 21, 2025

Welcome and Announcements Elder Andy Crawford

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

Prelude Worship Team

Call to Worship Pastor Christian Bland

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

O Splendor of God's glory bright, from light eternal bringing light,
O Light of light, light's living Spring,
true Day, all days illumining:

And now to You our prayers ascend, O Father, glorious without end;
We plead with Sovereign Grace
for pow'r to conquer in temptation's hour.

O joyful be the passing day with thoughts as pure as morning's ray,
With faith like noontide shining bright,
our souls unshadowed by the night.

Dawn's glory gilds the earth and skies, let Him, our perfect Morn,
arise, The Word in God the Father one,
the Father imaged by the Son.

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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:

Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, Whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offences, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ, Your Son. 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!

How Blest Is He Whose Trespass

How blest is he whose trespass has freely been forgiv'n,
Whose sin is wholly covered before the sight of heav'n.
Blest he to whom Jehovah will not impute his sin,
Who has a guileless spirit, whose heart is true within.

While I kept guilty silence my strength was spent with grief,
Thy hand was heavy on me, my soul found no relief;
But when I owned my trespass, my sin hid not from Thee,
When I confessed transgression, then Thou forgavest me.

So let the godly seek Thee in times when Thou art near;
No whelming floods shall reach them, nor cause their hearts to fear.
In Thee, O Lord, I hide me, Thou savest me from ill,
And songs of Thy salvation my heart with rapture thrill.

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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 of Members AJ & Raquel Robinson and Family
Shepherding Elder Dave McGuire

Greeting One Another with Peace in the Name of the Lord

The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin. Ev'ry bitter thought, every evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow. *(**Chorus**)*

Chorus: This the pow'r of the cross; Christ became sin for us—
Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head. Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the vict'ry cry! *(**Chorus**)*

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suff'ring I am free! Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!

***** This the pow'r of the cross, Son of God—slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.
(Repeat *)

*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.*

Jesus, I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant song, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come 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

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder, men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: Special
Title: The Office of Deacon
Text: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Tim 3:8-12
Theme: A Biblical Profile of the Office of Deacon

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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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Intro:

I. The First Deacons *(Acts 6:1-7)*

II. Biblical Qualification for the Office *(1 Tim. 3:8-12)*

III. The Ultimate Deacons *(Mk. 10:45; Jn. 13)*

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

How Sweet and Awesome is the Place

How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast,
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues, "Lord, why was I a guest?

'Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.

We long to see Thy churches full, that all the chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul, sing Thy redeeming grace.

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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:	09-21-2025	09-28-2025
Greeters	James & Galina H.	Rick & Shawnee V.
Coffee Station	Alex Kwasniewski	Cathy Hilden
Communion	Scott & Isaiah S.	Scott & Grace J.
Church Nursery	Gwennan Turner	Austynn 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.

9-28-2025 Sunday School 9:30AM-10:15AM

Adults:
Series Presbyterianism 101
Title The Form of Presbyterian Government Pt. 2
Teacher Pastor Christian Bland

Pre-K
Series God Created All Things
Title God Reached Out in Love
Teacher Heidi Rudy

Grades (K-2)
Series Investigating God's Word
Title Genesis 20-21
Teacher Harley Adams

Grades (3-5)
Series Investigating God's Word
Title 1 Samuel 25
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.

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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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Ron Warren, RE
Ryan Roper, RE
Tim Posey, TE

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Jeff Williams
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Mark Baltazar
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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
- **Bridal Tea 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

Sunday 9/21	9:30 AM	Sunday School (*all ages*)
	9:30 AM	SMPC Membershp Class
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Monday 9/22	9:30 AM	Women's Council Meeting
	6:30 PM	Diaconate Meeting
Tuesday 9/23	9:30 AM	Moms & Tots (0-5yrs.)
	6:15 PM	Session Meeting
Wednesday 9/24	10:00 AM	Women's Habakkuk Study
	5:00 PM	M.S. & H.S. Youth Group
Thursday 9/25	6:00 PM	Women's Habakkuk Study
Friday 9/26	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
	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.	17-Luke & Anya F.
	26- Steve G.	
	28- Gracie C.	19- Keith & Roe I.