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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 Christian ethic, it has been often pointed out, is an ethic of "become what you are" rather than the Greek ethic of "become what you should be." In Jesus' teaching "wholeness stands as God's gift at the beginning and at the end"…Jesus takes us here by the collar and says, "I have made you into something, now be it." We are put on notice that while it is from nothing *(gratis)* that we have been made into salt, it is not for nothing *(frustra).* We are to live for other people. "

FD Bruner

Order of Worship

December 7, 2025

Welcome and Announcements Elder Dan Phillips

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

They That Wait Upon the Lord Children's Choir

Call to Worship Pastor Christian Bland

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ the newborn King.

Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ the newborn King.

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Evermore your voices raising to th' Eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ the newborn King.

Invocation

Congregational Response of Faith The Lord's Prayer

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!

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

(Isaiah 40)

Comfort, comfort ye My people,
speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness,
mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

Yea, her sins our God will pardon,
blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserved His anger
He no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many a day, now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness into ever-springing gladness.

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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.

Peace Advent Candle Lighting:

Nick & Amy Andolino

Greeting One Another with Peace in the Name of the Lord

Offering

*Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star
While angels sang to lowly shepherds.
Three wise men seeking truth traveled from afar,
Hoping to find the Child from heaven.
Falling on their knees, they bowed before
the humble Prince of Peace.

Chorus: I bring an offering of worship to my King.
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.
Jesus, may You receive the honor that You're due;
O Lord, I bring an offering to You.

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

*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 Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by:
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth;
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

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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

As with Gladness Men of Old

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious God, may we evermore be led to Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly cradle bed,
There to bend the knee before Him whom heav'n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet ever seek Thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.

"All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace:
Goodwill henceforth, from heav'n to men
Begin and never cease! Begin and never cease!"

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: The Sermon on the Mount
Title: The Salt of the Earth
Text: Matthew 5:13
Theme: The Meaning and Application of the Metaphor

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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 Metaphor: (13a)
The Salted Church

II. The Parable :(13b)
The Desalted Church

III. The Point:
The Resalted Church

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

Fear Not, Rejoice and Be Glad Children's Choir

Song of Response

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around, and glory shone around.

"Fear not" said he—for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind, "Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind, to you and all mankind."

"To you, in David's town this day, is born of David's line,
The Savior, who is Christ, the Lord,
And this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign."

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:	12-07-2025	12-14-2025
Greeters	Mark & Victoria B.	Ron & Lynn Warren
Coffee Station	Sandy Green	Ebony Stepp
Communion	David Sonner	Bonnie Taylor
Church Nursery	Katey Forster	Fumiko Gastaldo

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.

12-14-2025 Sunday School 9:30AM-10:15AM

Adults:
Title Question and Answer Session
Teacher Pastor Christian Bland

Pre-K
Series Jesus is God's Son
Title John Baptizes Jesus
Teacher Eun-me Phillips

Grades (K-2)
Series Investigating God's Word
Title Genesis
Teacher Jessica Salinas

Grades (3-5)
Series Investigating God's Word
Title II Samuel 8
Teacher Katey Forster

Grades (6-12)
Series Digging Deeper
Title Exploring the Shorter Catechism
Teacher Jeff Williams

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

- **NextSTEP Ministries Winter Clothing Drive** Remaining Collection Days> **Dec.7&14**. SMPC is proud to support this local homeless ministry ran by Deacon Walt. Share the Warmth, in need of Men's Thermal Tops & Pants Sizes Med-XXL & Men's Gloves. There will be a bin in the back of Sanctuary for all donations.
- **Men's Book Discussion**: **The Reason for God** is meeting on select Saturdays here at the church property **7AM.** Sign Up, Grab your $10 Book & Syllabus in the back. You can pay office or pay online. Book discussion will be led by Elder Rick V.
- **Men,** please complete the **Questionnaire** that was emailed out last Tuesday to your inbox. There are paper copies in the Men's Cubby. Submit your questionnaire online or turn into church office or hand to Rick V. Deadline for submission is 12/31. Responses will be used to plan 2026 Men's Events. Your input is appreciated!
- **2026 Missions Fund Pledges** are due today, **December 7th**. Please fill out the blue pledge form and place your pledge in one of the two Mission Fund boxes on the back counter. See Ed Kelley or Karen Guest with questions.
- **Ladies Cookies & Cocoa Event** is **December 9th** at the home of Susan Donovan hosted by Women's Council. Enjoy a festive evening of fellowship with the ladies and bring your favorite Xmas treat to share. Reply to the Post Evite in your inbox.
- **Women's Conference: Joyfully Pursuing Heaven's Treasure, Jan. 30th & 31st .** Early Bird Registration $60 until Nov.3rd then cost is $75. Students are $30. Reg. Deadline is Nov. 24th. Register w/ **QR** code or see Michelle Santiago for assistance.

Events This Week at Spring Meadows

Sunday 12/07	9:30 AM	Sunday School *(all ages)*
	10:30 AM	Worship Services
	6:00 PM	Evening Service
Tuesday 12/09	9:30 AM	Moms & Tots *(0-5yrs.)*
	6:30 PM	Ladies Cookies & Cocoa
Wednesday 12/10	5:00 PM	M.S. & H.S. Youth Group
Thursday 12/11	6:30 PM	Diaconate Training #8
Friday 12/12	5:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday 12/13	6:30 PM	Calvin's Study
	7:00 AM	Men's Reason for God Study
	3:00 PM	Leshley Wedding

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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December	Birthdays	Anniversaries
2-Jim H.	15-James L.	02-Ron & Lynn W.
2-Joel M.	20-Gwennan T.	
5-Grace J.	20-Mark A.	12-Marcel & Claudia P.
6-Elias C.	22-Marcel P.	
7-Ellis K.	22-Elizabeth F.	16-Erick & Erika I.
7-Evan C.	22-Grace F.	
7-James V.	22-Noel C.	19-Kevin & Mitchi T.
9-Sally S.	23-Evelyn T.	
10-Terri H.	25-Jon W.	28-Tim & Pam P.
11-Heidi R.	26-Kriz C.	
11-Janice L.	26-Will L.	28-James & Makayla L.
12-Karen P.	27-Ethan H.	
13-Emma G.	29-Joe S.	
13-Rick V.	31-Judy B.	