☙
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.*

☙

☙
*We believe everyone **worships** something and that we will inevitably imitate and serve what we worship.*

☙

"When the English martyrs Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley were being taken to the stake to be burned, Latimer turned to Ridley and said, "Be of good cheer, Brother Ridley, we have lighted such a candle in England as by the grace of God shall never be put out."
D. Martyn Lloyd Jones

Order of Worship

December 14, 2025

Welcome and Announcements Elder Paul Hiles

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

Prelude Worship Team

Call to Worship Pastor Christian Bland

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Invocation

Congregational Response of Faith The Apostles' Creed

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:
Most merciful God, whose son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin, we confess before You our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted Your power to protect us. Forgive us for our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Strengthen us in such trust and love that we may walk in Your ways and delight in doing Your will. In Jesus' name. Amen.

☙

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.

☙

☙

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.

☙

☙

*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*

☙

Assurance of Pardon
People: Thanks be to God!

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

'Fear not, then,' said the angel, 'let nothing you affright,
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him from Satan's pow'r and might.'
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy!

The Blessing
Minister: The grace of God be with you.
People: And also, with you.

☙

*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."*

☙

Joy Advent Candle Lighting: The Forster Family

Greeting One Another with Peace in the Name of the Lord

O Come, All You Unfaithful

O come, all you unfaithful Come, weak and unstable.
Come, know you are not alone. O come, barren and waiting ones,
Weary of praying, come See what your God has done.

Chorus: Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you.

O come, bitter and broken. Come with fears unspoken,
Come, taste of His perfect love. O come, guilty and hiding ones. There is no need to run. See what your God has done.

(Chorus)

Bridge: * He's the Lamb who was given, Slain for our pardon.
His promise is peace for those who believe. ***(Repeat *)***

So come, though you have nothing-Come.
He is the offering. Come.
See what your God has done.

(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.*

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes;
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

☙

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.*

☙

Pastoral Prayer

Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Infant holy, Infant lowly,
for His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Swift are winging angels singing,
noels ringing, tidings bringing;
Christ the Babe is Lord of all,
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new;
Saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of a Gospel true.

Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet the morrow;
Christ the Babe was born for you,
Christ the Babe was born for you!

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: The Sermon on the Mount
Title: The Light of the World
Text: Matthew 5:14-16
Theme: Letting Your Light Shine

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 Metaphor:
You Are the Light of the World

II. The Parable:
The Spiritual Function of Light

III. The Point:
The Spiritual Responsibility of Light

Conclusion:

☙

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.*

☙

☙

Guidelines for the ***Lord's Supper*** *can be found on the next page of this bulletin.*

☙

☙

The ***Benediction*** *is a pronouncement of God's favor upon His assembled people.*

☙

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Response

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the Everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th' incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"!

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:	12-14-2025	12-21-2025
Greeters	Ron & Lynn Warren	Jim & Galina Hufstetler
Coffee Station	Ebony Stepp	Alex Kwasniewski
Communion	Bonnie Taylor	Marcel Poulin
Church Nursery	Fumiko Gastaldo	Amanda Ladefoged

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.

12-21-2025 Sunday School 9:30AM-10:15AM

Adults:
Title The Divines During the Reformation Part 1
Teacher Elder Rick Vetanovetz

Pre-K
Series Jesus is God's Son
Title Jesus Visits Nazareth
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 9
Teacher Claire Hiles

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.

Making Contact

Church Office	office@springmeadowspres.org
Senior Pastor	pastortimposey@springmeadowspres.org
Associate Pastor	christianbland@springmeadowspres.org
Elders	elders@springmeadowspres.org
Deacons	deacons@springmeadowspres.org
Session Clerk	edkelley@springmeadowspres.org
Children's Ministry	danphillips@springmeadowspres.org
Youth Ministry	christianbland@springmeadowspres.org
Women's Ministry	cheyannie.v@gmail.com
Worship Leader	scgalvinmd@gmail.com

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

Church Office

4870 W. Oquendo Road
Las Vegas, NV 89118
702-384-3437

Mon – Thurs
9:00AM—3:00PM

springmeadowspres.org
youtube.com/@SMPCLV
facebook.com/SMPCLV

Session

Andy Crawford, RE
Christian Bland, TE
Dan Phillips, RE
David McGuire, RE
Ed Kelley, RE, Clerk
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

- **NextSTEP Ministries Winter Clothing Drive** ends today. Share the Warmth, our local homeless need Men's Thermal Tops & Pants Sizes Med-XXL & Men's Gloves. There is a bin in the back of Sanctuary for all donations.
- **Choir Rehearsal Today** following Service in the Cry Room. This invitation is open to both our Young and Older children who would like to sing, "Away in a Manger" on December 21st. Choir led by Lois Summers.
- **2025 Love Gift Legacy** our women's ministry will be collecting donations for the wives of elders and pastors serving the church. You can donate until December 21st. Please give donations to a member of Women's Council or donate directly online: https://women.pcacdm.org/love-gift-legacy/
- **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 to your inbox. There are paper copies in the bottom 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!
- **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. Register w/ **QR** code or see Michelle Santiago for assistance.

Events This Week at Spring Meadows

Sunday 12/14	9:30 AM	Sunday School *(all ages)*
	10:30 AM	Worship Services
	12:15 PM	Kid's Choir Rehearsal *(all ages)*
	1:00 PM	Women's Conference Meeting
Tuesday 12/16	9:30 AM	Moms & Tots *(at Jessica W's)*
	6:00 PM	Young Adult Study *(at Bland's)*
	6:15 PM	Ruling Elders Meeting
Wednesday 12/17	5:00 PM	M.S. & H.S. *(Christmas Party)*
Thursday 12/18	6:30 PM	Diaconate Training #9
Friday 12/19	6:30 PM	Calvin's Study
Saturday 12/20	7:00 AM	Men's Reason for God Study

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.

North
Elder Ryan Roper
ryanroper@springmeadowspres.org
Elder Andy Crawford
andycrawford@springmeadowspres.org

Central
Elder Ed Kelley
edkelley@springmeadowspres.org
Elder Ron Warren
ronwarren@springmeadowspres.org

Green Valley / Henderson
Elder Rick Vetanovetz rickvetano@springmeadowspres.org
Elder Paul Hiles paulhiles@springmeadowspres.org



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.	