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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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*"All of this life in the imitation of God comes only in and through grace, but the command for the necessity of greater righteousness is not thereby muted or emasculated. It will not do to punt here to an imputed righteousness; despite the reality of this imputation through union with Christ, this not what 5:17-48 is talking about at all. The Christian life must be marked by a way of being in the world that accords with God's nature, will and coming kingdom (i.e., righteousness; cf. 2 Cor.5:10; Gal. 5:16-21). The requirement of wholeness or heart-affections-behavior righteousness in 5:48, in imitation of God the Father, is a great summary of the gracious invitation of the gospel, not its enemy."*
*(Jonathan Pennington)*

# Order of Worship

February 22, 2026

**Welcome and Announcements** Elder Paul Hiles

## Celebrating His Presence

**Preparation for Worship**

**Prelude** Worship Team

**Call to Worship** Pastor Christian Bland
Psalm 113:1-3

## *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays, Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

**Invocation**

**Congregational Response of Faith** WSC Q.16

**Gospel Renewal** Romans 12:17-21

**The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:**
Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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** Isaiah 53:4-9

People: Thanks be to God!

## *Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say, 'I am strong',
Let the poor say, 'I am rich
Because of what
the Lord has done for us!'

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks,
Give thanks!

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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**

## *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

The King of Love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul He leadeth,
And, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

In death's dark vale, I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.

## *Psalm 62*

My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation,
A fortress strong against my foes, and I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,
and lies, like arrows, pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness,
I'll look to Him who hears me.

Find rest, my soul, in God alone, amid the world's temptations.
When evil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my salvation;
Though riches come and riches go,
don't set your heart upon them.
The fields of hope in which I sow
are harvested in heaven.

***Chorus**:* Oh, praise Him, hallelujah! My delight and my reward.
Everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God.

I'll set my gaze on God alone, and trust in Him completely;
With ev'ry day pour out my soul, and He will prove His mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath,
a sigh too brief to measure,
My King has crushed the curse of death,
and I am His forever.

***(Chorus 2x)***

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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**

## *By Grace I Am an Heir of Heaven*

By grace I am an heir of heaven:
why doubt this, O my trembling heart?
If what the Scriptures promise clearly
is true and firm in ev'ry part,
This also must be truth divine:
by grace a crown of life is mine.

By grace alone shall I inherit
that blissful home beyond the skies.
Works count for naught, the Lord incarnate
hath won for me the heav'nly prize.
Salvation by His death He wrought,
His grace alone my pardon bought.

By grace! These precious words remember
when sorely by thy sins oppressed,
When Satan comes to vex thy spirit,
when troubled conscience sighs for rest;
What reason cannot comprehend,
God doth to thee by grace extend.

By grace! Be this in death my comfort;
despite my fears, 'tis well with me.
I know my sin in all its greatness,
but also Him who sets me free.
My heart to naught but joy gives place
since I am saved by grace, by grace.

# Deepening Our Commitment

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

**Series:** Sermon on the Mount
**Title:** What Perfection Looks Like
**Text:** Matthew 5:43-48
**Theme:** Love Your Enemies

Intro:

I. 'You Have Heard That It Was Said': Pharisaical Righteousness (v.41) (Lev. 19:18)

II. 'But I Say Unto You': The True Intent (v.44-47)

III. 'You Therefore Must Be Perfect': Practical Application (v. 48)

Conclusion:

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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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***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**

## *To God Be the Glory*

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that we may go in. ***(Refrain)***

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. ***(Refrain)***

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. ***(Refrain)***

***Refrain****:* Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory—great things He hath done!

**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 Jeff Williams

## *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: | 2-22-2026 | 3-01-2026 |
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| **Greeters** | Susan D & Barb K | Mark & Victoria B |
| **Coffee Station** | Scott & Isaiah S. | Sandy Green |
| **Communion** | Ming X. & Jim S. | David Sonner |
| **Church Nursery** | Amy Andolino | 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.

## 3-01-2026 Sunday School 9:30AM-10:15AM

**Adults**:
Series Reformed Theology: WCF
Title Of Good Works (WCF 16:1-3)
Teacher Elder Ron Warren

**Pre-K**
Series Jesus Is the Savior
Title Jesus Establishes the Lord's Supper
Teacher Patty Lovelady

**Grades (K-2)**
Series Loving Jesus
Title Giving What We Have to Jesus
Teacher Harley Adams

**Grades (3-5)**
Series Listening to Jesus
Title God Forgives Us
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.

## 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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Christian Bland, TE
Dan Phillips, RE
David McGuire, RE
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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

- **Meals for Youth Ministry:** If you would like to provide a meal (cooked or purchased) on a Wed. night, please see Pastor Christian or Church Office for the Sign Up link.
- **NextStep Ministries** is in need of Volunteers ASAP to help prepare & serve food to the homeless on Saturday mornings from 7:30a-10:30a. Please see Deacon Walt.
- **Ladies Philippians** Bible Study @ SMPC: (3) different **Wednesday** or **Friday** at **10AM** or **Thursday** at **6PM**. Friday study does provide Childcare. Sign Up Sheets & $10 Books in the Women's cubbies. Cash, Check or Zelle with Tag > **smpcwomen** or scan QR code**.** Questions > smpcwmtreasurer@gmail.com.
- **Women's Sips & Supplications:** there are (4) different offerings in different parts of Vegas and on different days. Choose one or choose multiple**.** Come together, enjoy your favorite beverage while taking time to pray in intimate group. You should have received event addresses via email on Wednesday. Questions, see Kathy McGuire.
- **Women's Council** is **Hosting a 'Swap Meet'** on **March 28th** from **10AM-2PM** at the Church parking lot. Everyone welcome! Browse, swap gently used items in a trunk-or-treat style *(no donation required).* Can't attend? Drop labeled donations off on Sunday, March 22. RSVP to a member of Women's Council if you can join / attend!

## Events This Week at Spring Meadows

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| Sunday 2/22 | 9:30 AM | Sunday School *(all ages)* |
| | 9:30 AM | Membership Class #3 |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship Services |
| Tuesday 2/24 | 9:30 AM | Moms & Tots *(0-5yrs)* |
| | 6:30 PM | Sips and Supplication at Karen G's. |
| Wednesday 2/25 | 10:00 AM | Women's Philippians Bible Study |
| | 5:00 PM | M.S. & H.S. Youth Group |
| | 6:30 PM | Sips and Supplication at Christine C's. |
| Thursday 2/26 | 6:00 PM | Women's Philippians Bible Study |
| | 6:15 PM | Session Meeting |
| | 6:30 PM | Sips and Supplication at Kathy W's. |
| Friday 2/27 | 10:00 AM | Women's Philippians Bible Study |
| | 6:30 PM | Calvin's Co-Ed Study |
| Saturday 2/28 | 10:00 AM | Communican't Class |

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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| February | Birthdays | Anniversaries |
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| 4-Gerald M. | 21-Jonathan F. | 27- Evan & Amy F. |
| 5-Charlie S. | 22-Cosette W. | |
| 7-Michael C. | 22-Dara W. | |
| 8-Makayla L. | 23-Jedidiah F. | |
| 10-Jackson A. | 24-Emberly E. | |
| 14-Riley G. | 26-Aila K. | |
| 14-Pearl W. | 28-Erick I. | |
| 15-David S. | | |