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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 world has always measured greatness by the standard of service, not service a person gives, but that which he receives. Plato said, "How can a man be happy when he has to serve someone?" For the Greeks, menial "service" was not dignified, surely not to be sought as a way of life. Jesus radically reversing the world's standards. He did not make subtle changed or adjustment in a well-entrenched system. He turned the whole thing upside down, making ,as it were, the first last and the last first."
(George C. Fuller)

Order of Worship

April 19, 2026

Welcome and Announcements Elder Dan Phillips

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

Prelude Worship Team

Call to Worship Pastor Christian Bland
Psalm 108:1-5

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam, ***(Refrain)***

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise Him, alleluia! Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice, ***(Refrain)***

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One, ***(Refrain)***

Refrain**:** O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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 Matthew 22:37-40

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 Zephaniah 3:16-17

People: Thanks be to God!

A Shield About Me

Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me,
You're my glory; You're the lifter of my head.
Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me,
You're my glory, You're the lifter of my head.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, You're the lifter of my head.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, You're the lifter of my head.

Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me,
You're my glory; You're the lifter of my head.
Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me,
You're my glory, You're the lifter of my head.

The Blessing

Minister: The grace of God be with you.
People: And also, with 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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Reception of Members Ken and Cathy Hui
Erin Hui

Shepherding Elder's Prayer Paul Hiles

Greeting One Another with Peace in the Name of the Lord

Experiencing Renewal

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God
in the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.

Chorus: We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith this mountain shall be moved
and the power of the Gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

(Chorus)

We'll walk by faith and not by sight!

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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

Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee

Lord, with glowing heart I'd praise Thee
for the bliss Thy love bestows,
For the pardn'ing grace that saves me,
and the peace that from it flows.
Help, O God, my weak endeavor;
this dull soul to rapture raise:
Thou must light the flame, or never
can my love be warmed to praise.

Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee,
wretched wand'rer far astray;
Found thee lost and kindly brought thee
from the paths of death away.
Praise, with love's devoutest feeling,
Him who saw thy guilt-born fear,
And, the light of hope revealing,
bade the blood-stained cross appear.

Praise thy Savior God that drew thee
to that cross, new life to give,
Held a blood-sealed pardon to thee,
bade thee look to Him and live.
Praise the grace whose threats alarmed thee,
roused thee from thy fatal ease;
Praise the grace whose promise warmed thee,
praise the grace that whispered peace.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: Special
Title: The Office of Deacon
Text: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Timothy 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. When Deacons Began (Acts 6:1-7)

II. What Deacons Are (1 Timothy 3:8-12)

III. What Deacons Do (Mark 10:45; John 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 — Children's Choir

Ordination and Installation of Deacons — Alex Stepp, Jackson Adams, Kevin Thomas, Minas Mkhitarian, Nick Dudgeon

Questions for Ordination — TE, Christian Bland
Questions for Congregation — TE, Christian Bland
Prayer and the Laying on of Hands — TE, Tim Posey
Pronouncement of Ordination — TE, Tim Posey
Charge to the Deacons — RE, Ryan Roper
Charge to the Congregation — TE, Christian Bland

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.

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:	4-19-2026	4-26-2026
Greeters	Jim & Galina H.	Rick & Shawnee V.
Coffee Station	Alex Kwasniewski	Joel Brizzee
Communion	Marcel Poulin	Ming X. & Jim S.
Church Nursery	Cassandra Dekker	Rachael Rabe

Nursery is available for children 0-5 years and our Cry Room is available in the back of the Sanctuary for those with children.

For more ways to serve, visit springmeadowspres.org/volunteer

4-26-2026 Sunday School 9:30AM-10:15AM

Adults:
Series Reformed Piety & Practice
Title Living by God's Promises
Teacher Elder Paul Hiles

Pre-K
Series Jesus Is the Savior
Title Jesus Will Come Again
Teacher Patty Lovelady

Grades (K-2)
Series Studying God's Word
Title King Asa Obeyed God's Word
Teacher Jessica Salinas

Grades (3-5)
Series Telling Others
Title Jesus Sent His Disciples Out
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 the body at Spring Meadows and would like more information on where and how you can serve, please contact the church office for information.

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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Dan Phillips, RE
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Chimaine Shadd, Mgr.

Announcements

- **Ladies April Sips & Supplication**: **22**nd,6PM @ Jane R. / **25**th,5PM @ Grace J. / **27**th 6:30PM @ Christine C. / **28**th 6PM @ Lois S. Ladies come together to pray over personal needs shared in group while enjoying your favorite beverage.
- **Men's Ministry RAP Session** is Saturday **May 2nd** from 10a – 2p at SMPC. Topic: ***Legacy of Praise: Worship as the Center of the Man's Life*** taught by Elder Dan Phillips. Sign-up Sheet in the back and be sure to indicate if you would like to participate in the Chili Cook-Off Contest! Sign up today & invite other men.
- **Singles in the Church: 1 Year Anniversary Party May 2nd @ SMPC 5:30p-8p.**
- **Mission Committee Meeting: Sat. May 9th** at 1:00 PM the home of Karen Guest.
- **Ladies *Splash into Summer Party*!** Saturday **May 9th** from 5:30p-8p at the home of Dara Winn. Pool will be open & lifeguard on duty, so bring your swimsuit & towel with a favorite treat, appetizer or drink to share. Pizza will be provided!
- SMPC Family ***PICNIC in the PARK***: **May 17** after Service @ Exploration Peak Park. Chicken + Drinks will be provided. **RSVP** & bring Side / Dessert to share!
- **VBS 2026 Registration is Open! 'Faith Expedition' June 9-12** from **4:30PM-7:30PM** at the church. Open to our covenant children & visitors. Fun Activities, Crafts, Bible Lessons & Dinner. Scan the QR code on Poster to register today!

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Events This Week at Spring Meadows

Sunday 4/19	9:30 AM	Sunday School *(for all ages)*
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Tuesday 4/21	9:30 AM	Moms and Tots *(0-5 yrs)*
	6:15 PM	Session Meeting
Wednesday 4/22	5:00 PM	M.S. & H.S. Youth Group
	6:00 PM	Ladies Sips & Supplication (*Jane R.)*
Thursday 4/23	6:00 PM	Women's Philippians Bible Study
Friday 4/24	10:00 AM	Women's Philippians Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Calvin's Co-ed Book Study
Saturday 4/25	5:00 PM	Ladies Sips & Supplication *(Grace J)*

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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April	Birthdays	Anniversaries
9-Jasmine I.	22-Amaya S.	13-Nate & Jess W.
9-Jasmine C.	22-Amy R.	
9-Stephen R.	22-Walt K.	
13-Noah F.	22-Beverly J.	
20-Keith I.	27-Michael R.	
21-Erika I.	28-Mercy C.	
22-David I.	29-John M.	