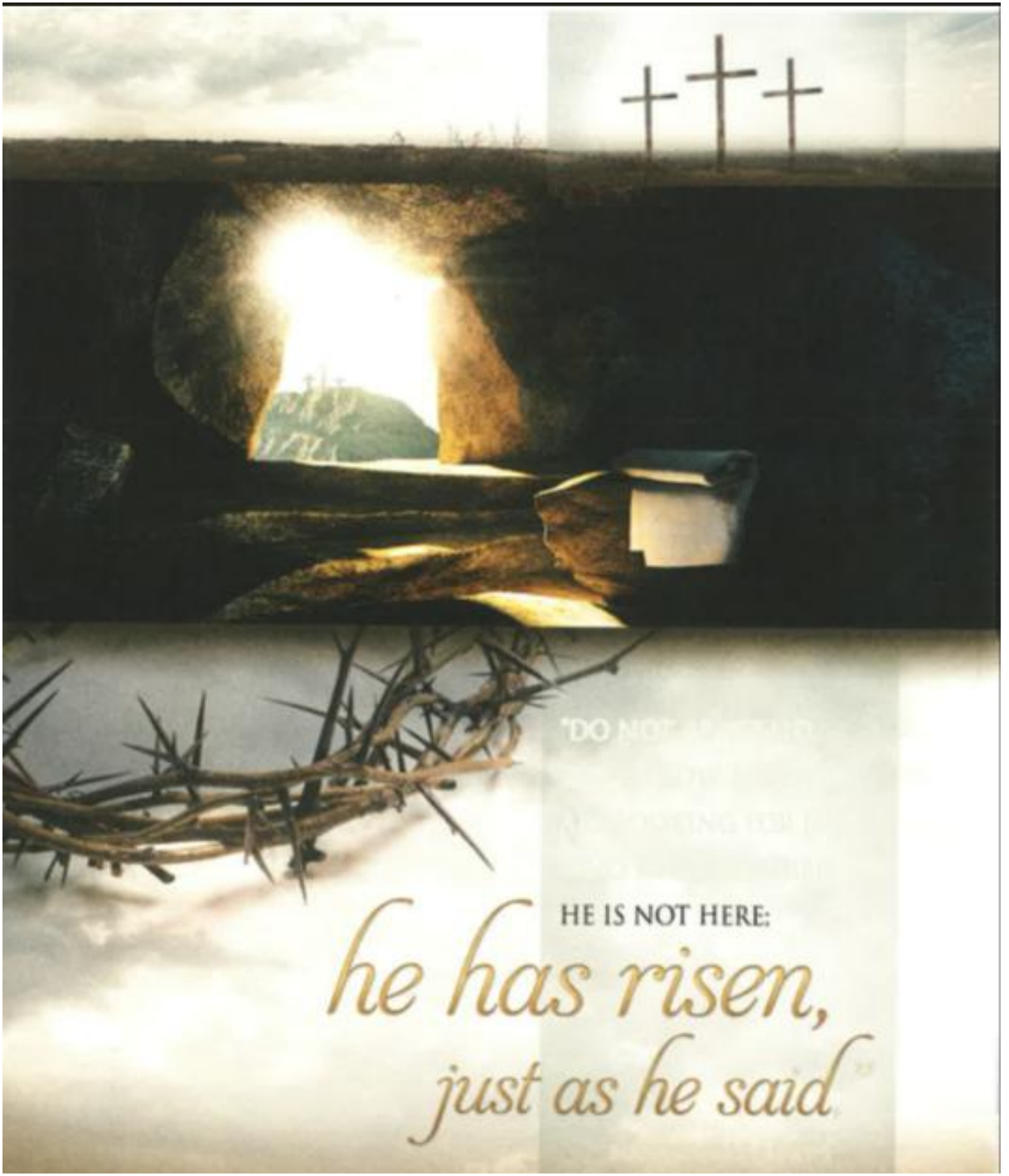

HE IS NOT HERE:
he has risen,
just as he said

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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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"For [Christians], it was a positive program. This life was always meant to be transitory, and just part of a larger story. What was important to the Christians was to orient one's life towards the larger story, the cosmic story, the story of eternity. They did live in this world, experience pain, and loved others. But the Christians of that time were called to see the story of this life as just one of the stories in which they lived. The hidden map was this larger picture."
(Kyle Harper)

Order of Worship

April 5, 2026

Welcome and Announcements Elder Andy Crawford

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

Prelude Worship Team

Call to Worship Pastor Christian Bland
Psalm 118:19-24

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

"Christ the Lord is risen today," Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply; Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Invocation

Congregational Response of Faith The Lord's Prayer

Gospel Renewal Colossians 3:1-10

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:
Everlasting Father, we confess before You that our natures are defiled; we have willingly destroyed ourselves by sinning against You; and we lack the strength to free ourselves from our condemnation. But our hope is in You, for our Redeemer lives. Jesus, our surety, comes forth from the grave triumphant over sin, Satan, and death. You, O Lord, were put to death for our transgressions and raised for our justification. Blessed Jesus, Your death is our life, Your resurrection our peace, Your ascension our hope, Your intercession our comfort. By Your grace, forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Renew our hearts, deliver us from despair, enable us to seek Your strength, and change our desires so that we will find our true joy in fellowship with You, our great God and King. 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 Ezekiel 36:25-27

People: Thanks be to God!

Jesus Lives and So Shall I

Jesus lives, and so shall I. Death! thy sting is gone forever!
He who deigned for me to die, lives, the bands of death to sever.
He shall raise me from the dust: Jesus is my Hope and Trust.

Jesus lives! I know full well nought from Him my heart can sever,
Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell, joy nor grief, henceforth forever.
None of all His saints is lost; Jesus is my Hope and Trust.

Jesus lives and death is now but my entrance into glory.
Courage, then, my soul for thou hast a crown of life before thee;
Thou shalt find thy hopes were just; Jesus is the Christian's trust.

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 Michael, Jenny Sue DeWalt, and Family

Baptism of Covenant Child Esther DeWalt

Shepherding Elder's Prayer Dan Phillips

Greeting One Another with Peace in the Name of the Lord

It Was Finished Upon That Cross

How I love the voice of Jesus, On the cross of Calvary
He declares His work is finished, He has spoken this hope to me.
Though the sun had ceased its shining, Though the war appeared as lost. Christ had triumphed over evil, It was finished upon that cross.

Now the curse it has been broken, Jesus paid the price for me.
Full, the pardon He has offered, Great, the welcome that I receive.
Boldly I approach my Father, Clothed in Jesus' righteousness.
There is no more guilt to carry, It was finished upon that cross.

Death was once my great opponent, Fear once had a hold on me.
But the Son who died to save us, Rose that we would be free indeed!
Yes, He rose that we would be free indeed!

Free from every plan of darkness, Free to live and free to love.
Death is dead, and Christ is risen! It was finished upon that cross.

Onward to eternal glory, To my Saviour and my God.
I rejoice in Jesus' victory, It was finished upon that cross.
It was finished upon that cross, It was finished upon that cross!

Resurrection Hymn

See what the morning, gloriously bright, With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem; Folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce Christ is risen! See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice, Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?" as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb; Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us, Will sound 'till He appears, for He lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days, Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty, Honor and blessing, glory and praise to the King Crowned with pow'r and authority.

*And we are raised with Him, death is dead, love was won, Christ has conquered. And we shall reign with Him, for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead! ***(Repeat *)**

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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

Worship Christ, the Risen King!

(Sung to the tune of "Angels from the Realms of Glory")

Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.
Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid Him, empty now, its mouth declares:
"Death and I could not contain Him, for the throne of life He shares."
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with pow'r;
All hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand His hour.
He has conquered, He has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!

We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing Your victory;
Sin or hell may seek to seize us, but Your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: Special -Easter
Title: A Living Hope
Text: 1 Peter 1:3-9
Theme: Hope Grounded in Reality

Intro:

I. A Hope Grounded in the Reality of the Resurrection

II. A Hope that Has Content

III. A Hope That Should Lead to Joy

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

The Power of the Cross

Song of Response

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; and round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

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:	4-5-2026	4-12-2026
Greeters	Mark & Victoria B.	Ron & Lynn W.
Coffee Station	Gwennan Turner	Sandy Green
Communion	David Sonner	Bonnie Taylor
Church Nursery	Amanda Ladefoged	Amy Andolino

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

4-12-2026 Sunday School 9:30AM-10:15AM

Adults:
Series Special
Title Q & A Session
Teacher Pastor Christian Bland

Pre-K
Series Jesus Is the Savior
Title Jesus Appears His Disciples
Teacher Patty Lovelady

Grades (K-2)
Series Studying God's Word
Title God's Word is for His Children
Teacher Jessica Salinas

Grades (3-5)
Series Telling Others
Title Jesus Died for Us
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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Announcements

- **Kids Easter Egg Hunt** will take place following 10:30AM Service today for our little ones. We will ask all children with an adult to meet in the Cry Room for the hunt and to remain with your child for the duration.
- **Meals for Youth Ministry:** We need meals for our Youth on Wednesday nights at 6PM for April and May. If you are able to provide a meal *(cooked or purchased),* please contact Office to receive the Sign Up Link. Thank you!
- **Friday April 11th – Singles In the Church** – Bring your own Drink and Dinner & Games will be provided at Garden Park from 5p-8p. Contact Mitchi.
- **Congregational Meeting**: **April 12th** following Service to vote on Deacons.
- **Men's Ministry RAP Session** is Saturday **May 2nd** from 10a – 2p at SMPC. Topic: ***Leading Your Family -Family Worship***, 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. See Elder Rick.
- **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 and Dinner. Scan the QR **code** to register today!
- **Save the Date > Southwest Reformed Youth Camp, August 3-7 in Palomar, CA.** for Middle School & Highs School Students.

Events This Week at Spring Meadows

Sunday 4/5	9:30 AM	Resurrection Reception *(all ages)*
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	12:15 PM	Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Tuesday 4/7	9:30 AM	Moms and Tots *(0-5 yrs)*
	9:30 AM	Women's Council Meeting *(Library)*
Wednesday 4/8	10:00 AM	Women's Philippians Bible Study
	5:00 PM	M.S. & H.S. Youth Group
Thursday 4/9	6:00 PM	Women's Philippians Bible Study
Friday 4/10	10:00 AM	Women's Philippians Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Calvin's Co-ed Book Study
Saturday 4/11	5:00 PM	Singles in the Park *(Garden Park)*

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.	