

**Morning Worship Service II a.m.**  
**December 24, 2006**  
**Fourth Sunday in Advent**

*Please adjust all electronic communication devices so as not to disrupt the service.*

*If your child is in need of using the restroom or becomes disruptive during the service, please escort him or her out of the sanctuary using the exit at the back of the sanctuary.*

*We appreciate your assistance as we seek to maintain a proper worship environment for everyone present.*

## **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Prelude**

#### **Two French Carols**

*Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.*

## **Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**Reader:** My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

**Congregation:** He has looked on the estate of us, his humble servants.

**Reader:** He has done mighty things for us and His name is Holy.

**Congregation:** He shows mercy on those who fear him for generations and generations.

**Reader:** O holy child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray.

**Congregation:** Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.

† Glorifying God in Song  
“Away In a Manger”  
Hymn # 205

† The Invocation

† The Apostles’ Creed

“I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.”

**The Reading of Sacred Scripture**

“In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.”

(Hebrews 1:1-4)

## Anthem “In the Bleak Midwinter”

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In the bleak midwinter, frosty winds made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter, many years ago.

Angels and archangels, all were gathered there,  
Cherubim and seraphim hovered in the air;  
But His mother only, in her maiden bliss,  
Worshipped the Beloved, worshipped with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I have I give Him: give to Him my heart.

### The Reading of Sacred Scripture

“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

(Philippians 2:5-11)

The Pastoral Prayer  
&  
The Lord’s Prayer

## The Reading of Sacred Scripture

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.”

(1 John 1:1-3)

### † Offertory Hymn

“Silent Night”

Hymn # 210

### † Offertory Statement & Prayer of Dedication

Deacon Mike Woodall

“After wise men had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.”

(Matthew 2:9-11; Proverbs 3:9-10)

# The Offertory

## Messiah Medley No. 2 – arr. Linda McKechnie

*PLEASE FILL OUT THE CONNECTION CARD IN THE BULLETIN  
TO INDICATE YOUR ATTENDANCE.*

### † The Doxology

(Hymn # 731)

*Children K4 – K5 may be dismissed to Children’s Church.*

### The Message

John K. Keen

### † Glorifying God in Song

“While by the Sheep We Watched at Night”

Hymn # 215

### Postlude

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful – Sigvart Hofland

† *All who are able, please stand*

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## *Welcome to Our Visitors*

We welcome you in the name of Christ! Let us be grateful for the Word of God and enthusiastically approach the throne of grace as we worship together this morning. You are all encouraged to fill out a Connection Card so that we might have a record of your visit with us.

If you are a visitor seeking a church home, we hope you will prayerfully consider SPC. You can find more information about us on our website at [www.seminolepca.org](http://www.seminolepca.org). For questions or to share a prayer concern, call the office at 877-6783, ext. 222 or email us at: [church@seminolepca.org](mailto:church@seminolepca.org).

## A Special Thank You

We thank you all as a church family for all that you did for us at the recent passing of our mother, Cornelia King. We were blessed in so many ways of your outpouring love, food, cards, visits, and most of all, for your prayers. Thank you for taking the time to care.

Love and Prayers, David & Pat Bardin

## Christmas Schedule



Today and Sunday, December 31st, there will be no Sunday School or Fellowship Time. The morning Worship Services will begin at the regular time of 11 am. Furthermore, the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will begin **this evening** at 6:30 pm.

## Christmas Poinsettias

If you placed an order for one or more of the beautiful poinsettias gracing our Sanctuary today, they may be taken home following tonight's Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.



## Church Office Hours

The church office will be *closed* Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. Furthermore, Arienne Choleva will be in the church office **this week** Wednesday – Friday from 9 am – 3 pm.

## Attention Choir Members

The choir will *not* be rehearsing Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsals will resume Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:45 – 9 pm.



## Contributions

This is a reminder that for any contributions to count for the 2006 tax year, they must either be postmarked or hand delivered to the church by **December 31, 2006**. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Toenes at 813-877-6783, ext. 238.

## Unhanging of the Green



Mark your calendar for **Sunday, January 7** for our annual Un-Hanging of the Green. After observing Epiphany in morning worship, we will eat a light lunch and then take down the Christmas greenery until next year. The more help we have, the sooner we will get it done. And you probably already know that it always comes down faster than it goes up!

## Sunday School Classrooms

<i>Women's Bible Study</i>	Room 953
<i>Walden Class</i>	Room 114
<i>Infant Nursery and 1's</i>	Room 113
<i>2's-3's</i>	Room 110
<i>K-4 &amp; K-5</i>	Room 108
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Grade</i>	Room 117
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</i>	Room 116
<i>4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</i>	Church Library
<i>Junior High Bible Study</i>	Parlor
<i>High School (Grades 9 - 12)</i>	Room 601

\* There will be *no* Fellowship Time or Sunday School today.

### Coffee Volunteers:

This Week: No Fellowship Time or Sunday School

Next Week: No Fellowship Time or Sunday School

Jan. 7 Bill Cutler

Jan. 14 Larry Dickey with Mike & Joyce Woodall

**Today at SPC ~ December 24, 2006**

11:00 am Morning Worship

6:30 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



## **This Week at SPC ~ December 24-30**

**SUNDAY:** 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**MONDAY:** Christmas Day – Church Office Closed

**TUESDAY:** Church Office Closed

**WEDNESDAY:** No Wednesday Evening Activities or Choir Practice

### **Coming Events**

December 31 No Sunday School or Fellowship Time

January 1 New Year's Day – Church Office Closed

January 3 Wednesday Night Activities and Choir Practice Resume

January 7 Unhanging of the Green

Senior High Youth Group Resumes

January 9 Session Meeting

January 12 – 14 Prayer Labyrinth

January 16 S.W.I.M. Council Meeting

January 25 Deacon's Meeting

January 26-27 G.E.M.S Camping Trip

January 26-28 Jr. High Midwinter Retreat

## Children's Ministry & Greeters

### **Children's Worship**

*In Children's Worship this morning, the children will learn that Jesus is the Savior the shepherds found. (Luke 2:15-20)*

	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Helper</i>	<i>Banner Bearer</i>
<i>This Week:</i>	<i>Cindy Quick</i>	<i>Josh Fernandez</i>	<i>Allen Farmer</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Kimberly Lynn</i>	<i>Hannah Johnson</i>	<i>Sarah Hillery</i>
<i>Jan. 7</i>	<i>Chip Johnson</i>	<i>Anna Claire Lambers</i>	<i>Abby Johnson</i>
<i>Jan. 14</i>	<i>Donna Waugh</i>	<i>Amanda Waugh</i>	<i>Casey Waugh</i>

*Children's Church for children K4/K5 meets in Room 116. Make sure you pick up a copy of My Very Own Bulletin~Children's Pages for Church. These are available each week at the doors to the Sanctuary.*

### **Nursery Workers**

	<i>Infant Nursery (Rm. 113)</i>	<i>2's/3's (Room 110)</i>
<i>This Week:</i>	<i>Deana Johnson</i>	<i>Carolyn Keen</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Thea De La Rosa</i>	<i>Grace Keen</i>
<i>Jan. 7</i>	<i>Lynn De La Rosa</i>	<i>Kourtney Melendi</i>
<i>Jan. 14</i>	<i>Tony Carrillo</i>	<i>Eden Storey</i>

If you are unable to work your scheduled Sunday, please find someone to fill in for you prior to the date you are scheduled to work in the nursery.

### **Greeters**

<i>This Week:</i>	<i>Mike &amp; Allene Cawley</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Dave &amp; Pat Bardin</i>
<i>Jan. 7</i>	<i>Jake &amp; Mary Beckel</i>
<i>Jan. 14</i>	<i>Bill &amp; Mary Earnest</i>

## SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 201

Last Sunday's Offering: \$14,214.40

*For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have. 2 Cor. 8:12*

## **Prayer Journal ~ December 24-30**

### **Sunday**

- Our President, his Cabinet and all elected officials-that God will powerfully protect them in the coming days and months, that they will seek God's divine guidance in the many matters facing them.
- Pray for our troops who are striving to bring freedom to Afghanistan and Iraq. Pray God's covering and protection on them, asking that they will succeed in their endeavors and will have the strength and endurance that comes from reliance on Him.

### **Monday**

- John and Diane Keen and their family.
- Pray for the members of our church family serving in the armed forces: Chris Brooks, Tania Candelaria (Delie Koehler's cousin), Garrett Harrell, Chandler, and Ethan and Patrick Byrne.

### **Tuesday**

- Our Covenant Groups (if you are not connected, call the church office).
- We pray for all of the women in the church to be enthusiastic in participating in the women's ministry and the opportunities provided.

### **Wednesday**

- Those with ongoing health concerns: Frank King (brain cancer); Tony Carrillo; Jan Hawes (indefinite chemo); John Mercado, Noah Koehler, Casey Warner, Emerson Farmer and Phyllis Farmer; Dick Harrell (Lisa Johnson's father - cancer); Ida Minardi (Joe DeNitto's aunt – massive heart attack and open-heart surgery).
- Pray for expecting mother, Amanda Brooks.

### **Thursday**

- Pray for the Bible Study classes this Sunday.
- Pray for those seeking employment: Mark Kwitowski and Servy Fernandez.

### **Friday**

- Deacon: Mike Woodall
- Pray for our home members.
- We pray for safe travel and moving for the Farmers who are going back to Indiana.

### **Saturday**

- Elder: Gregg Quick
- Tomorrow's Worship Service.
- Pray for missionaries, Ken & Tammie Matlack, church planting in Germany.

### **Answered Prayer/Praise**

- We praise God for the birth of His son, Jesus Christ our Savior!
- A note of praise from the Farmers: "We praise God for our SPC Family! We are very thankful for all of the prayers and have really enjoyed being a part of this church. We will greatly miss all of you!"

