

Morning Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
November 29, 2009
First Sunday of Advent

*Please adjust all electronic communication devices so as not to disrupt the service.
Also, if you need to leave the Sanctuary for any reason, please use the exits 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

Aria in F Major

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 9:7-11

Leader: The LORD reigns forever; he has established his throne
for judgment.

People: **He will judge the world in righteousness; he will
govern the peoples with justice.**

Leader: The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in
times of trouble.

People: **Those who know your name will trust in you, for
you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.**

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, enthroned in Zion;

ALL: **proclaim among the nations what he has done.**

**** Glorifying God in Song**
Angels We Have Heard On High
Hymn #214

**** 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 First Scripture Lesson

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters. Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. He will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God his Savior. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob. Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty— he is the King of glory.

Psalm 24

The Confession of Our Sins

“Jesus, for your name sake, do that which your name proclaims. Jesus, pardon the pride that pains you and look upon the unhappy one that calls upon your tender name—name of comfort, name of delight, and to sinners name of blessed hope. For what does your name mean, Jesus, but Savior? Therefore, for your name's sake, be to me, Jesus, a merciful Savior.”

--Prayer of St. Augustine

The Second Scripture Lesson

Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you." Then he said to his disciples, "The time is coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it. Men will tell you, 'There he is!' or 'Here he is!' Do not go running off after them. For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. "Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all. "It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. "It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed. On that day no one who is on the roof of his house, with his goods inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything. Remember Lot's wife! Whoever tries to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left." "Where, Lord?" they asked. He replied, "Where there is a dead body, there the vultures will gather."

Luke 17:20-37

The Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Anthem
Seminole Sanctuary Choir

As The Deer - arr. Christopher

**** Offertory Hymn**
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Hymn #196

**** Offertory Statement & Prayer of Dedication**

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength, ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name. Bring an offering and come before him; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. Tremble before him, all the earth! The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved. Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

I Chronicles 16:28-31

The Offertory

*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

Rev. John K. Keen,
Senior Pastor

**** Glorifying God in Song**
All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Hymn #235

**** Benediction**

Postlude

*** All who are able, please stand*

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Welcome to Our Visitors

We welcome you in the name of Christ! You can find more information about us on our website at www.seminolepca.org. For questions or to share a prayer concern, call the office at 774-3881, ext. 700 or email us at: church@seminolepca.org.

Emergency Contact Number For Fridays

If you have any urgent or emergency needs on Fridays, please feel free to contact Ruling Elder Chip Johnson at (813) 857-3915.

Deacons' Mercy Line (813) 774-3881, Ext. 744

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please call this church phone extension; a deacon generally checks the line daily.

Staff Appreciation

As 2009 draws to a close, we would like to give our congregation the opportunity to express your appreciation for our hard-working staff. As we have done in the past, we will be taking up a special love offering beginning today, Sunday, November 29, and running until Sunday, December 13. Afterwards, we will distribute the offering to our staff.

We realize that these are tough economic times for all of us. However, our staff has certainly gone the extra mile this year more than ever with our relocation to the campus of St. Paul Church. Please prayerfully consider how God may be leading you to bless our staff this Christmas. If you wish to participate, please put your special love offering in an envelope designated "Staff Appreciation" (or write this in the memo line of your check), and place it in the offering plate.

In Christ,

Your Deacons

Programming Note

Please be advised that Sunday School and the MS/HS evening study will be suspended today, Sunday, November 29, for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. However, please join us for our normal time of fellowship at 10:15 AM.

SPC Family Matters

- **Ladies Bible Study** – please note that the day group (Thursday) will continue to be on hiatus this week. The evening group will resume as normal.
- **Metropolitan Ministries Second Service Opportunity!** – We are so thankful that 43 people from Seminole served our city's homeless and at-risk families a week ago. And we connected with one another in the process. Metropolitan Ministries is still in GREAT need of volunteers during this Christmas season. Please consider volunteering when ever you have time. To volunteer contact Jeremy Rodney at 209-1237.

Sometime the week of December 14, we will be going as a group once again! If you are available please contact Danny Dalton to sign up. More details will be coming!

- **Hanging of the Green:** will take place a little differently this year. Our friends at St. Paul decorate the Sanctuary in stages as we anticipate the Advent of our Lord. Each week, more and more will be added to the decorations as Christmas day draws nearer. Please make note of the following days that help will be needed to decorate the Sanctuary and make plans now to join in the fun: Saturday, December 5; Saturday, December 12. Each day will begin at 9 am.
- **Congregational Meeting** – Please make plans to join us for a congregational meeting to be held **Sunday, December 13** immediately following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect new officers and present the 2010 budget.
- **Greek Class for Beginners** - Mr. Joe Spears, a member of SPLC, is offering a class in Greek Language for beginners. The class is available for anyone with a desire to learn the basic mechanics of the original language of the New Testament. The next series of classes will begin on **Sunday, December 6th, at 1:00 pm** in the Snyder Building. There are NO fees, or required books to begin; however, serious students may want to purchase additional materials at a later date. Mr. Spears will provide instructional packets to ensure a smooth start for every student. If you are interested in participating in the class, then make contact with Joe Spears directly via his email address: joejoespears@yahoo.com.



November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Preston Kneeshaw 11/1
Andy Thomson 11/3
Stan Wildeboer 11/3
Kathryn White 11/3
Julie White 11/3
Marian Smith 11/4
Steve White 11/7
Glenda Fellows 11/8
Emily Johnson 11/9
Pam Bergen 11/9

Ananta Boodoosingh 11/9
Sammy Fernandez 11/9
Marcy Edwards 11/12
Robbie Horsman 11/13
Sara Blue 11/16
Nicholas Lambers 11/17
Bruno Gravanti 11/21
Glenn Dohle 11/22
Darby White 11/25

Anniversaries

Kevin & Kerri Connolly 11/16
Jake & Mary Beckel 11/23
Bob & Jimmie Sue Kaiser 11/27



Sunday School and Youth Small Groups

**** Please note: Sunday School is on hiatus today for the Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend ****

Children & Youth Sunday School

Sunday School	Class Teacher(s)	Class Room
Ages 2-3 / Toddlers	Bev Thomson w/ Alina Sanchez	#115
Ages 4-5 / K4-K5	Tami Pothoven and Jane Lambers	#111
Ages 6-8 / 1 st – 3 rd Grade	Debbie Vincent w/ Jamie Dalton	#109
Ages 9-10 / 4 th -5 th Grade	Alex & Kelly Fernandez	#107
Jr. High / 6 th -8 th Grade	Danny Dalton & Richard Zak	#105
Sr. High / 9 th – 12 th Grade	Ben Lambers	#101

Youth Small Groups (Evenings)

Additionally, for the youth (MS & HS) on Sunday evenings, there are small groups from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at the home of Servy & Raquel Fernandez.

The groups are studying:

- **The Person of Jesus** - How did Jesus react to people and situations? And what does that communicate about love? In this excellent study we will take an in-depth look at love by focusing on the one truly good man, Jesus of Nazareth. Specifically, this fall semester we will look closely at the compassion of Jesus and explore the enemies of compassion such as judging, self-righteousness and legalism. This study is equally suited to discipling believers and helping non-believers discover the beauty of Jesus. Therefore, let's sit at the feet of Jesus as the Holy Spirit ignites, rekindles, or fans the flame of our joy of knowing Jesus.

Adult Sunday School

Walden Class: Judges, Part III - Room 108

Teacher: Bill Earnest

All our adult Sunday School class teachers are taking a well deserved break today. We trust you had a great Thanksgiving holiday. In American culture, it seems many people are concerned with the "bottom line." So much that many talk about "Black Friday" as the major holiday. Thanksgiving has been reduced to a kick-off for something else: "making money." The Walden adult Sunday School class is a sure antidote for the illness of the American cultural "flu." In our study of Hebrew Judges, we have discovered God does not take lightly the turning away from Him by his people. There is always a judgment which God uses to bring the people back to Him. Some Bible scholars have said the book of judges is so modern that TV news casts are actually behind the most current stories. That may be a bit of a stretch, but in our class studies we have found many parallels. Our best defense against the virus of cultural flu is a good knowledge of God's Word. All of us need to be in an adult class each Sunday morning. We have three good ones here at Seminole. Join one; it's the best flu shot you will ever get! Joe, Randy, and I will be looking for you next Sunday morning after fellowship time, to join with us in one of our classes. God bless you as we give thanks for our Lord Jesus Christ, a great church, great congregation, and a great Sunday School ministry.

Studying Scripture – Room 102

Teacher: Joe DeNitto

Have you ever had problems understanding God's Word? When you come to a passage in the Bible that confuses you, do you tend to read past it? Would you like to have more tools to assist you in your Bible study?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this class is for you. In this class we will learn many ways to faithfully study the scriptures. We will apply these techniques to scripture passages, so that very practical methods will be developed for your study. Easy, medium and difficult scripture passages will be studied throughout the class. Participating in this class could change the way you read, think about & understand the Bible. Please join us in **Room 102** each Sunday morning.

Exploring Church Membership Class – Room 100

Teacher: Randy Johnson

What is the church? What does it mean to be a member of a church, and specifically this church-Seminole PCA? Join Ruling Elder Randy Johnson in Room 100 where he will be answering these questions and many more about membership. Please note: attending this ten week class does not require that one become a member, but this class or its equivalent is required for membership.

This Week at SPC ~ November 29 – December 5

- SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 9:00 am
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am
- TUESDAY:** Ladies Bible Study @ Keen's
home; 7:30 pm

Session Meeting, 7 pm
- WEDNESDAY:** Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
- THURSDAY:** Deacons' Meeting, 7 pm
- FRIDAY:** Seniors Covenant Group, 10 am
- SATURDAY:** Hanging of the Green, 9 am



- December 13:** Congregational Meeting, following
service
- December 20:** Choir Cantata, morning worship
service

SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 147

Last Sunday's Offering: \$6,976.00

*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*

Volunteers

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u><i>Teacher</i></u>	<u><i>Helper</i></u>	<u><i>Banner Bearer</i></u>
<i>Today:</i>	<i>Chip Johnson</i>	<i>A.J. Johnson</i>	<i>Ashley Johnson</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Cathy Armstrong</i>	<i>Nicholas Lambers</i>	<i>Patrick Chang</i>
<i>Dec. 13</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>

Children's Church for children in K4/K5 meets in Room 111.

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Amanda Waugh</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Dec. 13</i>	<i>TBA</i>

Coffee Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Larry Dickey</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Dec. 13</i>	<i>TBA</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.

Prayer Requests

Pray for those who are sick or are recovering from illness:

- Martha Thompson (leukemia)
- Jon Irwin (MD)
- Mercedes Fernandez (Servy Fernandez' mother; various health issues)

Pray for those seeking employment or better employment:

- Elaine Crescent
- Amarnath Boodoosingh
- Servy Fernandez

Pray for our missionaries:

- Don & Judy Vander Ploeg, Wycliffe/JAARS in Papua New Guinea
- Marc & Aline Mailloux, Mission to the World - ministry to French speaking people in South Florida and the Caribbean
- Dave Hawes, Navigators – training and development

Prayer / Praise:

- Praise that Tavin Groomes is recovering well from his surgeries!
- [Pray for the Dalton's Winter Haven home to sell quickly](#)

E-mail: prayer-list@lists.seminolepca.org

