

**Morning Worship Service 9:00 a.m.**  
**December 6, 2009**  
**Second 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**

*Christmas Medley*

*Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.*

**Call to Worship**

*Hebrews 1:1-4*

Leader: In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways,

**People: 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.**

Leader: 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.

**ALL: So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.**

**\*\* Glorifying God in Song**  
*Angels, From The Realms Of Glory*  
Hymn #218

**\*\* 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**

<sup>1</sup>"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. <sup>2</sup>Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. <sup>3</sup>Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. <sup>4</sup>See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples. <sup>5</sup>Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations that do not know you will hasten to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor." <sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. <sup>7</sup>Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Isaiah 55:1-7

## **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**

*Mary, How Could You Have Known - Althouse*

## The Second Scripture Lesson

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup>I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." <sup>5</sup>He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup>He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son. <sup>8</sup>But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

Revelation 21:1-8

### **\*\* Offertory Hymn**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Hymn #203

## **\*\* Offertory Statement & Prayer of Dedication**

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7

### **The Offertory**

*Advent Carols*

*(Including Of the Father's Love Begotten  
and O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)*

*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**  
*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*  
Hymn #193

**The Words of Institution  
&  
The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper**

**\*\* Glorifying God in Song**  
*What Child Is This*  
Hymn #213

**\*\* Benediction**

**Postlude**  
*Vamous, Pastores, Vamous (Shepherds, Let's Go) –*  
Trad. Spain/Schiavone

## *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](http://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](mailto: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.*

## Officer Nominations & Congregational Meeting

It is our pleasure to announce the names of the following men whom Session has approved and who have agreed to serve as officers of Seminole Presbyterian Church, pending a majority vote by the congregation during our annual meeting on Sunday, December 13:

### Ruling Elder

Mr. Bill Earnest  
Mr. Preston Kneeshaw  
Mr. Steve Strickland  
Mr. Brian Waugh

### Deacon

Mr. Bill Bergen  
Mr. Frank Frail  
Mr. Richard Zak

Additionally, we offer thanks to God for the service of two current officers, **Mr. Ben Lambers** and **Mr. Stan Wildeboer**, who will be rotating off the Session and Diaconate, respectively. These men have served in a distinguished and commendable manner for the past three years, and we express our collective gratitude for a job well done!

Please be in prayer for all of these men, and for our congregational meeting on **Sunday, December 13**, immediately following the worship service.

## Christmas Eve Service

Please join us at **7:00 pm** on **Thursday, December 24** for our annual candlelight Christmas Eve Service.

# SPC Family Matters

- **Children's Ministry News** – God has truly blessed SPC with a wonderful and diverse group of women who have stepped forward to help develop a Philosophy of Ministry (PoM) for SPC's Children's Ministries. Packets containing articles and examples are being distributed to the team this week; our goal is to come together and begin drafting this PoM sometime in January 2010. *If you are interested in helping with this endeavor – it is not too late to join in!* Just contact Jackie Toenes today (813.220.4095 or [jtoenes@seminolepca.org](mailto:jtoenes@seminolepca.org)) to receive a packet and more information.



- **Metropolitan Ministries Second Service Opportunity!** – We are so thankful that 43 people from Seminole served our city's homeless and at-risk families a few weeks 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.

**Saturday evening, December 19**, we will be going as a group once again! If you are available please contact Danny Dalton to sign up.

- **Hanging of the Green – Final Sunday:** Please make plans to join in the last day of preparing the Sanctuary for the Advent season on Saturday, December 12 beginning at 9 am.
- **Congregational Meeting – Next Sunday!** – 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.
- **In Christian Sympathy** – We offer our deepest Christian sympathy to the family of Randy and Lisa Johnson in the loss of Lisa's father, Mr. Richard "Dick" Harrell, on Wednesday, November 25, 2009. A funeral was held for Mr. Harrell this past week. Please continue to keep the Johnsons as well as their extended family lifted up in prayer as they adjust to the loss of this beloved husband, father, and grandfather.



Hanging  
of the  
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## December Birthdays & Anniversaries

### *Birthdays*

Anna Claire Lambers 12/3  
Tom McFarland 12/6  
Alex Fernandez 12/10  
Jared Frail 12/12  
Abby Johnson 12/15  
Pat Bardin 12/16  
David Bardin 12/17  
Jane Lambers 12/20  
Judy Wildeboer 12/20

Bryson Pothoven 12/22  
Eva White 12/24  
Grace Morton 12/26  
Hannah Johnson 12/27  
Zach Bolanos 12/27  
Carol McFarland 12/30  
DJ Koehler 12/30  
Andrea Cawley 12/31

### *Anniversaries*

Tom and Andrea Cawley 12/20  
David and Pat Bardin 12/29



# Sunday School and Youth Small Groups

## *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 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Debbie Vincent w/ Jamie Dalton	#109
Ages 9-10 / 4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Alex & Kelly Fernandez	#107
Jr. High / 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Danny Dalton & Richard Zak	#105
Sr. High / 9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> 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*

Good morning Church family. The celebration of Advent and the Christmas season has arrived. For adults the question is: “Where did the time go?” But for kids the question is: “Is it here yet?!” It's all about prospective. That's the way it is about attending Sunday School; is it important or is it not? We in the Walden adult Sunday School class think it is very important, so much so that we want to encourage any who are here in church to join our class after the fellowship hour. We meet in room 108 in the Snyder Building, just down the hall from the fellowship room.

Our study today is in the book of I Samuel, chapter one. We will be looking at the courage and faith it takes for a mom and dad to give their child up to a priest to raise many miles from their home. Would any one of us be able to do that? It's a wonderful story about God's faithfulness and provision for His people. You won't want to miss this study; but that's not where it ends. The spiritual food we need to nourish our faith is even more wonderful! Come join us, we need your input!

### **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 ~ December 6 – December 12**

**SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 9:00 am  
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am  
Sunday School, 10:45 am  
  
MS/HS Study @ Servy & Raquel  
Fernandez' home, 5:30 pm

**TUESDAY:** Ladies Bible Study @ Keen's  
home; 7:30 pm

**WEDNESDAY:** Choir Practice, 7:30 pm

**THURSDAY:** Ladies Bible Study @ St. Paul LC  
Room 108; 10:00 am

**FRIDAY:** Seniors Covenant Group, 10 am

**SATURDAY:** Hanging of the Green, 9 am



**December 13:** Congregational Meeting, following  
service

**December 19:** Metropolitan Ministries Service  
Opportunity

**December 20:** Choir Cantata, morning worship  
service

**SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP**

Last Sunday's Attendance: 121

Last Sunday's Offering: \$7,309.25

*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>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>	<u>Banner Bearer</u>
Today:	<i>Cathy Armstrong</i>	<i>Nicholas Lambers</i>	<i>Patrick Chang</i>
Next Week:	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>
Dec. 20	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>

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

## *Nursery Volunteers*

Today:	<i>Shannon Pothoven</i>
Next Week:	<i>Adrienne Lambers</i>
Dec. 20	<i>Jaelyn Biedronski</i>

## *Coffee Volunteers*

Today:	<i>Randa Gravanti</i>
Next Week:	<i>Ron &amp; Marilyn Quick</i>
Dec. 20	<i>Brian Waugh &amp; DJ Koehler</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
- Matthew Mattice

## **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:**

- [Pray for the Dalton's Winter Haven home to sell quickly](#)

E-mail: [prayer-list@lists.seminolepca.org](mailto:prayer-list@lists.seminolepca.org)

