

Morning Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
January 31, 2010
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

*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

*From All that Dwell Below the Skies - arr. Staneslow
Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.*

Call to Worship
Philippians 2:5-11

Leader: Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

People: **Who, being in very nature God, did not consider
equality with God something to be grasped,**

Leader: but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a
servant, being made in human likeness.

People: **And being found in appearance as a man, he
humbled himself and became obedient to death—
even death on a cross!**

Leader: Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave
him the name that is above every name,

People: **that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,**

ALL: **and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

**** Glorifying God in Song**
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!
Hymn #296

**** 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

¹⁸When Jesus saw the crowd around him, he gave orders to cross to the other side of the lake. ¹⁹Then a teacher of the law came to him and said, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." ²⁰Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." ²¹Another disciple said to him, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ²²But Jesus told him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead." ²³Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. ²⁴Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. ²⁵The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" ²⁶He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. ²⁷The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"

Matthew 8:18-27

The Confession of Our Sins & Assurance of Pardon

"Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who reigns eternally with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forevermore, Amen."

The Second Scripture Lesson

¹²Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. ¹⁶However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And, "If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" ¹⁹So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

I Peter 4:12-19

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

**** Offertory Hymn**
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Hymn #164

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

⁹"Then will I purify the lips of the peoples, that all of them may call on the name of the LORD and serve him shoulder to shoulder. ¹⁰From beyond the rivers of Cush my worshipers, my scattered people,

Zephaniah 3:9-10

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**
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Hymn #598

**** Benediction**

Postlude
Postlude - L. Botazzo

*** 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.

SPC Family Matters

- **Assistance for Esaie and Natacha Etienne & Family** - As many of you know, our Presbytery supported missionary to Haiti, Esaie Etienne, was able to get his wife and children to safety (out of Haiti and to Natacha's mother's home in South Florida), but to do so, they had to leave with literally the clothes on their backs. If you have a desire to help Natacha and her boys directly (money for clothes, food and anything else that may be helpful as they rebuild their life), please feel at liberty to send her gift cards/certificates. Stores near her are Ross, JC Penny, and Macy's (for clothes/home goods), and there is also a Publix, Winn Dixie, and Albertson's within a mile of her mom's house. Gift cards *of any denomination* would be very useful and greatly appreciated. Please send your gift card and perhaps a note of encouragement directly to her at the address listed below:

Natacha Etienne
7836 Venetian St.
Miramar, FL 33023

Also, please continue to pray for Esaie's continued safety in Haiti.

- **Ladies' Bible Studies – Updates**

- **Tuesday evening bible study** – this study, hosted at Diane Keen's home, has concluded.
- **Thursday morning bible study** – this study, held at the church, will continue to meet as scheduled, being led by Tami Pothoven in Jamie Dalton's absence.

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 & Jane Lambers	#111
Ages 6-8 / 1 st – 3 rd Grade	Debbie Vincent w/ Cathy Armstrong	#109
Ages 9-10 / 4 th -5 th Grade	Alex & Kelly Fernandez	#107
Jr. High / 6 th -8 th Grade	Jamie Dalton/Brian Waugh	#105
Sr. High / 9 th -12 th Grade	Danny Dalton & Steve Pothoven	#101

Youth Sunday School Descriptions

High School - Room 101

Teachers: Danny Dalton & Steve Pothoven

Discovering God's Kingdom Purpose (introduction to missions): I warn you, do not take this course if you wish to remain a comfortable Christian! This is a course on world missions. That means it is about God and what God is doing. Our goal is to discover that missions is not only for missionaries, but the whole church. Therefore, our desire is not to transform you into a missionary per se, (though we are certainly open to that) but to inspire you and motivate you to action on behalf of your part in world missions. Don't miss out on the adventure! We will be looking at missions from a theological, historical, strategic, and cultural perspective.

Middle School - Room 105

Teacher: Jamie Dalton/Brian Waugh

Promises, Promises (all about the Covenant): Have you ever made a promise and kept it? Have you ever broke a promise? In this course we will see that God made a promise to save His people. He calls this promise a covenant. A covenant is like an agreement between two or more people. However, the good news is that even when we broke our end of the covenant, God didn't break his part. In fact, through Jesus Christ, he kept both his part and our part! Salvation is all of God and Jesus is the ultimate covenant keeper. Come and learn the story of God working out this Good News in history! (*Great Commission Publications curriculum*)

Youth Small Groups (Evenings)

Additionally, for the youth (MS & HS) on Sunday evenings, there are small groups from 5:30 - 7:30 pm to which all middle and high school students are invited. The groups meet at Ben and Jane Lambers' home. For directions or more information, please call the Lambers at 915-9002 or Danny Dalton at 767-7016.

Adult Sunday School

Walden Class - Room 108

Teacher: Elder Bill Earnest

The Walden adult Sunday school class study this morning continues in the fourth chapter of First Samuel. Last week chapter four opened with the Israelites and Philistines in a fierce battle with the Philistines getting the upper hand. This battle marks the closing of Eli's judgeship and priestly office. God has given the responsibility to Samuel. That's the history behind the discussion as we looked at the relationship of the Jewish people and our position as "graftees" into the chosen people of God!

This morning in class we will continue with the battle as it unfolds the following day. The Israelites bring the Ark of God to the battle field and lose it all. The Ark of God is captured, Eli's sons are killed and the old priest himself dies. How could this be? Well, join us today for the discussion. The story is great but the spiritual insights and lessons are even better. You do not want to miss out on class today. In preparation for class, you can read First Samuel 4:4-22. Questions to ponder are: What was the real reason the Hebrews brought the Ark to the battle and am I on solid footing in my relationship with God?

Join us for fellowship after Worship today and then come on down to room 108 and be part of the excitement of Old Testament study. Look at it as foundation reinforcement and renovation! When the foundation is kept in good repair the building stands strong!

Foundations in Reformed Theology – Room 102

Teacher: Elder Joe DeNitto

In this class we will be covering topics of theology from a Reformed and Presbyterian perspective using R.C. Sproul's book, *Essential Truths of the Christian Faith*. Come join Elder Joe DeNitto in Adult Sunday School Room 102 for this new class. It could bring enlightenment and understanding to your view of theology, God & the Bible. This class will run from January 10th through March 28th.

This Week at SPC ~ January 31 – February 6

- SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 9:00 am
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am

Youth (MS/HS) Small Groups
@ the Lambers' home; 5:30 pm
- TUESDAY:** Session Meeting, 7 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



February 25: Deacons' Meeting, 7 pm

SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 150

Last Sunday's Offering: \$6,804.50

*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>Andrea Cawley</i>	<i>Kate Melendi</i>	<i>Mikayla Koehler</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Kelly Melendi</i>	<i>Kendall Melendi</i>	<i>Mikayla Koehler</i>
<i>Feb. 14</i>	<i>Danielle Bolanos</i>	<i>Tommie Bolanos</i>	<i>Rebecca Armstrong</i>

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

Nursery & Coffee Volunteers

	<i>Nursery Volunteers</i>	<i>Coffee Volunteers</i>
<i>Today:</i>	<i>Amanda Waugh</i>	<i>Brian Waugh & DJ Koehler</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Tara Carrillo</i>	<i>Andy Thomson</i>
<i>Feb. 14</i>	<i>Kendall Melendi</i>	<i>Marsha Craig</i>

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

<i>Mildred Allen 2/2</i>	<i>Chip Johnson 2/22</i>
<i>Rob Edwards 2/2</i>	<i>Sarah Zak 2/22</i>
<i>Jackie Toenes 2/7</i>	<i>Pam Irwin 2/22</i>
<i>Grace Keen 2/9</i>	<i>Sadie Edwards 2/25</i>
<i>Lois Callen 2/12</i>	<i>Mikayla Koehler 2/26</i>
<i>Alex Johnson 2/13</i>	<i>Danny Dalton 2/26</i>
<i>Nora Fernandez 2/13</i>	

Anniversaries

<i>Steve & Eva White 2/20</i>
<i>Johnny & Glenda Fellows 2/21</i>
<i>John & Marilyn Horst 2/28</i>

Prayer Requests

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

- Jon Irwin (MD)
- Kathy VanRiper (Danny Dalton's sister; metastatic cancer)
- Jean Glaze (health issues)

Pray for those seeking employment or better employment:

- Elaine Crescent (a more permanent position)
- Amarnath Boodoosingh
- 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 Daltons as they minister to Danny's sister and her family in California.
- Pray for the safety of our presbytery supported missionary in Haiti, Esaie Etienne, as he stays in Haiti to minister. Pray for his wife and children who are now stateside and trying to rebuild their lives following this devastation.
- Pray for our brothers and sisters in Haiti recovering from the recent earthquake.
- Pray for the Dalton's Winter Haven home to sell quickly!