

Morning Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
March 14, 2010
Fourth Sunday in Lent

*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

Cimaraosa Concerto, 1st movement
Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalms 145: 1-5

Leader: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

People: **Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.**

Leader: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

People: **One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.**

ALL: **They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.**

**** Glorifying God in Song**
Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Hymn #302

**** 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

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. ² Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. ⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. ⁶ Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. ⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. ⁹ Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. ¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you. ¹⁴ Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. ¹⁶ You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. ¹⁸ In your good pleasure make Zion prosper; build up the walls of Jerusalem. ¹⁹ Then there will be righteous sacrifices, whole burnt offerings to delight you; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Psalm 51

The Confession of Our Sins & Assurance of Pardon

“Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.”

*Book of Common Worship,
Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993*

The Second Scripture Lesson

¹To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ²Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; ³not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. ⁵Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." ⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

I Peter 5:1-7

**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**
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
Hymn #345

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

²⁴ One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. ²⁵ A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:24-25

The Offertory *Andante* - Beethoven

*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**
May the Mind of Christ My Savior
Hymn #644

**** Benediction**

Postlude
Praise to the Lord the Almighty - arr. Fred Bock

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

- **Easter Lilies** – If you are interested in ordering Easter Lilies this year, they will be \$7 each. Order forms will be available at either exit to the Sanctuary. Place the completed form *along with your payment* in the offering plate. Order deadline is March 24.



Parking Guideline Reminder

In order to accommodate two congregations sharing the same space on Sunday mornings, we ask that everyone please park along either side of Central Avenue unless you fall into one of these categories below, in which case you may park in the parking lot:

- Persons with disabilities (please only use the spaces to the right of the sidewalk)
- Elderly (and others with walking difficulties)
- One parent traveling alone with small children
- First-time visitors

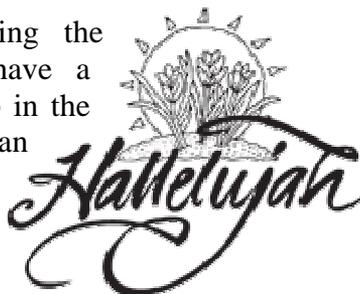
Please also be mindful when parking on Wilder Avenue that there are “No Stopping or Standing on Right of Way” signs. Treat these signs as “No Parking” signs. And remember, if a sign is anywhere on a street block, it applies to the entire street unless the sign has arrows identifying a specific area. Also be mindful that when you park on any street that allows parking, you must park in the same direction as the traffic flow. To park against the traffic flow is illegal and could result in a parking ticket.

SPC Events ~ Mark Your Calendars!



- **Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Service** - Please make plans to join us for a very special worship service on **Maundy Thursday, April 1**. The worship service will begin at **7:00pm** in the Sanctuary.

- **Easter Sunday, April 4** – Following the morning worship service, we will have a continental breakfast/time of fellowship in the Snyder Building. There will also be an egg hunt for children (toddlers through 5th grade). More details will be coming....



- **Church Picnic – *Come One! Come All!*** Please make plans to join us on **Saturday, April 17** at **12:00 pm** for SPC's Church Picnic at Lowry Park in Tampa. We will gather in Shelter #120, which is just off of North Boulevard and Flora Avenue.



SPC will provide hamburgers/hotdogs (and the trimmings) and drinks; you are asked to bring a side-dish or dessert to share.

While our main focus will be fellowship with one another, we will also have a Bacci ball game or two and a few activities for the kids. This is in addition to the nearby playground (right outside the shelter) and river-side walkway. **Please RSVP to Jackie Toenes if you are planning to attend!**

SPC Events ~ Mark Your Calendars, Cont.



- **Church Canoe Trip** – Please make plans to join in the fun on **Saturday, May 22** when we will launch canoes from *Wilderness Park* – *Morris Bridge* beginning at **9:30 am**. We will travel as a group 4 miles downstream on the Hillsborough River to *Wilderness Park* – *Trout Creek* where we will join in a time of fellowship with each other around 12:00 pm at the River Shelter (closest to the river). **Contact Jackie Toenes with questions, for reservations, and/or directions.**

- **Vacation Bible School: June 14 – 18, 2010.** This year's VBS is beginning to come together. Save the dates and look back for more information soon!



- **Middle School Camp at Kulaqua: July 19-23, 2010.** We are still waiting on the registration brochures and pricing. But for now, if you are a 5th-8th grade student, save these dates for an awesome time this summer!

- **High School Mission Project: Urban Immersion, August 2 – 6, 2010.** We are in the midst of planning for a local mission project for our High School students. This will be a five-day service experience. We will be partnering with Metropolitan Ministries and to create more of a "mission trip" feel, our team will be serving, eating, debriefing, and even lodging together for the duration of the trip. For more information please see or call Danny Dalton (813-767-7016).



Immersion

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

"In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these later days he has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom He made the universe." So opens the new study for the Walden adult Sunday school class, Chapter 1 verses 1-3 of the epistle to the Hebrews. A New Testament letter written to Old Testament peoples who came out of their Jewish tradition and into a faith and belief in the Messiah. Some say this is the second generation of Jewish believers and they are struggling with their Christianity. At this point in Christian history it is very difficult to remain in the faith. These believers are being pulled in various directions by Jews, gentile Christians, and Romans persecution. Yes it was a hard time for these folks and they needed support. They were having an "identity crisis". God sent them help in the form of a letter addressed personally to them. Simply, "Hebrews".

The author, God's Holy Spirit, did what God always does for His people. He walks them through their history, but not the physical history, the spiritual history! He teaches them in a way they understand (which at times is a little difficult for us to comprehend), reinforcing their faith. We will be looking over the shoulder of our ancient Christian brothers and reading their letter along with them. Why? Because we have our own struggles and we need this letter of support too! "Simply" join us today after fellowship time in room 108 of the Snyder building and be blessed by this wonderful
epistle!

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 ~ March 14 – March 20

- SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 9:00 am
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am
- Youth (MS/HS) Small Groups
@ the Church Office; 5:30 pm
- WEDNESDAY:** Choir Practice, 7:45 pm
- FRIDAY:** Seniors Covenant Group, 10 am



- March 23:** Bach Birthday Bash, Downtown
- March 25:** Deacons' Meeting
- March 27:** Culture Tap @ the Zaks, 6 pm
- April 1:** Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm
- April 4:** Easter Sunday
- April 17:** Church Picnic @ Lowry Park, 12 pm
- May 22:** Church Canoe Trip
- June 14 – 18:** VBS
- July 19-23:** Middle School Camp @ Camp Kulaqua
- August 2 – 6:** High School Urban Immersion

SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 127

Last Sunday's Offering: \$5,660.75

*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:	Jamie Dalton	Shannon Pothoven	Kaela Dalton
Next Week:	Donna Waugh	Amanda Waugh	Sammy Fernandez
March 28:	Laura Strickland	Ross Edwards	Bryson Pothoven

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

Nursery & Coffee Volunteers

	<i>Nursery Volunteers</i>	<i>Coffee Volunteers</i>
Today:	Kourtney Melendi	Brian Waugh & DJ Koehler
Next Week:	Kate Melendi	Andy Thomson
March 28:	Jaclyn Biedronski	Marsha Craig

Donut Pick Up for March: Bev Thomson

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Lisa Johnson 3/3	Dan Fernandez 3/19
Jean Mathis 3/5	Mel Lewis 3/20
Alina Sanchez 3/6	Donna Carrillo 3/21
Becca Armstrong 3/11	Kit Rackham 3/22
Susan Smith 3/12	Delie Koehler 3/23
Marilyn Horst 3/13	Ralph Colbert 3/27
Ann Quillian 3/15	Bill Alboth 3/28
Bob Kaiser 3/16	Noah Koehler 3/28
Virginia Dohle 3/17	Diane Keen 3/29

Anniversaries

Gregg & Sally Quick 3/18

Prayer Requests

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

- Jon Irwin (MD)
- Mel Lewis (recovery from fall)

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 expecting mother, Eva White.
- Pray for Esaie Etienne, as he ministers in Haiti, and for his wife and children who are now stateside.
- Pray for the Dalton's Winter Haven home to sell quickly!

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