

Morning Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
March 28, 2010
Palm Sunday

*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

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 40:1-3

Leader: I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.

People: He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

ALL: He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

Anthem

All Glory Be to God on High – Decius, Tucker

All glory be to God on high,
And peace on earth from heaven,
And God's goodwill unfailingly
Be to all people given.
We bless, we worship you, we raise
For your great glory thanks and praise,
O God, Almighty Father.

O Lamb of God, Lord Jesus Christ,
Whom God the Father gave us,
Who for the world was sacrificed
Upon the cross to save us;
And, as you sit at God's right hand,
And we for judgment there must stand,
Have mercy, Lord, upon us.

You only are the Holy One,
Who came for our salvation,
And only you are God's true Son,
Who was before creation.
You only, Christ, as Lord we own
And with the Spirit, you alone
Share in the Father's glory.

**** Glorifying God in Song**
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
Hymn #76

**** 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

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your fortress, O prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you. ¹³ I will bend Judah as I bend my bow and fill it with Ephraim. I will rouse your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and make you like a warrior's sword. ¹⁴ Then the LORD will appear over them; his arrow will flash like lightning. The Sovereign LORD will sound the trumpet; he will march in the storms of the south, ¹⁵ and the LORD Almighty will shield them. They will destroy and overcome with slingstones. They will drink and roar as with wine; they will be full like a bowl used for sprinkling the corners of the altar. ¹⁶ The LORD their God will save them on that day as the flock of his people. They will sparkle in his land like jewels in a crown. ¹⁷ How attractive and beautiful they will be! Grain will make the young men thrive, and new wine the young women.

The Confession of Our Sins & Assurance of Pardon

“Receive my confession, O most loving and gracious Heavenly Father, through the Lord Jesus Christ, the only hope for the salvation of my soul. Grant to me true contrition, so that day and night I may be sorry from the heart for my sins. Savior of the world, O good Jesus, who gave yourself to the death of the cross to save sinners, look upon me, most wretched of all sinners; have pity on me, and give me the light to know my sins, true sorrow for them, and a firm purpose of never committing them again. Amen.”

Special Music

The Second Scripture Lesson

⁸Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. ¹⁰And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. ¹²With the help of Silas, whom I regard as a faithful brother, I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. ¹³She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark. ¹⁴Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

**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

Hosanna! Blessed is He Who Comes - Dedekind

Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes,
a monarch, in the name of the Lord!

Peace on earth and peace in heaven
and glory in the highest, in the highest,
and glory in the highest, in the highest!

**** Offertory Hymn**

Take My Life and Let It Be

Hymn #585

(vs. 1-4, only)

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

¹²And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. ¹³Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. ¹⁴For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Hebrews 13:12-16

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**
Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord
Hymn #465

**** Benediction**

Postlude
The King Rides In - Lani Smith

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

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 **7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary, and communion will be served.



Easter Sunday, April 4 – Come and celebrate our risen Lord! *(Please note that communion will not be served this day, but on Sunday, April 11.)* Following the morning worship service, stay and join us for a continental breakfast/time of fellowship in the Snyder Building. *(There will be no Sunday School following the breakfast, so feel free to stay and fellowship.)*

Immediately following the morning worship service, there will be an egg hunt for children (toddlers through 5th grade). K5 and under will meet in the backyard of the church office/manse, and 1st – 5th grade will meet just outside the sanctuary under the large oak tree. **Help is needed to hide the eggs from 8 am to 9 am – please see Holly Edwards if you can help!**



SPC Events ~ Mark Your Calendars!



Church Spaghetti Dinner: Sunday, April 11 - Following Sunday School on April 11, stay and fellowship with each other over a plate of spaghetti lovingly prepared and served by SPC's youth. *There is no charge for this event and all are welcomed.* We only ask that you RSVP so we know how much to prepare. Sign up with your Sunday School teacher, email the church at church@seminolepca.org or call and leave a message (813.774.3881).

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!**

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). **Only one canoe remains – if you want to go, contact Jackie Toenes ASAP** (jtoenes@seminolepca.org or 813-220-4095.)



SPC Events ~ Mark Your Calendars, Cont.

- **Vacation Bible School: June 14 – 18, 2010.** This year's VBS is coming 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 – 7, 2010.** This summer we are planning a LOCAL mission trip for our High School students. This will be a six-day service experience in which we will partner with Metropolitan Ministries. As we serve each day at M.M. and lodge together at a local motel, our goal is to immerse ourselves in this city that God loves, so that we will love it, and better understand and gain compassion for the poor and homeless. Application packets will be out soon! For more information please see or call Danny Dalton (813-767-7016).



Immersion

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.

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 30 A. D. Governor Pliny wrote to Emperor Trajan asking what to do with the Christians who refused to participate in the civic religious rites. It seems the local merchants were complaining that sales were down because the Christians were not buying the meat offered to the gods. Trajan's reply gives insight into the plight of Christians of that day. First he made Christianity illegal. Then the Roman magistrate was to examine any accused of the crime by having them pray to any god, that's right, any god. If they did, they were set free, if not they were executed! That was the environment in which the receivers of the epistle to the Hebrews lived, worked, and made their living. Kind of puts things into perspective as we complain about what we find upsetting in our society today, doesn't?

Today in the Walden class we will find ourselves in chapter two of the Epistle. Here the author backs up his claim that Jesus is greater than the angels and is in fact the Son of God. Our Jewish brothers, who have embraced Christ, are in a struggle for their lives and their eternity. They needed to be reinforced on whom Jesus is and why He is their God and Savior. "Remember the eye witness accounts and the miracles! It is the Holy Spirit who testifies and distributes the gifts to you!"

Hey, I don't know about you, but I need a good dose of that kind of encouragement from time to time! Join us in room 108 after fellowship time for this great study. In preparation for class you can read John 10:37-38, and Hebrews chapter 2 verses 1-18. We'll be looking for you!

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 28 – April 3

- 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
- WEDNESDAY:** Choir Practice, 7:45 pm
- THURSDAY:** Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm
- FRIDAY:** Seniors Covenant Group, 10 am



- April 4:** Easter Sunday
- April 6:** Session Meeting, 7 pm
- April 11:** Spaghetti Dinner, 12 pm
- April 17:** Church Picnic @ Lowry Park, 12 pm
- May 22:** Church Canoe Trip
- June 14 – 18:** Vacation Bible School
- July 19 - 23:** Middle School Camp @ Camp Kulaqua
- August 2 – 7:** High School Urban Immersion

SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 143

Last Sunday's Offering: \$18,982.84

*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:	Laura Strickland	Ross Edwards	Bryson Pothoven
Next Week:	Cathy Armstrong	Adrienne Lambers	Mikayla Koehler
April 11:	Randa Gravanti	Hannah Johnson	Rebecca Armstrong

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

Nursery & Coffee Volunteers

	<i>Nursery Volunteers</i>	<i>Coffee Volunteers</i>
Today:	Jaclyn Biedronski	Marsha Craig
Next Week:	Shannon Pothoven	----- Easter Volunteers -----
April 11:	Grace Keen	Larry Dickey

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)

Pray for those seeking employment or better employment:

- Elaine Crescent (a more permanent position)
- Amarnath Boodoosingh
- Matthew Mattice
- Todd Gartman

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