

Morning Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
November 28, 2010
First Sunday of Advent

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

What Child is This? - Rebekah Bonham

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 98:1-3

- Leader:** Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
- People:** **The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**
- ALL:** **He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

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

**** The Invocation**

**** The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The First Scripture Lesson

¹ This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: ² In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. ³ Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴ He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. ⁵ Come, O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Isaiah 2:1-5

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

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.”

The Second Scripture Lesson

³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.
³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴² “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Matthew 24:37-44

Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

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

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus - Charles Wesley

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

The Third Scripture Lesson

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. ¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Romans 13:8-14

Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

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

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

⁹ Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; ¹⁰ then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Proverbs 3:9-10

The Offertory
Thanksgiving Medley

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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**
Like a River Glorious
Hymn #699

**** 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.

Officer Nominations & Congregational Meeting

It is our pleasure to announce that **Randy Johnson** has agreed to stand for election to a second term as Elder of Seminole Presbyterian, pending a majority vote by the congregation during our annual congregational meeting on **Sunday, December 5** (immediately following the worship service).

Additionally, we offer thanks to God for the service of three current officers: **Steve Pothoven**, who will be rotating off the Session, as well as **Bill Cutler** and **Bryan Toenes** who will be rotating off of the Diaconate. 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!

SPC Family Matters

Programming Note: Please be advised that Sunday School and the MS/HS evening study will be suspended today for the Thanksgiving Holiday. However, please do stay and fellowship for a bit after the morning worship service; coffee and refreshments will be available in the Snyder building.

Hanging of the Green will take place on **Saturday, December 4** beginning at **9:00 am**. Please make plans to join in the decorating fun now. See Jackie Toenes for more information.



Congregational Meeting – Please make plans to join us for a congregational meeting to be held **Sunday, December 5** immediately following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting will be to present the 2010 budget and to elect officers.

Save the Date! – Danny, Jamie and Kaela Dalton are thrilled to now be living in Tampa and would like to invite their Seminole family to an Open House on **Sunday, December 12** from **3:30 pm to 5:30 pm**. More details to come...stay tuned.



Las Posadas – Seminole! We are invited to join in St. Paul's 2nd Annual "Las Posadas" celebration, which commemorates Mary and Joseph's cold and difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of shelter. Participants will sing carols, walking to four pre-arranged neighborhood homes. At each home, the group will ask for a room (which will be denied). The group will then proceed back to the church (a symbol of the stable) and of course will be welcomed. The night will end with a simple fiesta, food, and marshmallows roasted over a fire pit. The celebration will be held on **December 19th**, beginning at the church at **6:30 pm**. One and all are welcome to join in the celebration.



Coffee Volunteers Needed! Do you enjoy having a cup of coffee each Sunday after worship? Did you know that it is just a handful of people that provide this for everyone's enjoyment? They can use your help! The volunteers rotate the duty, so they are not "on" every week. The more volunteers there are, the less frequent each volunteer serves. Please see or contact Larry Dickey (813.695.3173), our Coffee Time Coordinator, for more information and to volunteer.



Metropolitan Ministries Food Drive – We will continue to partner with St. Paul Lutheran on a Holiday Food Drive for Metropolitan Ministries. A collection box will be located in the front entry area of the Sanctuary; please place your donations in this box.



Prayer Requests

Prayer/Praise:

- Bill Bergen (chemotherapy)
- Judy Kneeshaw
- Brian Armstrong passed his comprehensive exam!
- Chip Johnson has a new job!
- Elaine Crescent (employment)
- Amarnath Boodoosingh (employment)

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

Christian Education – Adults, Youth, & Children

* Please note – Sunday School is on hiatus today, Nov. 28; we will return to normal schedule with new Middle School, High School, and Adult classes on Dec. 5.

Class/Grade	Class Teacher(s)	Class Room
Ages 2-3 / Toddlers	Bev Thomson	#115
Ages 4-5 / K4-K5	Laura Strickland & Jane Lambers	#109
Ages 6-8 / 1 st – 2 nd Grade	Debbie Vincent & Tami Pothoven	#111
Ages 9-10 / 3 rd -5 th Grade	Alex & Kelly Fernandez	#105
Jr. High / 6 th -8 th Grade	Steve Pothoven	#107
Sr. High / 9 th -12 th Grade	Brian Waugh	#101
Adult – Walden Class	Bill Earnest	#108
Adult – Theology	Ben Lambers	#102
Adult – Ethics	Joe DeNitto	Church Office

Youth Sunday School

Middle School Sunday School - Worshiping God Today

Did you know that God created you for worship? Worship is the center of our existence. It is one of the things we will do forever. Yet, many of us worship the wrong thing or at least don't worship God how He has commanded that we worship him. This quarter we will be studying the how's and why's of worship. This is a foundational, as well as very practical, course to help you fully participate in the worship of God on Sunday mornings as we gather as the church.

High School Sunday School- Evangelism

Think of the countless people who cross your path. Some of them you know well while you hardly know others at all. Nevertheless, all of them need Jesus. We all know this, but most of us find it difficult to share our faith. We feel overwhelmed and inadequate. We're unsure where to start and what to say. Well... relax! During this course we will begin with the basics and, by God's grace, help you get started. We are going to look at some topics such as motivations, what the gospel really is, how prayer is involved, and even how to solve the problem of not knowing any non-Christian people. Come and join us. You'll be glad you did.

Adult Classes

Walden Class – Update - Room 108

Teacher: Elder Bill Earnest

No Sunday school class this morning, BUT, do not forget to stop by the fellowship room in the Snyder building, after Worship, and join your church family for snacks and conversation. If you are visiting, we want to extend the hand of fellowship, in the name of Christ, and get to know you. Whether family, friend, or someone led to our door, we welcome you and are thankful you chose to spend the Lord's day with us. Next week there will be Sunday school class as normal. For those of you not already engaged in an adult class, we want to encourage you to visit us or all three adult classes, if you will, and see for yourself the spiritual benefits received from this Christian environment. It is good for you, it is good for us, and above all, it is good for the body of Christ when His people are committed to furthering the knowledge and growth of their faith. In closing, we want to thank the good ladies of the adult Sunday school classes for the delicious snacks they are providing for our enjoyment. As for the Walden class, next week we continue our study in the book of Philipians.

Theology of the Christian Faith: I - Room 102

Teacher: Elder Ben Lambers

Are you well grounded in your faith? Would you like to reinforce or perhaps strengthen your theological foundation? It is the conviction of our denomination and our elders that the Westminster Confession of Faith (WCF) contains the best summary of the teaching of the Bible. Therefore, this class which is the first of four classes and covers chapters 1-7 of the WCF, is a great way to get a concise and precise summary of Sacred Scripture, especially pertaining to the doctrines of Scripture, the Trinity, God's Eternal Decree, Creation, Providence, The Fall, and God's Covenant with Man. This class will be a rich feast of theology which will lead you to worship and to maturity in Christ.

Ethics – Church Office

Teacher: Elder Joe DeNitto

Each of us make numerous decisions everyday, some without much thought and others with great strain and agony. Is it always clear what the right (or best) decision is for any given situation? Did you know that your theology, for better or worse, determines how you make decisions? For, each decision involves the application of some moral principle or standard to a situation by a person. These three perspectives are interrelated and interconnected. The purpose of this class is to help spur all of us onto making godly choices that bring glory to God. Therefore, join elder Joe DeNitto for this class that will help provide a Biblical foundation for Christian decision making as we explore the Ten Commandments in great detail as they are expounded in the Westminster Larger Catechism.

This Week at SPC ~ November 28 – December 4

- SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 9:00 am
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am
- 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 5:** Congregational Meeting, following morning worship
- December 7:** Session Meeting, 7 pm
- December 12:** Dalton Open House, 3:30 – 5:30 pm
- December 19:** Las Posadas, 6:30 pm
- December 24:** Christmas Eve Service, 6 pm
- December 25:** Christmas Day

SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 142

Last Sunday's Offering: \$5,596.87

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:	Randa Gravanti	Nicholas Lambers	Ashley Johnson
Next Week:	Jamie Dalton	Emily Johnson	Kaela Dalton
Dec. 12:	Tammy Pothoven	Shannon Pothoven	Maggie Groomes

Children's Church for children in K4/K5 meets in Room 109.

Nursery & Coffee Volunteers

	<i>Nursery Volunteers</i>	<i>Coffee Volunteers</i>
Today:	Alina Sanchez	Ron & Marilyn Quick
Next Week:	TBA	TBA
Dec. 12:	TBA	TBA

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Preston Kneeshaw 11/1	Ananta Boodoosingh 11/9
Andy Thomson 11/3	Sammy Fernandez 11/9
Stan Wildeboer 11/3	Marcy Edwards 11/12
Kathryn White 11/3	Robbie Horsman 11/13
Julia White 11/3	Cathy Gartman 11/14
Marian Smith 11/4	Sara Blue 11/16
Steve White 11/7	Nicholas Lambers 11/17
Glenda Fellows 11/8	Bruno Gravanti 11/21
Emily Johnson 11/9	Glenn Dohle 11/22
Pam Bergen 11/9	Darby White 11/25

Anniversaries

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