

**Morning Worship Service 9:00 a.m.**  
**December 5, 2010**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

*Please adjust all electronic communication devices so as not to disrupt the service.  
If you need to leave the Sanctuary, please use the exits at the back.*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude**

*Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.*

**Choral Call to Worship**

*O Jesus Sweet - Bach/Scheidt*

O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild, your Father's will you have fulfilled.  
From heaven above to earth you came, and born as man you took our name.  
O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild.

O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild, your birth the world with hope has filled.  
Your death has ransomed our lost race, for on the cross you took our place.  
O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild.

O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild, we seek to do what you have willed.  
All that we have comes from above; Lord, keep us walking in your love.  
O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild.

**\*\* Glorifying God in Song**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Hymn #208

## **\*\* 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

<sup>1</sup> A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. <sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD— <sup>3</sup> and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. <sup>6</sup> The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. <sup>7</sup> The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup> The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. <sup>9</sup> They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup> In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious.

Isaiah 11:1-10

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

## The Confession of Our Sins & Assurance of Pardon

*“Almighty Father; we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused, that make it difficult for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong, the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Lord, have mercy and forgive us through Jesus Christ, who reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, One God forevermore, Amen.”*

Paul E. Engle, *Baker's Worship Handbook*,  
Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1998

# The Musical Offering

## The Second Scripture Lesson

<sup>4</sup> For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. <sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs <sup>9</sup> so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy, as it is written: "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing hymns to your name."

Romans 15:4-9

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**

*Still, Still, Still* - Keith & Bergman

Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow.  
For all is hushed, the world is sleeping, Holy Star its vigil keeping  
Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Saviour's birth.  
The night is peaceful all around you, close your eyes, let sleep surround you.  
Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Saviour's birth.

Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come.  
While guardian angels without number watch you as you sweetly slumber.  
Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come.

## **The Third Scripture Lesson**

<sup>1</sup> In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea <sup>2</sup> and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." <sup>3</sup> This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the desert, Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him." <sup>4</sup> John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup> Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. <sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup> And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup> The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup> "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Matthew 3:1-12

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

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

*Away In A Manger*

Hymn #204

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

<sup>9</sup> “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. <sup>10</sup> From beyond the rivers of Cush my worshipers, my scattered people, will bring me offerings.

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**  
*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
Hymn #194  
(vs. 1-2, only)

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

**\*\* Glorifying God in Song**  
*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
Hymn #194  
(vs. 3-5, only)

**\*\* 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](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 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 **today** (immediately following the worship service). The purpose of this meeting will be to present the 2010 budget and to elect officers.

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

**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**. In planning your visit, please be mindful that youth small groups begin at 5:45 pm. Also, please, no gifts.



**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.





**C H R I S T M A S**  
**Progressive Dinner**

**MS/HS Youth Progressive Dinner Christmas Party!**

*Friday, December 17, 5:00 PM - 9:30 PM*

Middle and High School students don't miss out on this awesome party. We will meet at the church at 5 pm. Then we will travel to three different church member's homes enjoying a different course of a yummy dinner at each house. As we journey together on our established route of homes, we will eat an appetizer, a main course, and dessert, along with having some great fun along the way. At our final house we will have a crazy gift exchange. Have your parents pick you up at the Toenes' house at 9:30 pm (4907 Wishart Blvd; 33603). Please invite a friend and sign-up by Tuesday, December 14.

**Required:**

- (1) Notarized Medical Release for 2010-11 school year (required for invited friends too; the form can be downloaded from the church's website [www.seminolepca.org] under the Student Ministries section of the Ministries tab. Andy Thomson will be available to notarize forms on Sunday, December 12).
- (2) A new wrapped gift valued at \$5 or less



**Reminder** – Parents, please remind your children to not run while exiting the Sanctuary or while making their way to the Snyder building. There are a number of St. Paul members arriving and making preparations for their service as ours is concluding; we also have our ushers positioned at the doors. All would appreciate Seminole's children transitioning from one building to the other in a clam and orderly manner. Thank you for your attention and cooperation as we strive to be good and gentle guests of St. Paul.

**STILL NEEDED!!! Coffee Volunteers** - Do you enjoy having a cup of coffee each Sunday after worship? Did you know that it is just a handful of people (five to be exact) that provide this for everyone's enjoyment? These five 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 more importantly - to volunteer!



**Las Posadas** – Seminole! We are invited to join in St. Paul’s 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at the church at **6:30 pm**. One and all are welcome to join in the celebration.



## Marriage, Family & Friendships Seminar Speaker: Tim Lane

(Executive Director, *Christian Counseling & Education Foundation*)  
[www.ccef.org](http://www.ccef.org)

Friday, Feb 11 (7:00p - 9:15p) &  
Saturday, Feb 12 (9:00a - 12:15p)  
at

Covenant Presbyterian Church, 210 E. Poppell Dr., Lakeland

Limited Childcare Available

Childcare provided for Infants - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (register children below).

\$5 per child or \$15 maximum per family

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**Timothy S. Lane, M.Div., D. Min.** Tim is executive director and faculty member at CCEF and has been counseling for more than 25 years. He has previous experience in both campus and pastoral ministry, including serving as a pastor for ten years. He is the author of several minibooks and is the co-author of CCEF's *Transformation Series Curriculum: How People Change; Relationships - A Mess Worth Making* and the newly released *Change and Your Relationships—A Mess Worth Making Study Guide*.

*Full registration forms for this seminar will be available at the doors to the Sanctuary (where you pick up and drop off your hymnals).*

## **Prayer Requests**

### **Prayer/Praise:**

- Bill Bergen (chemotherapy)
- Judy Kneeshaw (radiation)

### **Pray for those seeking employment or better employment:**

- Elaine Crescent
- Amarnath Boodoosingh

### **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
- Jeff Lee, Reformed University Ministries @ USF

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

# Christian Education – Adults, Youth, & Children

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 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Debbie Vincent & Tami Pothoven	#111
Ages 9-10 / 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Alex & Kelly Fernandez	#105
Jr. High / 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Steve Pothoven	#107
Sr. High / 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> 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*

On June 27, 2010, Pastor John preached a sermon on practicing our faith. Not just knowing about Jesus, but knowing Jesus. Looking at the attitudes of many in our nation, we wonder where has decency, social graces, kindness, respect, etc, etc, gone in our society. Even folks who think of themselves as Christians consider God's rules for living "out dated". Yes, there is a difference between knowing Jesus and knowing about Jesus. The Apostle Paul says that: "our attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus" (Ph 2:5). In other words, Jesus was obedient to God in thought, word, and deed! "Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Ph 2:9-11). The Apostle goes on to say; "continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and act according to His good purpose" (Ph 2:12-13). May God give us grace to "know Jesus" as well as know about Jesus! See you in class!

### **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 summery 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 ~ December 5 – December 11**

**SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 9:00 am  
Congregational Meeting, following morning worship  
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am  
Sunday School, 10:45 am  
  
MS/HS Youth Small Group @ the Dalton's, 5:30 pm

**TUESDAY:** Session Meeting, 7 pm

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

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



**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: 136

Last Sunday's Offering: \$5,187.85

*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	Emily Johnson	Kaela Dalton
Next Week:	Tammy Pothoven	Shannon Pothoven	Maggie Groomes
Dec. 19:	Cathy Armstrong	Cameron Pothoven	Ashley Johnson

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

## *Nursery & Coffee Volunteers*

	<i>Nursery Volunteers</i>	<i>Coffee Volunteers</i>
Today:	TBA	Larry Dickey
Next Week:	TBA	Brian Waugh
Dec. 19:	TBA	Andy Thomson

# December Birthdays & Anniversaries

## *Birthdays*

Anna Claire Lambers 12/3	Bryson Pothoven 12/22
Tom McFarland 12/6	Joey Hickerson 12/23
Alex Fernandez 12/10	Eva White 12/24
Jared Frail 12/12	Grace Morton 12/26
Abby Johnson 12/15	Hannah Johnson 12/27
Pat Bardin 12/16	Carol McFarland 12/30
Dave Bardin 12/17	DJ Koehler 12/30
Jane Lambers 12/20	Andrea Cawley 12/31
Judy Wildeboer 12/20	
Lesley McKenzie 12/20	

## *Anniversaries*

Tom & Andrea Cawley 12/20
Dave & Pat Bardin 12/29

# Sermon Notes

