

Morning Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
December 19, 2010
Fourth 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

*Away in a Manger w/ Brahm's Waltz, Op. 39, No. 15 –
arr. Gail Smith*

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Choral Call to Worship

Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts - Saint Saens

Praise ye the Lord of hosts, sing His salvation,
Bless His name, show forth His praise in His holy house.

Rejoice, ye heavens, and be joyful on earth,
Rejoice in the face of the Lord, for He cometh, Alleluia.

Rejoice ye angels, rejoice all ye nations,
Now in the face of the Lord, for He cometh, Alleluia.

**** Glorifying God in Song**

Angels We Have Heard On High

Hymn #214

**** 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

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹ “Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.” ¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³ Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of men? Will you try the patience of my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:10-14

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Confession of Our Sins & Assurance of Pardon

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

- A prayer attributed to St. Francis

The Musical Offering

The Second Scripture Lesson

¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God— ² the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures ³ regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, ⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. ⁵ Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith. ⁶ And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. ⁷ To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:1-7

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

O Beloved Shepherds - Hammerschmidt

Angel

O beloved shepherds, beloved, be not afraid.
For, behold, I bring unto you joyful, joyful tidings,
which to all people shall be proclaimed.

Response

Joyful, joyful tidings, joyful tidings.

Angel

To you the Savior is born, which is the Christ and our Lord,
Be not afraid!

Response

Oh, joyful, joyful tidings, joyful tidings.

Shepherds

To us the Savior is born, born in the city of David,
which is the Christ, the Christ and our Lord.

Response

Oh, joyful, joyful tidings, joyful tidings.

Angel

And this sign I give you: the little Babe ye shall find in swaddling clothes in a manger, in a little manger lying. Be not afraid!

Shepherds

Give heed, my heart, lift up thine eyes!
What lies there in the manger small? Who is this lovely Child so fair?
It is the blessed Christ Child lying there.

Angel

Be not afraid! It is the blessed Christ Child lying there.

Response

Joyful, joyful tidings, joyful tidings.
Glory to God in the highest, peace unto all men and on earth
all good will to mankind!

The Third Scripture Lesson

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.” ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Matthew 1:18-25

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

**** Offertory Hymn**

Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymn #193

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

¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with God’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Romans 12:12-13

The Offertory

Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming

*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**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymn #203

**** Benediction**

Postlude

O Come All Ye Faithful - Moser

*** 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



Las Posadas - TONIGHT – 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. The group will then proceed back to the church. The night will end with a simple fiesta, food, and marshmallows roasted over a fire pit. The celebration will be held **TONIGHT**, beginning at the church at **6:30 pm**. One and all are welcome to join in the celebration.

Christmas Eve Worship Service - Please join us at **6:00 pm** on **Friday, December 24** for our annual candle light Christmas Eve Service.



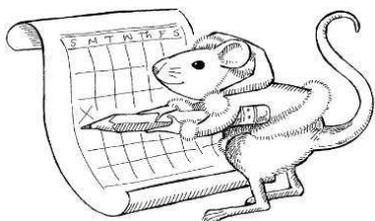
Southland Student Conference: Middle School Mid-Winter Retreat: weekend of February 18 - 20, 2011.

Southland is the same group of youth workers (from our presbytery as well as North and Central Florida presbyteries) who plan our summer camp at Kulaqua. Mid-Winter is a mini-camp experience in the middle of the school year. Like everything Southland does there is great worship, teaching, fellowship and fun. The cost is \$99 if you register and pay your deposit by January 9, 2011. *If you are considering having your child attend, please let Danny Dalton know as soon as possible.*



Save the Dates! – Exciting things are happening behind the scenes here at SPC. We are in the process of developing an all-encompassing evening program for children (5 and up) through adults; the programs will be held on select Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Save the following dates and check back here in the coming weeks for more details: January 23, February 27, March 20, and April 10.

Programming Note – Please be advised that Sunday School will be suspended on Sunday, December 26 and Sunday, January 2 for the Christmas and New Year holidays. Our Worship Service will be held at its regular time, 9:00 am, followed by a time of fellowship at 10:15 am.



Church Office Schedule – Please note that the church office will be closed from December 24 through January 2; the office will reopen Monday, January 3. If you have contributions for the 2010 tax year, please simply mail them on or before the 31st of December (versus hand delivering to the office).

End of Year Contributions - This is a reminder that for any contributions to count for the 2010 tax year, they must be postmarked to the church by December 31, 2010. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Toenes.



Boxed Offering Envelope Sets - Boxed offering envelope sets will be made available upon request. **Envelopes are NOT required or needed.** Only request a set if they assist you in keeping up with your tithe and contributions. Contact Jackie if you would like a set: jtoenes@seminolepca.org or leave a message at 220.4095.

By Faith Magazine – Complimentary copies of By Faith magazine (a publication of our church's denomination) have been made available to our congregation. Pick up your copy (one per family) today where you drop off your hymnal.

PCA Christmas Offering – If you would like to give towards the 2010 PCA Christmas Offering, we can forward your check to the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund, however, please make your check out to: **PCA Ministerial Relief** NOT to SPC. You may place your check in the offering plate. Alternatively, feel free to mail your contribution directly to the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund to the address printed on the enclosed flyer.



In Christian Sympathy - Please join us in expressing our deepest Christian sympathy to Kit Rackham in the loss of her step-father, Mr. Vernon Bryant, who passed away at the age of 98 on Sunday, December 12. Mr. Bryant was a retired merchant seaman, a proud member of Seafarers International Union, and was a kind, quiet man who loved fishing, gardening, and recounting stories of his years at sea. Funeral services were held on Friday, December 17 at Garden of Memories Funeral Home.



Marriage, Family & Friendships

Seminar Speaker: Tim Lane

(Executive Director, *Christian Counseling & Education Foundation*)
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 - 2nd 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).



The beautiful poinsettias gracing our platform were given by the following:

† *Ken & Susan Smith in honor of the Christian leadership provided by Ken Smith Sr. to the Smith family.*

† *Marsha Craig in honor of Hadley Grace & Paige Elizabeth Mattice; and loving memory of her parents, Robert & Mildred Preisen.*

† *Preston & Judy Kneeshaw in memory of Dana Hammar, and E.F. & Lorene Kneeshaw; and in honor of Lillian Hammar, Rachel & Kaitlyn Kneeshaw, and Micah, Hannah, & Jonah Kneeshaw.*

† *Joe DeNitto in honor his parents: Joseph DeNitto Sr. and Ida DeNitto-Mensch.*

† *Ralph & Sheila Colbert for the glory of God at Jesus' birth.*

† *Matthew & Therese McKenzie in honor of their parents Charley & Kathy Langley; and in memory of Melvin & Bernice McKenzie.*

† *David & Pat Bardin in memory of Helen & George Bardin and Cyril & Cornelia King.*

† *Jake & Mary Beckel in honor of the blessings of family and friends.*

† *Brian & Donna Waugh in gratitude for their children: Christopher, Amanda and Casey.*

† *Ines Biedronski to the glory of God.*

† *John & Marilyn Horst to the glory of God.*

† *Robert & Kelly Melendi to the glory of God.*

Prayer Requests

Prayer/Praise:

- Bill Bergen (chemotherapy)
- Judy Kneeshaw (radiation)
- Darby White (shoulder surgery)
- Praise! Tami Pothoven was released from the hospital; continue to pray for a complete recovery from a MRSA infection.
- Praise! For Todd Gartman's new position!

Pray for those seeking employment or better employment:

- Elaine Crescent
- Amarnath Boodoosingh
- Amelia 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

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 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

It has been a very good year for the Walden class and next week we will spend a little time in review for our church family and class members. For this week's update, I do want to thank the Fellows family for hosting our second annual class Christmas party. I would be remiss if we did not also say thank you to all the fine ladies of the adult Sunday school classes for stepping forward and providing the wonderful snacks each week for our church family. "Thank you ladies!"

In our study this morning the Apostle Paul uses himself as an example when it comes to serving our God. Paul says: I was a Hebrew of Hebrews in regard to the Law, a Pharisee, and as for zeal, I persecuted the Church. I consider all this rubbish! What I now know is the power of faith in Christ and His resurrection and the fellowship in sharing in His sufferings and eternal life! (Ph 3:4-11). Paul taught by word and example; may we be found faithful as we teach and lead the young folks entrusted to us. Future generations depend on what we do here and now! 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 19 – December 25

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

Las Posadas, 6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm

FRIDAY: Christmas Eve Service, 6 pm

SATURDAY: Christmas Day

December 24 – January 2 Church Office Closed



December 26: No Sunday School

December 31: New Year's Eve

January 1: New Year's Day

January 2: No Sunday School

SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 139

Last Sunday's Offering: \$5,975.88

*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:	Cathy Armstrong	Cameron Pothoven	Ashley Johnson
Next Week:	Andrea Cawley	Kourtney Melendi	Lesley McKenzie
Jan. 2:	Alina Sanchez	Amanda Waugh	Peter Chang

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

Nursery & Coffee Volunteers

	<i>Nursery Volunteers</i>	<i>Coffee Volunteers</i>
Today:	Mary Beckel	Andy Thomson
Next Week:	Deana Johnson	Randa Gravanti
Jan. 2:	TBA	Ron & Marilyn Quick

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