

Morning Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
December 26, 2010
First Sunday After Christmas

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Silent Night

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:18

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

**** Glorifying God in Song**

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Hymn #200

**** The Invocation**

**** A Christmas Litany**

Leader: The Word was made flesh,

People: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Leader: and dwelt among us,

People: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Leader: Jesus, Son of the living God, splendor of the Father, Light eternal:

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

Leader: Jesus, King of glory, born of the virgin Mary:

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

Leader: Jesus, Wonderful Counselor, mighty God, everlasting Lord:

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

Leader: Jesus, Prince of Peace, Shepherd of souls, perfect in holiness:

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

Leader: Jesus, Good Shepherd, inexhaustible Wisdom, our Way, our Truth,
and our Life:

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

Leader: Jesus, joy of the angels, and crown of the saints:

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

After a brief silence, the leader concludes the litany:

Leader: Christ is born! Give him glory!

Christ has come down from heaven! Receive him!

O earth, sing to the Lord, exalt him!

O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified!

All: Amen

The First Scripture Lesson

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” ² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” ⁴ “You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. ⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.” ¹¹ And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” ¹² The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” ¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Genesis 3:1-15

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

The Confession of Our Sins & Assurance of Pardon

Gracious Father, I am not worthy of blessings and mercies. My depraved nature reveals itself in disobedience and rebellion. I am often discontented, prideful, envious, and revengeful. As I have confessed my guilt, help me to feel it deeply, to hate my sin, yet to remember there is hope in You. Help me to see my Savior who is Christ the Lord and that he takes away sin. Through Him may I return to You, listen to You, trust in You, delight in Your law, obey You, and be upheld by You, for Your glory and the good of my fellow-men. Amen.

- Adapted from The Valley of Vision p.145

The Second Scripture Lesson

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.” ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” ¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Luke 2:8-20

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

Joy to the World – John Rutter

**** Offertory Hymn**

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Hymn #223

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

⁶ “This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. ⁷ I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the LORD Almighty. ⁸ ‘The silver is mine and the gold is mine,’ declares the LORD Almighty. ⁹ ‘The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,’ says the LORD Almighty. ‘And in this place I will grant peace,’ declares the LORD Almighty.”

Haggai 2:6-9

The Offertory

Noel – Balbastre

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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. Danny Dalton
Associate Pastor

**** Glorifying God in Song**
Go, Tell It on the Mountain
Hymn #224

**** Benediction**

Postlude
Angels We Have Heard on High – arr. Jan Sanborn

*** 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.

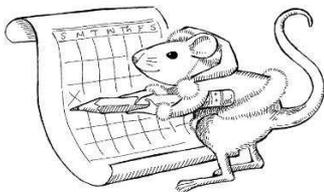
A Special Thank You



“Wow!” Honestly, we (the Staff of Seminole Church) really do not know what else to say...other than a heartfelt “Thank You” for the Staff Appreciation gift we received from the congregation. We recognize the hard economic times we are in the midst of; so, we are deeply touched by the very generous gift. Each of us is already blessed to be working for and beside such a wonderful, loving, and gracious congregation! Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to strive for God’s glory and your benefit in our service to the King!

SPC Family Matters

Programming Note – Please be advised that Sunday School will be suspended TODAY 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 27 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 are available in the narthex area today. **Envelopes are NOT required or needed.** Only take a set if they assist you in keeping up with your tithe and contributions.

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.

Prayer Requests

Prayer/Praise:

- Bill Bergen (chemotherapy)
- Judy Kneeshaw (radiation)
- Darby White (shoulder surgery)
- Al Vincent (Debbie Vincent's husband; heart issues)

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

**** Please note that Sunday School is on hiatus today and Sunday, Jan. 2 ****

| 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

Good morning Seminole! Since we are enjoying our midwinter break as Sunday school teachers, I would like to take a few lines to review the great year 2010 was for the Walden class. As 2010 started, we were in the final chapters of the book of John. This wonderful book, which points to the Second and Third persons (Jesus and the Holy Spirit) of our triune God Head, led us to the study of the Epistle to the Hebrews. As we discovered, this epistle was a great back up for what we had studied in John's gospel. Finishing Hebrews, we progressed to Paul's loving letter to the Philippians. This study has been good for us as we discovered many insights into how a church family responds to its members and fellow believers. That brings us to date. When we return to our normal Sunday schedule, the Walden class will finish this great Epistle and as 2011 progresses our studies will lead us to what I call the "Little Books" (First, Second, Third John, and Jude). The Walden class is looking forward to a great 2011 as we open the "Word of God", and to borrow a phrase, "More Studying, More Doing", that's what we are all about! God Bless, and Happy New Year!

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 ~ December 26 – January 1

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

SATURDAY: New Year's Day

December 27 – January 2 Church Office Closed



January 2: No Sunday School

January 11: Session Meeting

January 23: Sunday Evening Program 5:30 – 7:00 pm

January 27: Deacons' Meeting, 7 pm

SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 137

Last Sunday's Offering: \$5,296.33

*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: | Andrea Cawley | Kourtney Melendi | Lesley McKenzie |
| Next Week: | Alina Sanchez | Amanda Waugh | Peter Chang |
| Jan. 9: | Kelly Fernandez | Grace Gartman | Sammy Fernandez |

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

Nursery & Coffee Volunteers

| | <i>Nursery Volunteers</i> | <i>Coffee Volunteers</i> |
|------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Today: | Deana Johnson | Randa Gravanti |
| Next Week: | Deana Johnson | Ron & Marilyn Quick |
| Jan. 9: | TBA | Larry Dickey |

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 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 | DJKoehler 12/30 |
| Jane Lambers 12/20 | Andrea Cawley 12/31 |
| Judy Wildeboer 12/20 | |
| Lesley McKenzie 12/20 | |

Anniversaries

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