

Morning Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
February 20, 2011
Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

*Please adjust all electronic communication devices so as not to disrupt the service.
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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Morning River

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 24:3-6

Leader: Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?

People: **He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.**

Leader: He will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God his Savior.

ALL: **Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

**** Glorifying God in Song**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Hymn #604

**** 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

¹ I am the man who has seen affliction by the rod of his wrath. ² He has driven me away and made me walk in darkness rather than light; ³ indeed, he has turned his hand against me again and again, all day long. ⁴ He has made my skin and my flesh grow old and has broken my bones. ⁵ He has besieged me and surrounded me with bitterness and hardship. ⁶ He has made me dwell in darkness like those long dead. ⁷ He has walled me in so I cannot escape; he has weighed me down with chains. ⁸ Even when I call out or cry for help, he shuts out my prayer. ⁹ He has barred my way with blocks of stone; he has made my paths crooked. ¹⁰ Like a bear lying in wait, like a lion in hiding, ¹¹ he dragged me from the path and mangled me and left me without help. ¹² He drew his bow and made me the target for his arrows. ¹³ He pierced my heart with arrows from his quiver. ¹⁴ I became the laughingstock of all my people; they mock me in song all day long. ¹⁵ He has filled me with bitter herbs and sated me with gall. ¹⁶ He has broken my teeth with gravel; he has trampled me in the dust. ¹⁷ I have been deprived of peace; I have forgotten what prosperity is. ¹⁸ So I say, “My splendor is gone and all that I had hoped from the LORD.” ¹⁹ I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. ²⁰ I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. ²¹ Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: ²² Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴ I say to myself, “The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.” ²⁵ The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; ²⁶ it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

Lamentations 3:1-26

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 Second Scripture Lesson

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³ I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. ⁸ So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner.

II Timothy 1:1-8a

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.

Musical Offering

**** Offertory Hymn**

Fairest Lord Jesus

Hymn #170

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

The Offertory

Great is Thy Faithfulness

*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**
All the Way My Savior Leads Me
Hymn #605

**** Benediction**

Postlude
Toccata in E Minor - Buxtehude

*** 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

Evening Programming – Our Sunday Evening programming is returning next **Sunday, February 27** beginning at **5:30 pm**. Make plans to join in the fun now! There is something for everyone from children (5 and up) through adults:



- **Children** - Kids 5 years old to 5th grade will participate in a fun-filled program that leads them to: explore Bible stories in wild and whacky ways – sing upbeat songs – play cooperative games – create and participate in special projects – and learn about missions – all while building relationships with other kids, families, and with Jesus!
- **Youth** - Our Student Ministry Small Groups will be meeting at the St. Paul campus for these select evenings only. (Normally the group meets at the Lambers' home.) These will be extra special nights, a little different from the typical small group, so don't miss out. The youth will be meeting in the church office for each of these monthly gatherings.
- **Adults** – Not to be left out, adults are invited to join a time of bible teaching and prayer with Pastor Keen.

Evening programming will be once per month on the following dates: February 27, March 20 and April 10 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. See Jackie Toenes for further information.



Please note that there will be no MS/HS Small Group tonight, Sunday, February 20.

Mission Project



Mission Project: Bay St. Louis, June 11-18, 2011

Early Application Deadline is NEXT SUNDAY!!! Therefore, **high school students and interested adults** turn in your applications (to Danny Dalton or the church office) by next **Sunday, Feb. 27!** For those that need an application, you may pick up one from the ushers at either door.

This short-term mission trip's purpose is to partner with Habitat for Humanity by participating in the restoration of the Mississippi Gulf Coast through the declaration and demonstration of the love of Christ as we do construction work.

Late Application deadline: March 9 (adds \$50 to trip cost)

Middle School Girls Female Camp Leader, July 18-22, 2011

We are still in need of a female camp leader for our middle school girls. The requirements are simple: Do you love the Lord? Do you like middle school students? If you can answer "yes" to both questions, then we have one of the most rewarding jobs for you. We need a female leader to join Associate Pastor Danny Dalton in caring for, loving, praying with, and having a blast with our students at Camp Kulaqua! Please talk to Danny for more information or to volunteer.

Designated Missionary Giving - If you would like to personally contribute to the missionary work of either Don & Judy Vander Ploeg or Dave Hawes, you may do so by making an offering (above and beyond the tithe, please) to the church. Simply make your check out to SPC and write in the memo line the amount being designated to either the Vander Ploegs and/or to Dave Hawes and the church will forward this on to their respective missionary accounts. If you have any questions, please email Jackie Toenes (jtoenes@seminolepca.org).



Missionary Giving



**UPcoming
EVENTS**
February

February 27 – Sunday Evening Programming @ the church; 5:30 pm

March

March 12 – Church Game Night @ Ken & Susan Smith's home; 6:30 pm

March 19 – Culture Tap @ Bryan & Jackie Toenes' home; 6:00 pm

March 20 – Sunday Evening Programming @ the church; 5:30 pm

April

April 2 – Church Picnic @ Lowry Park, Shelter #120; 12:00 pm

April 10 – Sunday Evening Programming @ the church; 5:30 pm

April 16 – Culture Tap @ Jake & Mary Beckel's home; 6:00 pm

April 21 – Maundy Thursday Service @ the church

April 24 – Easter Sunday

May

May 7 – Canoe Trip & Picnic @ Wilderness Park; 9:30 am

May 21 – Culture Tap @ Matt & Therese McKenzie's home; 6:30 pm

June

June 11 – 18 – High School Missions Project @ Bay St. Louis, MS

June 20 – 24 – Vacation Bible School @ the church

July

July 18 - 22 - Middle School Camp @ Camp Kulaqua

Prayer Requests

Prayer/Praise:

- Bob White (Cathy Armstrong's father; surgery recovery)
- Darby White (Shoulder surgery & recovery)
- Thom Nustad (Scott Hickerson's brother-in-law; surgery/recovery)
- Praise! Bill Bergen's cancer scan came back clean!

Pray for those seeking employment or better employment:

- Elaine Crescent
- Amarnath Boodoosingh
- Amelia Boodoosingh
- Dan Fernandez (part-time)

Pray for our missionaries:

- Don & Judy Vander Ploeg, Wycliffe/JAARS in Papua New Guinea
- 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

Adult Classes

Walden Class – Update - Room 108

Teacher: Elder Bill Earnest

Have you ever wondered what the Apostle John meant when he says in I John 2:7 - 8: "Dear friends, I am writing you a new command but an old one - its truth is seen in Him and you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining." We will be discussing that statement, among other things, in the Walden class this morning. However for now, let me give you a little analogy to help you think this over before class today. When something old and well known gets a new "twist," it is re-born. For example, when Kate Melendi bakes her cup cakes for our snack time after church, she puts her special touch on them. The same cup cakes we have been eating for years become dazzling and new! They have come to life as their goodness bursts upon our taste buds! This is the point the Apostle is making in his comments about love, Christian love, Christ's love for us. The Old Testament tells us to love our neighbor, Christ tells us to love our neighbor as yourself. A new command, but an old commandment! The Walden class is for everyone from teenager to senior citizen. You are welcome to join our class this morning; but if not, make sure you get a cup cake, (if there are any left), after church this morning! 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 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 ~ February 20 - 26

- 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



- February 27:** Sunday Evening Program, 5:30 – 7:00 pm
- March 1:** Session Meeting, 7 pm
- March 12:** Game Night @ Ken & Susan Smith's,
6:30 pm

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Attendance, Feb. 6: 135

Last Sunday's Attendance: 125

Offering, Feb. 6: \$6,559.97

Last Sunday's Offering: \$10,908.31

*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:	Therese McKenzie	Adrienne Lambers	Kaela Dalton
Next Week:	Cathy Gartman	Hannah Johnson	Sammy Fernandez
March 6:	Jamie Dalton	Ross Edwards	Peter Chang

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

Nursery & Coffee Volunteers

	<u>Nursery Volunteers</u>	<u>Coffee Volunteers</u>
Today:	Laura Strickland	Brian Waugh
Next Week:	TBA	Andy Thomson
March 6:	Kelly Fernandez	Randa Gravanti

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Mildred Allen 2/2	Chip Johnson 2/22
Rob Edwards 2/2	Sarah Zak 2/22
Jackie Toenes 2/7	Pam Irwin 2/22
Grace Keen 2/9	Sadie Edwards 2/25
Lois Callen 2/12	Danny Dalton 2/26
Alex Johnson 2/13	Jon Irwin 2/28
Nora Fernandez 2/13	.
Connie Trim 2/13	

Anniversaries

Steve & Eva White 2/20	John & Marilyn Horst 2/28
Johnny & Glenda Fellows 2/21	