

**Morning Worship Service 9:00 a.m.**  
**March 27, 2011**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**

*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**

*Lord Listen to Your Children* - arr. Larsen  
*Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.*

**Call to Worship**  
*Hebrews 12:1-3*

- Leader:** Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.
- People:** Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- ALL:** Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

**\*\* Glorifying God in Song**  
*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
Hymn #38

**\*\* 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**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." <sup>2</sup> The LORD will extend your mighty scepter from Zion; you will rule in the midst of your enemies. <sup>3</sup> Your troops will be willing on your day of battle. Arrayed in holy majesty, from the womb of the dawn you will receive the dew of your youth. <sup>4</sup> The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." <sup>5</sup> The Lord is at your right hand; he will crush kings on the day of his wrath. <sup>6</sup> He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead and crushing the rulers of the whole earth. <sup>7</sup> He will drink from a brook beside the way; therefore he will lift up his head.

Psalm 110

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 the Lamb that 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."

-Adapted from The Valley of Vision p.145

**\*\* Glorifying God in Song**  
*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*  
Hymn #247

## The Second Scripture Lesson

<sup>1</sup> At this time Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Kedorlaomer king of Elam and Tidal king of Goiim <sup>2</sup> went to war against Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar). <sup>3</sup> All these latter kings joined forces in the Valley of Siddim (the Salt Sea). <sup>4</sup> For twelve years they had been subject to Kedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled. <sup>5</sup> In the fourteenth year, Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him went out and defeated the Rephaites in Ashteroth Karnaim, the Zuzites in Ham, the Emites in Shaveh Kiriathaim <sup>6</sup> and the Horites in the hill country of Seir, as far as El Paran near the desert. <sup>7</sup> Then they turned back and went to En Mishpat (that is, Kadesh), and they conquered the whole territory of the Amalekites, as well as the Amorites who were living in Hazazon Tamar. <sup>8</sup> Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) marched out and drew up their battle lines in the Valley of Siddim <sup>9</sup> against Kedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goiim, Amraphel king of Shinar and Arioch king of Ellasar—four kings against five. <sup>10</sup> Now the Valley of Siddim was full of tar pits, and when the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some of the men fell into them and the rest fled to the hills. <sup>11</sup> The four kings seized all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food; then they went away. <sup>12</sup> They also carried off Abram's nephew Lot and his possessions, since he was living in Sodom. <sup>13</sup> One who had escaped came and reported this to Abram the Hebrew. Now Abram was living near the great trees of Mamre the Amorite, a brother of Eshcol and Aner, all of whom were allied with Abram. <sup>14</sup> When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he called out the 318 trained men born in his household and went in pursuit as far as Dan. <sup>15</sup> During the night Abram divided his men to attack them and he routed them, pursuing them as far as Hobah, north of Damascus. <sup>16</sup> He recovered all the goods and brought back his relative Lot and his possessions, together with the women and the other people.

<sup>17</sup> After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). <sup>18</sup> Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, <sup>19</sup> and he blessed Abram,

saying, “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth.<sup>20</sup> And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand.” Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.<sup>21</sup> The king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself.”<sup>22</sup> But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, and have taken an oath<sup>23</sup> that I will accept nothing belonging to you, not even a thread or the thong of a sandal, so that you will never be able to say, ‘I made Abram rich.’<sup>24</sup> I will accept nothing but what my men have eaten and the share that belongs to the men who went with me—to Aner, Eshcol and Mamre. Let them have their share.”

Genesis 14

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

*God Be In My Head* - John Leavitt

God be in my head and in my understanding.  
God be in my eyes and in my looking.  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.  
God be in my heart and in my thinking.  
God be in my head and in my understanding.  
God be at my end and in my departing.  
Amen, Amen.

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

*Jesus, I am Resting, Resting*

Hymn #188

(verses 1 and 4 only)

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

<sup>41</sup> Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. <sup>42</sup> But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. <sup>43</sup> Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. <sup>44</sup> They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

Mark 12:41-44

## **The Offertory**

*Alas and Did My Saviour Bleed - arr. Richard Huggins*

*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. Danny Dalton*  
*Associate Pastor*

**\*\* Glorifying God in Song**  
*Like a River Glorious*  
Hymn #699

**\*\* Benediction**

**Postlude**  
*Fugue in D minor - J.S. Bach*

*\*\* 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.*

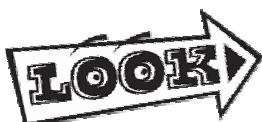
### **Deacons' Mercy Line (813) 774-3881 , Ext. 744**

*If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please call this church phone extension; a deacon generally checks the line daily.*

## SPC Family Matters

# CHURCH PICNIC

Please make plans to join us **THIS Saturday, April 2 at 12:00 pm** for SPC's Church Picnic at Lowry Park in Tampa. We will gather in Shelter #120, which is just off of North Boulevard and Flora Avenue. *SPC will provide hamburgers/hotdogs (and the trimmings) and drinks; you are asked to bring a side-dish or dessert to share.*



**Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 29 to Jackie Toenes if you are planning to attend!**

813.220.4095 or [jtoenes@seminolepca.org](mailto:jtoenes@seminolepca.org)



**Baby Food Jars Needed!** – We are in need of about 20 glass baby food jars for an upcoming craft project. If you or someone you know has access to some jars, please let Debbie Vincent know. She can be reached at 813.969.2032.



## Now recruiting VBS volunteers!!

If you like to paint, throw parties, act, decorate, build stuff, or interact with kids, we need you! We have a variety of jobs to fill, so don't let your talents sit idle. VBS will run June 20-24, but even if you aren't available that week, there are many preparations to complete before then. To volunteer or for more information on how you can help, contact Kelly Fernandez at 969-3610 or kellyjfernandez@hotmail.com.

**Special Event - Conversations that Matter: Can a Truly Loving God Crucify His Own Son?** Some have called the atonement "divine child abuse." How does God address this charge through his scriptures? Teacher Jerry Bridges will engage in an important conversation: "Can a Truly Loving God Crucify His Own Son?" A time of Q & A will follow. The event will be held at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, March 29, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! Contact: Steve Light steven.light@gmail.com for more information. Holy Trinity is located at 350 S Hyde Park Ave in Tampa; (813) 259-3500.

## Our Condolences



Our deepest Christian sympathy goes out to the Smith family on the loss of Mrs. Marian Smith, long time Seminole member and mother of Ken Smith, Jr.; Marian passed away Monday, March 20. Please continue to pray for Ken and Susan Smith, as well as Ken's sisters and their respective families, as they grieve the loss of a dear mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

# Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

## **Prayer/Praise:**

- Preston Kneeshaw (tumor/kidney; surgery recovery)
- Wesley Hamilton (Don & Glee Hamilton's grandson; strengthen heart and lungs following premature birth)
- Roy Echevarria (Raquel Fernandez's father; tumor/bladder; surgery recovery)

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

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| ▪ Elaine Crescent      | ▪ Amelia Boodoosingh        |
| ▪ Amarnath 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](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	Richard Zak	#107
Sr. High / 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Randy Johnson	#101
Adult – Walden Class	Bill Earnest	#108
Adult – Christian, What Do You Believe?	Bryan Toenes	#100
Adult – Life & Teaching of Paul	Danny Dalton	#102

## **Adult Classes**

### **Walden Class – Update - Room 108**

*Teacher: Elder Bill Earnest*

For those of you who follow the class updates, the study today will be from I John 2: 21-29. The apostle states to his readers that: "I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie comes from the truth." It is interesting that the Apostle should make such a statement because one could say: "why write"? The question we will discuss in class today is just that, "why write"; what is the point John is putting forth for us to consider? We must remember why this epistle was written in the first place, and what it has to say to us in March 2011. Within the Apostle's writings are warnings, encouragement, and the first line of defense against false teaching then and now.

Come join the discussion this morning, you will be blessed, and better prepared to face the evils that attack your faith every day. See you in class after fellowship time just turn right when leaving the fellowship room and follow the hallway down to room 108. Our door is always open.

### **Christian, What Do You Believe? - Room 100**

*Teacher: Deacon Bryan Toenes*

Who do YOU say Jesus is? This is probably the most fundamental question every single Christian has had to answer for the past 2,000 years. How does Scripture answer this question? How did the early Church answer this question? If you want to find out more, join us this morning as we continue to mine sacred scripture, in the light of the continual witness of the broader Christian tradition, to sharpen our focus on the fundamentals of the faith once delivered to the saints. This class meets in Room 100 of the Snyder Building.

### **Life and Teaching of Paul – Room 102**

*Teacher: Associate Pastor Danny Dalton*

This class will study an overview of the Apostle to the Gentiles' life and theology through selections from the book of Acts and Pauline epistles. Topics studied will be Paul's conversion, his three missionary journeys, as well as his imprisonments. We will broadly survey most of his thirteen letters. Come fall more deeply in love with Jesus, the Savior and King whom Paul boldly proclaims. This class will meet in Room 102 of the Snyder Building.

## This Week at SPC ~ March 27 – April 2

<b>SUNDAY:</b>	Morning Worship, 9:00 am Fellowship Time, 10:15 am Sunday School, 10:45 am
	MS/HS Youth Small Groups @ the Lambers' home, 5:30 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	Deacons' Meeting, 7 pm
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	Seniors' Covenant Group, 10 am
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	Church Picnic @ Lowry Park, 12:00 pm



<b>April 5:</b>	Session Meeting, 7:00 pm
<b>April 10:</b>	Sunday Evening Program, 5:30 – 7:00 pm
<b>April 16:</b>	Culture Tap @ Jake & Mary Beckel's, 6:00 pm

## SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 127

Last Sunday's Offering: \$7,744.27

*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	Alex Johnson	Maggie Groomes
Next Week:	Andrea Cawley	Kate Melendi	Johnny Hickerson
April 10:	Kelly Melendi	Kendall Melendi	Ashley Johnson

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

## *Nursery & Coffee Volunteers*

	<u>Nursery Volunteers</u>	<u>Coffee Volunteers</u>
Today:	TBA	Brian Waugh
Next Week:	TBA	Andy Thomson
April 10:	TBA	Randa Gravanti

## *March Birthdays & Anniversaries*

### *Birthdays*

. Lisa Johnson 3/3  
Jean Mathis 3/5  
Alina Sanchez 3/6  
Becca Armstrong 3/11  
Susan Smith 3/12  
Marilyn Horst 3/13  
Virginia Dohle 3/17  
Dan Fernandez 3/19  
Kit Rackham 3/22  
Ralph Colbert 3/27  
Bill Alboth 3/28  
Diane Keen 3/29

### *Anniversaries*

Gregg & Sally Quick 3/18