

Morning Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
April 3, 2011
Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Prelude

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Leader: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

People: **Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.**

Leader: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

People: **Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.**

Leader: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

People: **Oh, that today you would hear his voice: “Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works.”**

ALL: **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

**** Glorifying God in Song**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Hymn #235

**** 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 The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?" ³ But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?" ⁴ Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ The LORD answered Moses, "Walk on ahead of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Exodus 17:1-7

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

⁷ So, as the Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you hear his voice, ⁸ do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the desert, ⁹ where your fathers tested and tried me and for forty years saw what I did. ¹⁰ That is why I was angry with that generation, and I said, ‘Their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.’ ¹¹ So I declared on oath in my anger, ‘They shall never enter my rest.’ ” ¹² See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³ But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness. ¹⁴ We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first. ¹⁵ As has just been said: “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion.” ¹⁶ Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? ¹⁷ And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the desert? ¹⁸ And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? ¹⁹ So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

¹ Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. ² For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith. ³ Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said, “So I declared on oath in my anger, ‘They shall never enter my rest.’” And yet his work has been finished since the creation of the world. ⁴ For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: “And on the seventh day God rested from all his work.” ⁵ And again in the passage above he says, “They shall never enter my rest.” ⁶ It still remains that some will enter that rest, and those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did not go in, because of their disobedience. ⁷ Therefore God again set a certain day, calling it Today, when a long time later he spoke through David, as was said before: “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” ⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. ⁹ There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; ¹⁰ for anyone who enters God’s rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience.

Hebrews 3:7 - 4:11

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

Patiently Have I Waited - Saint-Saens/ arr. Haan

Patiently, patiently have I waited for the Lord.
Patiently, patiently, patiently have I waited for the Lord,
Have I waited, have I waited for the Lord,
And Lo! He heard my cry, and Lo! He heard my cry,
And Lo! He heard, and Lo! He heard,
And Lo! He heard, and Lo! He heard my cry.

The Third Scripture Lesson

¹ The Pharisees heard that Jesus was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John, ² although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. ³ When the Lord learned of this, he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. ⁴ Now he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?" ¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

John 4:1-14

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

**** Offertory Hymn**
We Gather Together
Hymn #363

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

⁸ I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

II Corinthians 8:8-9

The Offertory

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - arr. Don Wyrzten

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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. John K. Keen

Senior Pastor

**** Glorifying God in Song**
What Wondrous Love is This
Hymn #261
(verses 1-2, only)

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

**** Glorifying God in Song**
What Wondrous Love is This
Hymn #261
(verse 3 only)

**** Benediction**

Postlude
Prelude and Fugue in A 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. 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, April 10** 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! The kids will meet in Rooms 107-109.
- **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 in Room 108.



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.

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.



Easter Lilies – If you are interested in ordering Easter Lilies this year, they will be \$7 each. Place the completed form (found as an insert in this bulletin) *along with your payment* in the offering plate. (*Payment must be received before the flowers are ordered.*) The order deadline is Sunday, April 10.

Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Service - Please make plans to join us for a very special worship service where we reflect on the ministry and ultimate sacrifice of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This “Service of Darkness” will be held on **Maundy Thursday, April 21 beginning at 7:00pm** in the Sanctuary.





Easter Sunday, April 24 – Death could not hold him! Celebrate our resurrected Lord with us on Easter Sunday, April 24. Following the morning’s celebration, we will have a continental breakfast/time of fellowship in the Snyder Building. *(Please note: Sunday School will be suspended for this morning.)*

Mission Project



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

Our team for this Mission Project is now formed and they need your help to get them to Bay St. Louis. There are 600 miles between Tampa and Bay St. Louis and the team needs \$1,950 to cover vehicle rentals, insurance, and gasoline; that is approximately \$3.25 per mile. How can you help? Sponsor miles!

Over the next few months, student team members will make themselves available for “hire”; monies earned will go toward mile sponsorship. Additionally, the team is seeking out sponsors who would be willing to “purchase miles” by making donations toward these transportation expenses. To date, the team has received support for 154 miles; will you consider contributing toward the remaining 446? For more information, contact Danny Dalton: 767-7016 or ddalton@seminolepca.org.

Church Canoe Trip – Make plans now to join in the fun on **Saturday, May 7** when we will launch canoes from *Wilderness Park – Morris Bridge* beginning at **9:30 am**. We will travel as a group 4 miles downstream on the Hillsborough River to *Wilderness Park – Trout Creek* where we will join in a time of fellowship with each other around 12:00 pm at the River Shelter (closest to the river).



RSVP now for a spot in one of the church’s canoes – seats are limited and are available on a first come, first serve basis. If you have your own canoe, you are more than welcome to join the SPC Flotilla (just let Jackie know you’re interested in being a part)! **Contact Jackie Toenes with questions, for reservations, and/or directions: 220-4095 or jtoenes@seminolepca.org.**

Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

Prayer/Praise:

- Preston Kneeshaw (tumor/kidney cancer)
- Raquel Fernandez (recurring illness)
- Mission Project: Bay St. Louis

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

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	Richard Zak	#107
Sr. High / 9 th -12 th 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

1 John chapter three will be the commencement point for the Walden class this morning. The Apostle starts the chapter with a wonderful statement for all Christians. "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" (1 John 3:1) In our world, with all the bad news we receive, this is truly some very good news to our ears. To know that God has "lavished" His love on us, is a message many of us need right now. "Thank you Father for telling us that today."

This chapter is full of much need good news. As a matter of fact we are in the same situation as the folks who received this epistle in the first place. The Gospel was under attack by Gnosticism. There were those with in the Church who denied that Christ is fully man and fully God. They said He was a spirit in a man's body and therefore the flesh was evil and it did not matter how one used it; only the spirit counted for righteousness. In our world we fight this same battle with the forces of "enlightenment." So much to contemplate today, don't miss a minute of class. Join us in room 108 of the Snyder building for the discussion. See you in class.

Christian, What Do You Believe? - Room 100

Teacher: Deacon Bryan Toenes

Why did God become a man? If you said it was for our sins, you would be correct. But why exactly was his death necessary? What is the meaning of his death on the cross? You might be surprised at how the Church has answered that question at various times over the years. 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 ~ April 3 - 9

- SUNDAY:** 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
- TUESDAY:** Session Meeting, 7:00 pm
- WEDNESDAY:** Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
- FRIDAY:** Seniors' Covenant Group, 10 am



- April 10:** Sunday Evening Program, 5:30 – 7:00 pm
- April 16:** Culture Tap @ Jake & Mary Beckel's,
6:00 pm
- April 21:** Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm
- April 24:** Easter Sunday

SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 127

Last Sunday's Offering: \$7,480.89

*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	Kate Melendi	Johnny Hickerson
Next Week:	Kelly Melendi	Kendall Melendi	Ashley Johnson
April 17:	Gail Chang	Emily Johnson	Lesley McKenzie

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

Nursery & Coffee Volunteers

	<i>Nursery Volunteers</i>	<i>Coffee Volunteers</i>
Today:	Amanda Waugh	Andy Thomson
Next Week:	Deana Johnson	Randa Gravanti
April 17:	TBA	Ron & Marilyn Quick

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Amelia Boodoosingh 4/2
Kendall Melendi 4/5
Ben Lambers 4/6
Holly Edwards 4/7
AJ Johnson 4/8
Steve Strickland 4/8
Matthew McKenzie 4/13
Bill Cutler 4/14
Donna Waugh 4/16
Ruth Alboth 4/17

John Horst 4/17
Alynn Cawley 4/17
Shannon Pothoven 4/20
Kelly Melendi 4/23
Christopher Waugh 4/25
Jack Glaze 4/25
Gregg Quick 4/28

Anniversaries

Ken & Susan Smith 4/3
Andy & Kim Thomson 4/6

Brian & Donna Waugh 4/9
Stan & Judy Wildeboer 4/21