

Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM
September 18, 2011
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Praise Ye the Lord - Bonam

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 145 (Selected Verses)

Leader: The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

People: Every day I will bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD and highly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

Leader: The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

People: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

Leader: The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

People: The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

ALL: The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

**** Glorifying God in Song**
Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim
Hymn #165

**** 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 “Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. ² Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. ³ Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. ⁴ See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples. ⁵ Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations that do not know you will hasten to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.” ⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. ⁷ Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. ⁸ “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. ⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. ¹² You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thornbush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briers the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD’s renown, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed.”

Isaiah 55

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Confession of Our Sins

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

Assurance of Pardon

A Time of Sharing: *Don & Judy Vander Ploeg*

The Second Scripture Lesson

²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me. ²⁷ Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

Philippians 1:20-30

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

Proclamation of Praise - Lloyd Larson

Praise to You, our God and King,
forever-more the same,
Your greatness knows no end!
Praise to You, our worship we bring.
You reign in majesty, Redeemer, faithful friend.
Creator of the earth and heavens, You are exalted over all.
We honor You for Your gifts of love, for all things great and small!

Praise to You, our God and King,
forever-more the same,
Your greatness knows no end!
Praise to You, our worship we bring.
Your reign in majesty, Redeemer, faithful friend.
From You, O God, comes strength and power.
With hearts of thanks we do adore.
We praise Your holy name, Your love and grace proclaim!
You're eternally the same, O God!

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!
Praise to You, our God and King, forever-more the same,
Your greatness we proclaim on high! Amen.

The Third Scripture Lesson

¹ “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. ³ “About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ ⁵ So they went. “He went out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour and did the same thing. ⁶ About the eleventh hour he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ ⁷ “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. “He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’ ⁸ “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’ ⁹ “The workers who were hired about the eleventh hour came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² ‘These men who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’ ¹³ “But he answered one of them, ‘Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius?’ ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Matthew 20:1-16

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

**** Offertory Hymn**
For the Beauty of the Earth
Hymn #116

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

⁶ “I the LORD do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. ⁷ Ever since the time of your forefathers you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the LORD Almighty. “But you ask, ‘How are we to return?’ ⁸ “Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How do we rob you?’ “In tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me. ¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.

Malachi 3:6-10

The Offertory

Abide with Me w/ Beethoven's Adagio - arr. Gail Smith

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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**
I Am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice
Hymn #533

**** Benediction**

Postlude

*** 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



Special Guests - Don & Judy Vander Ploeg are visiting our congregation today. The Vander Ploegs, who have been serving Wycliff in Papua New Guinea the past few years, are on Home Ministry Assignment. If you would like to hear more about their ministry, please join them after worship in the Walden Sunday School Class, which meets in Room 108. *(All other Sunday Schools will continue as normal.)*



NEW Member Class

New Membership Class - There will be a new membership class beginning Sunday, September 25. This class will meet during the Sunday School hour in Room 100 and be led by Elder Randy Johnson and Associate Pastor Danny Dalton. If you are interested in joining SPC, or just want to learn a little bit more about SPC, feel free to join in. (You are *not* required to become a member following the class.)

To the Women of
Seminole Presbyterian Church-
"The Survey Says..."
You are invited to attend

The Women's Ministry
Kickoff Dinner

Hosted by Diane Keen and Kelly Fernandez
at the Keen Residence on Friday,
October 7, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Following dinner, we will be discussing the future of
women's ministry at SPC and how we can strengthen
our relationships with Christ, one another, and our
community.

Please RSVP by Friday, September 30th to

Kelly Fernandez at (813)969-3610 or
kellyjfernandez@hotmail.com.

Please contact Kelly with any questions or if you need
transportation.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP MINI-RETREAT



Nov. 11-12

Invited: All High School Students

During this retreat we will unveil a new student leadership ministry! If you have any interest in becoming a student leader then you need to sign up. Even if you do not think of

yourself as a student leader, you should still make plans to attend, as you may be surprised at what God does in your heart.

The Mini-Retreat will be at Day Spring Conference Center in Ellenton, FL. For more info, contact associate pastor Danny.

To sign up you need:

- \$25 before October 2 (\$35 after)
- Notarized Medical Release form (note everyone will need a new one, as the form from the summer is expired)



It is with saddened hearts that we say “goodbye” to one of our Seminole Church members, Ms. Jean Mathis, who passed away Wednesday, September 14. A grave-side service was held for Jean at Garden of Memories on Friday, September 16. Please be

in prayer for Jean’s children, Gary Mathis and Gail Pippin, and their respective families as they grieve the loss of a beloved mother and grandmother. Jean, and her smile, will certainly be missed.

We rejoice with Dave Hawes in the birth of his second grandson born to Dave’s son & daughter-in-law, James and Darcy. Caleb James made his debut on August 28 weighing in at 7 lbs. 4 oz. Dave asks for your prayers that Caleb will daily grow stronger physically, intellectually, emotionally and spiritually.



Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

Prayer/Praise:

- Preston Kneeshaw (tumor/kidney cancer)
- Marsha Craig (upcoming knee surgery; Sept. 21)
- Amarnath Boodoosingh (recovery from surgery)
- Jean Glaze (upcoming knee surgery)
- Marty “Zak” (broken leg)

Pray for those seeking employment or better employment:

- Elaine Crescent
- Amarnath Boodoosingh

Pray for our missionaries:

- Don & Judy Vander Ploeg, Wycliffe/JAARS; on furlough
- 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 4-6 / K4–1 st Grade	Jamie Dalton & Jane Lambers	#109
Ages 7-8 / 2 nd –3 rd Grade	Cathy & Todd Gartman	#111
Ages 9-10 / 4 th –5 th Grade	Alex & Kelly Fernandez	#105
Jr. High / 6 th –8 th Grade	Danny Dalton & Richard Zak	#107
Sr. High / 9 th –12 th Grade	Ben Lambers	#101
Adult – Walden Class	Bill Earnest	#108
Adult – Worship	Joe DeNitto	Church Office
Adult – Our Covenant God	Bryan Toenes	#102

Current Youth Classes

Middle School: Living the Christian Life

Teachers: Danny Dalton & Richard Zak

This is the fourth and final installment in our journey through the Westminster Shorter Catechism, though they don't have to be taken in order. The first two classes on the WSC look at "what man is to believe concerning God." And then the final two classes look at "what duty God requires of man." Though we may be able to separate these in a classroom setting, these two aspects are never to be separated in one's life. They always go together. There is no true faith without obedience. And there is no real obedience without faith. In this course we study twenty questions #84-88, 90, 92, 94-96, 98-107. Students are challenged to memorize seven of these questions (86, 87, 92, 94, 95, 96, and 98).

High School: Theology 301: Right Living and Worship

Teacher: Ben Lambers

This is the third of four classes as we study the Westminster Confession of Faith. We will cover chapters #16-24 and discuss topics such as "What makes a good work good?" "Can Christians lose their salvation?" "Can someone have full assurance that they are saved?" In addition to these very practical questions we will also discuss God's law, Christian freedom, worship and the Sabbath, oaths & vows, how we are to relate to our government, and marriage. Students will be challenged to complete weekly homework with the goal this course leads to deeper spiritual maturity and better application of Scripture to life.

Current Adult Classes

Walden Class – Update - Room 108

Teacher: Elder Bill Earnest

This morning our church family will be blessed with a visit from Don and Judy Vander Ploeg. As announced, they will be in the Walden class during the Sunday school hour. All are encouraged and invited to join them for an extended report on their ministry in Papua New Guinea. Don and Judy are long time members of Seminole's fellowship and have been supported by our congregation as missionaries for decades.

Many times in our busy world we do not think of all the long and sometimes difficult years God's chosen workers are out in the field serving Him. We support them with prayers and money but that is about the extent of our involvement. This morning we are being given an opportunity from God to give something extra to two very dedicated people in the Lord's work; that is to hear their story from their own lips! Make a little change to your normal Sunday morning routine and come on over to room 108 and give God's missionaries your ear; and support them with a little of yourself. You will be blessed!

Worship - Church Office

Teacher: Elder Joe DeNitto

When you show up on Sunday mornings, how do you know if you have truly worshipped? What is worship? This class will be an in-depth discussion of all facets of worship, exploring what it means to worship God in spirit and in truth. Topics will include Old & New Testament worship, the Regulative Principle, elements of worship and how believers meet with the living God in corporate worship. Music and worship styles will also be included in our study of worship. Come join Elder Joe DeNitto in the church office for this interesting and informative study.

Our Covenant God - Room 102

Teacher: Bryan Toenes

All through sacred scripture we read about various covenants God makes with His people. But what are the practical implications of God's covenants when it comes to how we live out our lives as individuals, as members of a family, as members of a church family, and as Christian pilgrims in this world? This morning we begin our discussion of the Covenant of Grace by which God brings about our redemption. As beneficiaries of God's covenantal blessings, how should we live our lives before the world? In what way does God's grace put us at odds with the world? To find out more, join us in Room 102 as we study the biblical covenants as revealed in sacred scripture.

This Week at SPC ~ Sept. 18-24

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

MS/HS Student Small Groups,
Lambers' Home, 5:30 pm
- WEDNESDAY:** Choir Practice, 7:45 pm
- FRIDAY:** Seniors' Covenant Group, 10 am



- September 29:** Deacons' Meeting, 7 pm
- October 4:** Session Meeting, 7 pm
- October 7:** Women's Ministry Meeting, 6:30 pm
- October 23:** Fall Fellowship, 5 – 8 pm
- October 30:** Presbytery Wide Reformation Day
Service @ Holy Trinity



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 132
Last Sunday's Offering: \$3,647.35

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><i>Teacher</i></u>	<u><i>Helper</i></u>	<u><i>Banner Bearer</i></u>
<i>Today:</i>	<i>Kelly Melendi</i>	<i>Kate Melendi</i>	<i>Maggie Groomes</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Tami Pothoven</i>	<i>Alex Johnson</i>	<i>Julia White</i>
<i>Oct. 2:</i>	<i>Laura Strickland</i>	<i>Shannon Pothoven</i>	<i>Peter Chang</i>

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

Coffee Volunteers

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<i>Today:</i>	<i>Ron & Marilyn Quick</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Larry Dickey</i>
<i>Oct. 2:</i>	<i>Rob Edwards</i>

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

<i>Rachel Strickland 9/1</i>	<i>Kate Melendi 9/23</i>
<i>Jamie Dalton 9/5</i>	<i>Glee Hamilton 9/24</i>
<i>Andrew Johnson 9/6</i>	<i>Mary Earnest 9/25</i>
<i>Meredith Gartman 9/8</i>	<i>Ross Edwards 9/26</i>
<i>Frank Frail 9/10</i>	<i>Cathy Armstrong 9/27</i>
<i>Cameron Pothoven 9/11</i>	<i>Mindy McFarland 9/28</i>
<i>Jonathan Keen 9/14</i>	<i>John McKenzie 9/30</i>
<i>Chloe Cawley 9/15</i>	<i>Paul McKenzie 9/30</i>
<i>Sally Quick 9/22</i>	

Anniversaries

<i>Servy & Raquel Fernandez 9/13</i>	<i>Bill & Mary Earnest 9/29</i>
<i>Ronald & Marilyn Quick 9/15</i>	