

Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM
October 9, 2011
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Please adjust all electronic communication devices so as not to disrupt the service.
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**Welcome & Announcements, and
Presentation of New Members**

Prelude

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalms 67

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us,

People: **that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.**

Leader: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

People: **May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.**

Leader: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

People: **Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.**

ALL: **God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

**** Glorifying God in Song**
All Creatures of Our God and King
Hymn #115

**** 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 When the LORD your God brings you into the land you are entering to possess and drives out before you many nations—the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites, seven nations larger and stronger than you—² and when the LORD your God has delivered them over to you and you have defeated them, then you must destroy them totally. Make no treaty with them, and show them no mercy.³ Do not intermarry with them. Do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons,⁴ for they will turn your sons away from following me to serve other gods, and the LORD's anger will burn against you and will quickly destroy you.⁵ This is what you are to do to them: Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones, cut down their Asherah poles and burn their idols in the fire.⁶ For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.⁷ The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples.⁸ But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your forefathers that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt.⁹ Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.¹⁰ But those who hate him he will repay to their face by destruction; he will not be slow to repay to their face those who hate him.¹¹ Therefore, take care to follow the commands, decrees and laws I give you today.

Deuteronomy 7:1-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Confession of Our Sins

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Episcopal Book of Common Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Musical Offering

The Second Scripture Lesson

¹ I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, ⁴ the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. ⁵ Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen. ⁶ It is not as though God’s word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. ⁷ Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham’s children. On the contrary, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” ⁸ In other words, it is not the natural children who are God’s children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham’s offspring. ⁹ For this was how the promise was stated: “At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son.” ¹⁰ Not only that, but Rebekah’s children had one and the same father, our father Isaac. ¹¹ Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God’s purpose in election might stand: ¹² not by works but by him who calls—she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³ Just as it is written: “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.” ¹⁴ What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! ¹⁵ For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” ¹⁶ It does not, therefore, depend on man’s desire or effort, but on God’s mercy. ¹⁷ For the Scripture says to Pharaoh: “I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” ¹⁸ Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden.

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¹⁹ One of you will say to me: “Then why does God still blame us? For who resists his will?” ²⁰ But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? “Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, ‘Why did you make me like this?’” ²¹ Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use? ²² What if God, choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath—prepared for destruction? ²³ What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory— ²⁴ even us, whom he also called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles? ²⁵ As he says in Hosea: “I will call them ‘my people’ who are not my people; and I will call her ‘my loved one’ who is not my loved one,” ²⁶ and, “It will happen that in the very place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ they will be called ‘sons of the living God.’” ²⁷ Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: “Though the number of the Israelites be like the sand by the sea, only the remnant will be saved. ²⁸ For the Lord will carry out his sentence on earth with speed and finality.” ²⁹ It is just as Isaiah said previously: “Unless the Lord Almighty had left us descendants, we would have become like Sodom, we would have been like Gomorrah.” ³⁰ What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; ³¹ but Israel, who pursued a law of righteousness, has not attained it. ³² Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the “stumbling stone.” ³³ As it is written: “See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”

Romans 9

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

Create In Me - Michael Burkhardt

Verse:

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Repeat verse

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Repeat verse

And renew a right spirit within me.

The Third Scripture Lesson

¹ Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. ⁴ “Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ “But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶ The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹ Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹² ‘Friend,’ he asked, ‘how did you get in here without wedding clothes?’ The man was speechless. ¹³ “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie his hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

Matthew 22:1-14

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

**** Offertory Hymn**
Now Thank We All Our God
Hymn #98

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

²³ “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.

Matthew 23:23

The Offertory

*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**
What Wondrous Love is This
Hymn #261

**** 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



Please join us in welcoming our new SPC members: Emily Johnson, who is joining by profession of faith; and Tami Lang and her son, Daniel, who are both joining by reaffirmation of faith.

Fall Fellowship

We are planning our Fourth Annual Fall Fellowship for **Sunday evening (5 – 8 pm), October 23**. The church will provide hamburgers/hotdogs (and the fixings), as well as drinks. Please bring a picnic side dish or dessert to share. *And don't forget your already carved pumpkin for the jack-o-lantern competition!*



Help is needed to make this event a success. Areas where you can be of service:



- Grilling
- Food/Condiment Prep
- Table Set up
- Event Decoration
- Team Games Leader
- Table Breakdown
- Clean up

**RSVP if you
are planning to attend!**

*To volunteer or to RSVP,
please contact Jackie Toenes:
jtoenes@seminolepca.org or 220.4095.*



A Special
THANK YOU



Dear Friends,

For the last year and a half, our family has needed so much support and you provided that from the beginning with lots of wonderful meals, getting us to doctor appointments, caring for Preston, lots of cards and phone calls, and on and on. You gave again and again, and then you gave some more.

But above all these amazing hands-on gifts, you prayed for us. No matter the request, you stepped into the breach and lifted us up to our Heavenly Father. We could feel every prayer. So to say a simple "thank you" seems very inadequate, but is all we can give.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts,

The Preston Kneeshaw Family

PCA Reformation Service - The Tampa Area PCA Reformation Day Worship Service will be held at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church, located at 350 S. Hyde Park Ave, Tampa FL, on **Sunday, October 30, 2011 at 6:00 PM**. Each family is asked to bring a plate of refreshments to share following worship. For directions or more information, please visit www.holytrinitypca.org or contact Steve Casselli at s.casselli@verizon.net or Dustyn Eudaly at d.eudaly@verizon.net.

Additionally, SPC has been put in charge of cleanup for this service, so we are in need of a few people to help clean up following the fellowship time. If you can help, please contact the church office (813.774.3881 or church@seminolepca.org) or Danny Dalton (813.767.7016).



This is Culture Tap! - Join us as we tap into themes of philosophy, worldviews, faith, and relationships as they are used in film. **Friday, November 4**, we will meet at Matt & Therese

McKenzie's home (316 Savannah Oaks Place; Seffner 33584) beginning at **7:00 pm** for a time of fellowship, film selection, and discussion following the film. The film will be *The Social Network*. One and all are welcome to join in the fun and discussions. Call Therese to RSVP or for directions: 813-315-8089.



Our condolences go out to the family of Mr. Glenn Dohle, who passed away on Wednesday, October 5, 2011. Mr. Dohle was a home-bound member of SPC, as well as an officer (serving first as a deacon, then as an elder in the 1960's and 70's). He served in the United States

Army during WWII in the South Pacific where he met his loving wife of 65 years, Virginia Dohle. After 26 years of service with the City of Tampa Fire Department, he retired as Chief of Maintenance. In retirement, Glenn enjoyed fishing and hunting at Chassahowitzka. A funeral service was held on Saturday, October 8. Please lift up Glenn's wife, Virginia, as well as their children and respective families as they grieve the loss of a husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.



Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

Prayer/Praise:

- Judy Kneeshaw
- Marsha Craig (recovery from knee surgery)
- Amarnath Boodoosingh (recovery from surgery)
- Jean Glaze (recovery from knee surgery)
- Connie Frail (recovery from knee surgery, Oct. 10)
- Mel Lewis (recovery from hip replacement surgery)

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 Adult Classes

Walden Class – Update - Room 108

Teacher: Elder Bill Earnest

This past Tuesday the Session of Seminole church met to conduct church business. What is special about this event is it will be the first time in many years that the third seat on my right will be forever empty. That's where my friend, mentor, and Christian brother, Preston Kneeshaw sat. From that position Preston would watch that your Session would do what he perceived (always with gentleness) to be in the best interest for our part in the body of Christ. He always did his best to impart the wisdom God gave him to this congregation and the office he held as a servant of Christ.

Preston was also a member of the Walden Sunday school class. When we held our picnics, outings, and "get togethers" he was right there cooking for and/or serving the class. When we had a church event, you would find Preston ministering to his church family in one way or another. He was a kid magnet; they loved this 6 ft 2 man who always could make them laugh. We miss our brother and look forward to the day when we meet him again in the arms of our beloved Savior.

Join us today in the Walden class as we continue the study of the book of Daniel. See you in class!

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 conclude our discussion of God's covenant with Abraham. What responsibilities do we have toward our children since they are included as members of the covenant? How are those of us not descended from Abraham included in this covenant? To find out more, join us in Room 102 as we study the biblical covenants as revealed in sacred scripture.

This Week at SPC ~ Oct. 9 - 15

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



October 23: Fall Fellowship, 5 – 8 pm

October 27: Deacons' Meeting, 7 pm

October 30: Tampa Area PCA Reformation Day
Service @ Holy Trinity

November 1: Sesson Meeting, 7 pm

November 4: Culture Tap @ the McKenzie's, 7 pm



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 124
Last Sunday's Offering: \$7,584.50

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:	Jamie Dalton	Emily Johnson	Kathryn White
Next Week:	Randa Gravanti	Cameron Pothoven	Sammy Fernandez
Oct. 23:	Donna Waugh	Hannah Johnson	Maggie Groomes

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

Coffee Volunteers

Coffee Volunteers

Today:	Brian Waugh
Next Week:	Andy Thomson
Oct. 23:	Steve Strickland

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Marilyn Quick 10/4	Adrienne Lambers 10/23
Kerri Connolly 10/4	Amanda Waugh 10/23
Allen "Johnny" Fellows 10/5	Casey Waugh 10/24
Allene Cawley 10/5	Amarnath Boodoosingh 10/28
Randa Gravanti 10/6	Deana Johnson 10/29
Brian Waugh 10/21	Becky Groomes 10/29
Tavin Groomes 10/21	Augustina Livesay 10/30
Cindy Kladaakis 10/22	

Anniversaries

Bill & Ruth Alboth 10/15
Bryan & Jackie Toenes 10/17
Ralph & Sheila Colbert 10/19
Rick & Rebekah Brownlee 10/24