

**Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM**  
**November 27, 2011**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

*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**

**Silent Reflection**

Advent means “coming.” It is a time to prepare our hearts to celebrate Christ’s second coming as well as his first. The glowing flames of the candle remind us of the star of Bethlehem, and most of all, the Light of the World Jesus Christ.

Of the five candles, three are blue, one is rose, and one is white. The blue candles represent the attitude of humility and repentance with which we anticipate His coming. The rose candle, the Shepherd’s candle, stands for God’s love and faithfulness. The white candle in the center represents Christ’s holiness and perfection.

The First Candle is the prophecy candle. It reminds us that Christ’s coming was revealed by God through the prophets hundreds of years before Christ was born.

**Prelude**

*Unto the Hills I Lift Mine Eyes –*  
**Scottish Psalter, arr. by Staneslow**

*Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.*

# Call to Worship

*Psalm 98*

- Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
- People: The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**
- Leader: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- People: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;**
- Leader: make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,
- People: with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn— shout for joy before the LORD, the King.**
- Leader: Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.
- People: Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;**
- ALL: let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.**

**\*\* Glorifying God in Song**  
*Of the Father's Love Begotten*  
Hymn #162

## **\*\* The Invocation**

## **\*\* The Nicene Creed**

*We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## **The Sacrament of Baptism**

*Dominick Gregory Zak*

*Martin Alexander Zak*

## The First Scripture Lesson

<sup>10</sup> Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, <sup>11</sup> “Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.” <sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test.” <sup>13</sup> Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of men? Will you try the patience of my God also? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup> He will eat curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right. <sup>16</sup> But before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste.

Isaiah 7:10-16

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

## The Confession of Our Sins

*O God of all goodness, what shall we render to thee for the gift of gifts, thine own dear Son, our redeemer, proxy, surety, and substitute?*

*Herein is love: he came below to raise me above, was born like me that I might become like him.*

*Herein is wisdom: when I was undone, with no will to return to him, he came, God-incarnate, to save me from my sin, to shed satisfying blood on my behalf, to work out perfect righteousness for me.*

*O God, take me in spirit to the watchful shepherds, let me hear good tidings of great joy, and hearing, believe, rejoice, praise, adore and serve, to the glory of Thy holy Name. AMEN*

-The Valley of Vision p.16

## Assurance of Pardon

## The Musical Offering

# 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

*Unto Us - Larry and Lisa Bryant*

The people who walk in the darkness are going to behold a great light.  
And those in the land of the shadow will all say goodbye to the night.

And joy will fill the kingdom;  
the chains of fallen Eden will be shattered by His might.  
Unto us a child is born, and He will sit on David's throne,  
And the government will be on the shoulders of this King,  
and He'll reign forever more.  
Unto us a child is born.

Every boot that has marched to the battle will finally be set aflame.  
And fear of the enemy's torment will rise up in smoke just the same.

For he comes to bring you peace;  
He's coming to release every man from sin and shame.  
Unto us a child is born, and He will sit on David's throne,  
And the government will be on the shoulders of this King,  
and He'll reign forever more.  
Unto us a child is born.

And His name will be Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace.

Unto us a child is born, and He will sit on David's throne,  
And the government will be on the shoulders of this King,  
and He'll reign forever more.  
Unto us a child is born.  
Unto us a child is born.  
Unto us a child is born!

## The Second Scripture Lesson

<sup>18</sup> This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.” <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. <sup>25</sup> But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Matthew 1:18 – 25

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

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

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Hymn #194

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

<sup>68</sup> “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people. <sup>69</sup> He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David <sup>70</sup> (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), ... <sup>16</sup> O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant; you have freed me from my chains. <sup>17</sup> I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the LORD. <sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, <sup>19</sup> in the courts of the house of the LORD—in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Luke 1:68-70; Psalm 116:16-19

## **The Offertory**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee w/ Praise God -  
McKechnie*

*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**  
*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
Hymn #196

**\*\* Benediction**

**Postlude**  
*Now Thank We All Our God - Karg-Elert*

*\*\* 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).

### **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

### *Women's Ministry Events*

#### *Cookie Exchange*



Attention Ladies! You're invited to a Christmas Cookie Exchange to be held **THIS Friday, December 2, 2011 at 7 p.m. at the Keen residence.** To participate in this evening of fellowship, please plan to bring 4 dozen of your favorite cookies to swap with others and a large container for the cookies you take home. Please RSVP by Monday, November 28th to Kelly Fernandez at (813) 969-3610 or [kellyjfernandez@hotmail.com](mailto:kellyjfernandez@hotmail.com).

#### *"Bags of Joy" Gift Drive*



Bags of Joy are just one way Metropolitan Ministries (MM) provides hope for struggling families in Tampa. MM is asking for donations of new toys and other specific items to be given to underprivileged children for Christmas.

To help, please bring your unwrapped gift to the Cookie Exchange. For ideas on the types of gifts that are needed, visit [www.metromin.org/page.aspx?pid=544](http://www.metromin.org/page.aspx?pid=544). If you have any questions or would like to participate but cannot attend the cookie exchange, please contact Diane Keen.

**Program Note Reminder** – Just a reminder that we will not have Sunday School today. However, please do join us for our Fellowship Time immediately after the service. All activities resume their normal schedule next week.



**Congregational Meeting** - Please make plans to attend our annual congregational meeting on **Sunday, December 11, immediately after the morning worship service.**

The purpose of this meeting is: 1) to elect new officers; 2) present the 2012 Church Budget to the congregation and entertain and address any questions not already answered

by the Finance Committee; and, 3) to elect and seat/reseat trustees of the corporation. No other business will be discussed at this meeting (per our *Book of Church Order*).

## MS/HS Youth Ice Skating Christmas Party

December 18, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

An outdoor ice rink in Florida? What better way to actually pretend it's winter and cold outside! If you are a middle school or high school student, come join us as we wrap up the year and celebrate Christmas together as we glide along the ice rink at Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park in downtown Tampa. Afterwards, we will recuperate with chili, cocoa, and cookies at the Pothoven's home, along with our Christmas gift exchange game. *Not to be missed!*



**Cost:** \$10

**Bring:** A wrapped gift (no more than \$5 in value); Notarized Medical/Release form

**Details:**

- Sign up with the church office (or Danny) by Wed. December 14
- Be at the church office by 5pm. We will drive downtown together to ice skate. Then we will head to the Pothoven's home for dinner.
- Parents pick up your son/daughter at the Pothoven's (10274 Oasis Palm Dr.) by 9:00 PM.



**February 17 - 20, 2012**

### **Attention High School Students!**

**YoWAW** (Youth World Awareness Weekend) is a one-of-a-kind missions and ministry learning opportunity for high school students and their leaders. Its design and purpose is to challenge and equip students for a **life of ministry** by allowing them to interact with those who are already involved in missions and ministry both in and out of the PCA. Come and hear featured speaker Dr. Henry Krabbendam talk about the Gospel and the Great Commission while seminar leaders from around the PCA build on that foundation.

For youth workers/volunteers looking for practical advice and encouragement in their own ministry, a leader's track will be available as well.

During free time at YoWAW, everybody will get the chance to experience Ridge Haven's thrilling **SNOW TUBING** run and have fun playing **HOCKEY**, **football**, and other group games.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about getting involved in **Kingdom work** and **using your gifts** to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

### **Cost & Registration**

Register early and save! The cost for YoWAW is:

- **\$200** (\$155 registration + \$45 transportation) by Jan. 15, 2012
- **\$225** (\$180 registration + \$45 transportation) after Jan. 15, 2012

**To sign up bring \$50 deposit to church office**  
(checks payable to Seminole Presbyterian)

## **Prayer Requests & Praise Reports**

### **Prayer/Praise:**

- Juanita Echevarria (Raquel Fernandez' mother; health)
- Mercedes Fernandez (Servy Fernandez' mother; health)
- Russell & Kim Dostal (Judy Dostal's son & d-i-l; adoption issues)
- Sean Maloney (Sylvia Chai's son-in-law; health)

### **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](mailto:prayer-list@lists.seminolepca.org)



**Please Note: We will not have Sunday School today due to the Thanksgiving Holiday; Classes will resume next week as we begin a new quarter.**

## Christian Education – Adults, Youth, & Children

Class/Grade	Class Teacher(s)	Class Room
Ages 2-3 / Toddlers	Bev Thomson	#115
Ages 4-6 / K4–1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Jamie Dalton & Jane Lambers	#109
Ages 7-8 / 2 <sup>nd</sup> –3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Cathy & Todd Gartman	#111
Ages 9-10 / 4 <sup>th</sup> –5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Alex & Kelly Fernandez	#105
Jr. High / 6 <sup>th</sup> –8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Gregg Quick	#107
Sr. High / 9 <sup>th</sup> –12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Danny Dalton	#101
Adult – Walden Class	Bill Earnest	#108
Adult – Apologetics	Joe DeNitto	Church Office
Adult – Theology of the Christian Faith: III	Ben Lambers	#102

### ***Upcoming Student Ministry Classes – Starting December 4***

#### **Middle School- Being God’s People**

*Teacher: Gregg Quick*

This Great Commission Publication (GCP) curriculum provides a survey of the journey of God's people from Sinai to Canaan, as passages from Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, and Joshua (as well as pertinent New Testament passages) are studied. We will study how God’s people received the Law, learned how to worship, experienced both successes and failures of faith, and most of all, how this applies to each of us and our relationship with God through Jesus.

#### **High School- Ethics 101-Foundations in Making Decisions.**

*Teacher: Danny Dalton*

Ethics is often described as the study of right and wrong. Since 1 Corinthians 10:31 states, “*So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God,*” every time you make a decision, whether you realize it or not, you’ve practiced ethics. Every choice you make either glorifies God or it does not. The question is: “What shapes (or informs) your ethic?” All of our decisions involve the application of a standard to a particular situation by a person. Therefore, foundational to this course is the fact that no one can have a proper ethic without having a relationship with God, relying on Him, and submitting to His Word. As such, ethics is the application of Scripture to all of life. During this course we will lay a solid foundation in making godly decisions.

## ***Upcoming Adult Classes – Starting December 4***

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

*Teacher: Elder Bill Earnest*

To our Seminole family the Walden Sunday school class is thankful for our church and each and every one of you. We trust all had a good and blessed Thanksgiving. As we look forward to the Advent season commemorating the birth of Christ and Christmas, it is good for us to look back on the past year and count our blessings. We are blessed with three fine adult Sunday school classes with a wide range of interests being represented. There are Sunday school classes for children and youth of all ages. God has truly blessed our church with people who have stretched and grown in their faith and desire to give of themselves for Christ. May God continue to bless us with ministry that causes us to stretch and grow!

### **Apologetics (Defending Your Faith) - Church Office**

*Teacher: Elder Joe DeNitto*

Have you ever been challenged about your Christian faith by non-believing family members, friends or co-workers? Do you avoid arguments about the existence of God? Do you find it difficult to express your beliefs in meaningful ways, when questioned by those who don't share your beliefs? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this class is for you.

Together, we will explore the two main methods of Christian defense for our beliefs. We will study the existence of God, the origin and existence of evil, and the problem of pain, in ways that are relevant to today's culture. As it says in 1Peter 3:15 "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect ..." Come join Elder Joe DeNitto in the church office for this new class, as we "take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ" (2Corinthians 10:5b).

### **Theology of the Christian Faith: III – Room #102**

*Teacher: Ben Lambers*

Join Ben Lambers as he leads us through another portion of the Westminster Confession of Faith. In this class, 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. (And don't worry, you do not need to have attended Theology I and II to enjoy and benefit from this class.)

## This Week at SPC ~ Nov. 27-Dec.3

**SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 9:00 am  
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am

**THURSDAY:** Deacons' Meeting, 7pm

**FRIDAY:** Women's Event – Cookie Exchange, 7pm  
@ *Keen Residence*



**December 6:** Session Meeting, 7pm

**December 10:** Walden Adult Sunday School Party

**December 11:** Congregational Meeting,  
*following worship service*

**December 18:** MS/HS Youth Ice Skating Christmas  
Party, 5pm – 9pm

St. Paul's Las Posadas, 6:30 pm

**December 24:** Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, 6 pm

**December 25:** Christmas Day!



### SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 144  
Last Sunday's Offering: \$6,946.50

*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><i>Teacher</i></u>	<u><i>Helper</i></u>	<u><i>Banner Bearer</i></u>
<i>Today:</i>	<i>Gail Chang</i>	<i>Kourtney Melendi</i>	<i>Peter Chang</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Donna Waugh</i>	<i>Hannah Johnson</i>	<i>Maggie Groomes</i>
<i>Dec. 11:</i>	<i>Tami Pothoven</i>	<i>Cameron Pothoven</i>	<i>Sammy Fernandez</i>

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

## *Coffee Volunteers*

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<i>Today:</i>	<i>Rob Edwards</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Brian Waugh</i>
<i>Dec. 11:</i>	<i>Andy Thomson</i>

# November Birthdays & Anniversaries

## *Birthdays*

<i>Andy Thomson 11/3</i>	<i>Ananta Boodoosingh 11/9</i>
<i>Stan Wildeboer 11/3</i>	<i>Sammy Fernandez 11/9</i>
<i>Kathryn White 11/3</i>	<i>Marcy Edwards 11/12</i>
<i>Julia White 11/3</i>	<i>Cathy Gartman 11/14</i>
<i>Steve White 11/7</i>	<i>Sara Blue 11/16</i>
<i>Glenda Fellows 11/8</i>	<i>Nicholas Lambers 11/17</i>
<i>Emily Johnson 11/9</i>	<i>Bruno Gravanti 11/21</i>
<i>Pam Bergen 11/9</i>	<i>Darby White 11/25</i>

## *Anniversaries*

<i>Kevin &amp; Kerri Connolly 11/16</i>
<i>Alan &amp; Judy Dostal 11/21</i>
<i>Jake &amp; Mary Beckel 11/23</i>
<i>Bob &amp; Jimmy Sue Kaiser 11/27</i>