

**Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM**  
**December 25, 2011**  
**Christmas Day**

*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 Fifth Candle is **Christ’s candle**. Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, was born this day.

**Prelude**

*What Child is This?* - arr. Schermer

*Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.*

## **Call to Worship**

*Galatians 4:4-7*

**Leader:** But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law,

**People:** **to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.**

**Leader:** Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “*Abba, Father.*”

**People:** **So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.**

**ALL:** **Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!**

### **\*\* Glorifying God in Song**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Hymn #208

### **\*\* 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.*

## **Musical Offering**

## The First Scripture Lesson

<sup>1</sup> Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? <sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One. <sup>3</sup> “Let us break their chains,” they say, “and throw off their fetters.” <sup>4</sup> The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. <sup>5</sup> Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, <sup>6</sup> “I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.” <sup>7</sup> I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father. <sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. <sup>9</sup> You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.” <sup>10</sup> Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. <sup>11</sup> Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling. <sup>12</sup> Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Psalm 2

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

## The Confession of Our Sins

*“Receive my confession, O most loving and gracious Heavenly Father, through the Lord Jesus Christ, the only hope for the salvation of my soul. Grant to me true contrition, so that day and night I may be sorry from the heart for my sins. Savior of the world, O good Jesus, who gave yourself to the death of the cross to save sinners, look upon me, most wretched of all sinners; have pity on me, and give me the light to know my sins, true sorrow for them, and a firm purpose of never committing them again. Amen.”*

## Assurance of Pardon

# Musical Offering

## The Second Scripture Lesson

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. <sup>12</sup> It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, <sup>13</sup> while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Titus 2:11-14

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**  
*Joy to the World* - Rutter

## The Third Scripture Lesson

<sup>1</sup> In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup> (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> And everyone went to his own town to register. <sup>4</sup> So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup> He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. <sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

Luke 2:1-14

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

**\*\* Offertory Hymn**  
*Good Christian Men, Rejoice*  
Hymn #207

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

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord <sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ... <sup>52</sup> He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. <sup>53</sup> He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. <sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful <sup>55</sup> to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers.”

Luke 1:46-47, 52-55

### **The Offertory**

*Christmas Bells w/ Ding, Dong/ I Heard the Bells on  
Christmas Day - arr. 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. John K. Keen*  
*Senior Pastor*

**\*\* Glorifying God in Song**  
*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*  
Hymn #224

**\*\* Benediction**

**Postlude**  
*Joy to the World - Hugo Gehrke*

*\*\* All who are able, please stand*  
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*The beautiful poinsettias gracing our platform  
were given by the following:*

*† Ralph & Sheila Colbert for the glory of God*

*† Bill Cutler in loving memory of Bud & Dorrie Cutler*

*† Brian & Donna Waugh in honor of their beloved teenagers*

*† Alina Sanchez in honor of her Grandfather*

*† Alan & Judy Dostal in loving memory of Fred & Adelaide Tietjen*

*† John & Marilyn Horst for the glory of God*

*† Ines Lopez de Lara Biedronski in memory of Salvador Lopez de Lara,  
Dr. Rafael Lopez de Lara, and Jacinto Larraga & Chayito Escobedo*

*† Jake & Mary Beckel in thanks for family and friends*

*† Matthew & Therese McKenzie in loving memory of PaPa & MeMe  
McKenzie*

*† And by the Congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church*



## *Welcome to Our Visitors*

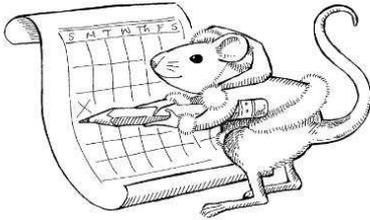
We welcome you in the name of Christ! You can find more information about us on our website at [www.seminolepca.org](http://www.seminolepca.org). For questions or to share a prayer concern, call the office at 774-3881, ext. 700 or email us at: [church@seminolepca.org](mailto:church@seminolepca.org).

### **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

**Programming Note** – Please be advised that Sunday School will be suspended today and next Sunday, January 1, for the Christmas and New Year holidays. Our Worship Service will be held at its regular time, 9:00 am, followed by a time of fellowship at 10:15 am.



**Church Office Schedule** – Please note that the church office will be closed through January 1; the office will reopen Monday, January 2. If you have contributions for the

2011 tax year, please simply mail them on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> of December (versus hand delivering to the office).

**End of Year Contributions** - This is a reminder that for any contributions to count for the 2011 tax year, they must be postmarked to the church by December 31, 2011. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Toenes.



**Boxed Offering Envelope Sets** - Boxed offering envelope sets will be made available upon request. **Envelopes are NOT required or needed.** Only request a set if they assist you in keeping up with your tithe and contributions. Contact Jackie if you would like a set: [jtoenes@seminolepca.org](mailto:jtoenes@seminolepca.org) or leave a message at 220.4095.





**Congregational Meeting** - Please make plans to attend a congregational meeting on **Sunday, January 8, immediately after the morning worship service.** The purpose of this meeting is to elect church officers. No other business will be conducted (per our *Book of Church Order*).



**Saturday, January 7 – Unhanging of the Green & General Grounds Workday** We'll need a bit of help taking down the decorations. Also, there are some projects for the grounds that need to be tended to such as weeding flower beds. More details will follow.

**Friday, January 13 – Culture Tap** @ the Pothoven's home. Film selection will be *The Adjustment Bureau*. Event starts at 7:00 pm. More details to follow.

**Friday, January 20 – Bach Cello Concert.** Join us for a very special evening when our own Grace Juliano will perform a selection of Bach pieces for the cello. This is a *free* event and is sure to be a delight. Event starts at 7:00 pm. More details will follow.





**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)
- Lois Callen (general health)
- Patricia Sorrells (Pastor Keen's mother; 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 that Sunday School is suspended today and next Sunday for the Christmas and New Years holidays. The schedule will resume as normal on Sunday, January 8, 2012.*

## 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

***Current Adult Classes***

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

*Teacher: Elder Bill Earnest*

Christmas 2011. I for one love when Christmas falls on Sunday. I can't think of any place I would rather be than in the Lord's house on Christmas morning. From the Walden adult Sunday school class, we wish you and all our church family a very Christ filled Christmas.

As a reminder, our class is not meeting today. We encourage everyone to give full attention to the worship service and enjoy fellowship with our Loving Father, who sent His son to be the sacrifice for our sins, so that we may enjoy everlasting life with Him in Heaven.

Sunday morning January 8th, the Walden class continues in the book of Daniel. The current chapter is seven where we find Daniel's vision of beasts coming out of the sea, the Throne of God, and the Son of Man tied to future events and the end times. Plan to join us in this most exciting study. See you in 2012!

## **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 ~ Dec. 25 - 31**

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

**December 23 – January 1:** Church Offices Closed



**January 7:** Un-hanging of the Green & Workday

**January 8:** Congregational Meeting: Officer Election

**January 13:** Culture Tap

**January 17:** Session Meeting, 7 pm

**January 20:** Bach Cello Concert

**January 22:** MS/HS Youth Small Groups Resume



**SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP**

Last Sunday's Attendance: 139

Last Sunday's Offering: \$6,600.46

*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>Cathy Armstrong</i>	<i>Amanda Waugh</i>	<i>Maggie Groomes</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Therese McKenzie</i>	<i>John McKenzie</i>	<i>Peter Chang</i>
<i>Jan. 8:</i>	<i>Randa Gravanti</i>	<i>Ross Edwards</i>	<i>Julia White</i>

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

## *Coffee Volunteers*

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<i>Today:</i>	<i>Andrea Cawley</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Randa Gravanti</i>
<i>Jan. 8:</i>	<i>Ron &amp; Marilyn Quick</i>

# December Birthdays & Anniversaries

## *Birthdays*

<i>Anna Claire Lambers 12/3</i>	<i>Judy Wildeboer 12/20</i>
<i>Tom McFarland 12/6</i>	<i>Lesley McKenzie 12/20</i>
<i>Alex Fernandez 12/10</i>	<i>Bryson Pothoven 12/22</i>
<i>Jared Frail 12/12</i>	<i>Joey Hickerson 12/23</i>
<i>Abby Johnson 12/15</i>	<i>Eva White 12/24</i>
<i>Pat Bardin 12/16</i>	<i>Grace Morton 12/26</i>
<i>Dave Bardin 12/17</i>	<i>Hannah Johnson 12/27</i>
<i>Chris Kladakis 12/17</i>	<i>Carol McFarland 12/30</i>
<i>Jane Lambers 12/20</i>	<i>Andrea Cawley 12/31</i>

## *Anniversaries*

<i>Tom &amp; Andrea Cawley 12/20</i>
<i>Dave &amp; Pat Bardin 12/29</i>