

**Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM**  
**January 1, 2012**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Christmas**

*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**

**Prelude**

*Come Your Hearts and Voices Raising - Paul Kickstat*

*Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.*

**Call to Worship**

*Psalm 78:1-7*

- Leader: O my people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth.
- People: **I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from of old—**
- Leader: what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us.
- People: **We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.**
- Leader: He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children,
- People: **so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.**
- ALL: **Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.**

**\*\* Glorifying God in Song**  
*While by the Sheep We Watched at Night*  
Hymn #215

**\*\* 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

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.  
<sup>8</sup> Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him.” <sup>9</sup> Is this blessedness only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? We have been saying that Abraham’s faith was credited to him as righteousness. <sup>10</sup> Under what circumstances was it credited? Was it after he was circumcised, or before? It was not after, but before! <sup>11</sup> And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. So then, he is the father of all who believe but have not been circumcised, in order that righteousness might be credited to them. <sup>12</sup> And he is also the father of the circumcised who not only are circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised. <sup>13</sup> It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. <sup>14</sup> For if those who live by law are heirs, faith has no value and the promise is worthless, <sup>15</sup> because law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. <sup>17</sup> As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were. <sup>18</sup> Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>19</sup> Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. <sup>20</sup> Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup> The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, <sup>24</sup> but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. <sup>25</sup> He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Romans 4:7-25

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

## **The Confession of Our Sins**

*“Almighty God, father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men; we acknowledge and confess our many sins; which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed; by thought, word, and deed; against Thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent; and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings—the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us; have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for Thy son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake; forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life; to the honor and glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**\*\* Glorifying God in Song**  
*God, Be Merciful to Me*  
Hymn #486

## **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.*

## **Musical Offering**

## The Second Scripture Lesson

<sup>1</sup> When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless. <sup>2</sup> I will confirm my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.” <sup>3</sup> Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, <sup>4</sup> “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. <sup>7</sup> I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. <sup>8</sup> The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.” <sup>9</sup> Then God said to Abraham, “As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come. <sup>10</sup> This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised. <sup>11</sup> You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you. <sup>12</sup> For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner—those who are not your offspring. <sup>13</sup> Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant. <sup>14</sup> Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”

<sup>15</sup> God also said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. <sup>16</sup> I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.” <sup>17</sup> Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself, “Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?” <sup>18</sup> And Abraham said to God, “If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!” <sup>19</sup> Then God said, “Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him. <sup>20</sup> And as for Ishmael, I have heard you: I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and will greatly increase his numbers. He will be the father of twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation. <sup>21</sup> But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you by this time next year.” <sup>22</sup> When he had finished speaking with Abraham, God went up from him.

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<sup>23</sup> On that very day Abraham took his son Ishmael and all those born in his household or bought with his money, every male in his household, and circumcised them, as God told him. <sup>24</sup> Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised, <sup>25</sup> and his son Ishmael was thirteen; <sup>26</sup> Abraham and his son Ishmael were both circumcised on that same day. <sup>27</sup> And every male in Abraham's household, including those born in his household or bought from a foreigner, was circumcised with him.

Genesis 17

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

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

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
Hymn #164

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

<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. ... <sup>9</sup> Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; <sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Matthew 2:9-11; Proverbs 3:9-10

**The Offertory**  
*Pastoral in F Major - J.S. Bach*

*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**

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

Hymn #261

*(verse 1, only)*

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

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

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

Hymn #261

*(verses 2 & 3, only)*

**\*\* Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Gigue on "Good Christian Men Rejoice" –  
arr. Linda McKechnie*

*\*\* 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

**Programming Note** – Please be advised that Sunday School will be suspended today for the New Year holiday. However, do make plans to join us for fellowship in the Snyder building (directly behind the Sanctuary) following today's worship service. We will resume our normal Sunday School schedule next week, January 8.



**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*).



**Unhanging of the Green & General Grounds Workday-** We'll need a bit of help taking down the decorations on **Saturday, January 7 beginning at 9:00 am.** Also, there are some projects for the grounds that need to be tended to such as weeding flower beds. This is a good way to work in some exercise and keep those new year resolutions! Seriously, the more help we have, the faster it will go. Contact Jackie with any questions: 813-220-4095.



***This is Culture Tap!*** - Join us as we tap into themes of

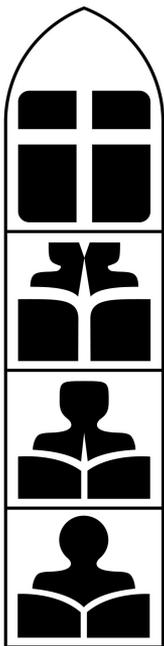
philosophy, worldviews, faith, and relationships as they are used in film. On **Friday, January 13**, we will meet at Steve & Tami Pothoven's home (10274 Oasis Palm Drive; Tampa 33615) beginning at **7:00 pm** for a time of fellowship, film selection, and discussion following the film. The film will be *The Adjustment Bureau*. One and all are welcome to join in the fun and discussions. Call Tami to RSVP: 813-886-4611.

**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 be coming; stay tuned!

*An Invitation from the SPC Senior Covenant Group*

The SPC Senior Covenant Group has just finished an exciting study of the Book of Nehemiah. We are currently taking a break during this glorious Christmas time and will resume our weekly Bible Study on Friday, January 6, 2012 at 10:00am in the Snyder Building (Room 108). Our first study of 2012 will be the Book of Esther.

While the name of our group may indicate we are a group of senior citizens, it is actually to the contrary as we are all young at heart and still hunger to learn more about this wonderful God we all worship, along with His Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Who are we to determine at what age one becomes a "SENIOR" citizen? Whether you think of yourself as a 'senior' or not, if you have time on Friday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 am, we would love to welcome you to visit our group. Our meeting agenda starts with a time of fellowship followed by the Bible study, ending in a time of prayer for our church, our members and anyone else we know of who needs God to intervene in their life. For more information please call Larry Dickey at 813-695-3173.



**Learn  
&  
Grow**



**February 17 - 20, 2012**

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

**YO WAW** (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)
- The Collins & White families on the loss of father and grandfather, Marvin

### 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)



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## 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	Laura Strickland & Lisa Johnson	#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*

Seems like most of us say: "Where has the year gone?", as we realize the new year is upon us! Much took place in 2011. For the Walden class, among other things, we lost two precious saints as they went home to be with our Lord. We finished the "Little Books" study and moved into the book of Daniel. We celebrated the coming of spring with a picnic and for Christmas we had a great birthday party for Jesus. Now we find ourselves on the dawn of a new year. We do not know what the future holds for our class or for our Seminole church family. There is a good possibility that our Faith will be challenged in ways never before seen.

In the Walden class for 2012, we will do our best to be ready for whatever comes our way. That will require us to be in constant communication with our Lord, well read in scripture, always ready to love, help, and give of ourselves in and out of season. Yes, we want God to use us, our entire church, in His service as never before! Enjoy your day, prepare your hearts, and be ready to embark on 2012 with the continuation of the book of Daniel next week. Happy New Year!

## **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 ~ January 1 - 7

- SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 9:00 am  
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am
- WEDNESDAY:** Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
- FRIDAY:** Seniors' Covenant Group; 10 am
- SATURDAY:** Un-hanging of the Green & Workday;  
9 am



- 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: TBA

Last Sunday's Offering: TBA

*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>Therese McKenzie</i>	<i>John McKenzie</i>	<i>Peter Chang</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Randa Gravanti</i>	<i>Ross Edwards</i>	<i>Julia White</i>
<i>Jan. 15:</i>	<i>Laura Strickland</i>	<i>Rachel Strickland</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>Randa Gravanti</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Ron &amp; Marilyn Quick</i>
<i>Jan. 15:</i>	<i>Larry Dickey</i>

# January Birthdays & Anniversaries

## *Birthdays*

<i>Don Hamilton 1/1</i>	<i>Debbie Vincent 1/20</i>
<i>Brianna Connolly 1/5</i>	<i>Peggy Saavedra 1/20</i>
<i>Ashley Johnson 1/6</i>	<i>Virginia Griffith 1/25</i>
<i>AJ Boodoosingh 1/10</i>	<i>Ronald Quick (Sr.) 1/25</i>
<i>Kourtney Melendi 1/11</i>	<i>Laura Strickland 1/27</i>
<i>Todd Gartman 1/11</i>	<i>Bryce Connolly 1/28</i>
<i>Jake Beckel 1/12</i>	<i>Joe Blue 1/30</i>
<i>Randy Johnson 1/13</i>	<i>Lindsay Trim 1/30</i>
<i>Sheila Colbert 1/14</i>	

## *Anniversaries*

*Bill and Pam Bergen 1/19*