

Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM
January 8, 2012
1st Sunday After the Epiphany

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 72:1-11

Leader: Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.

People: He will judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice.

Leader: The mountains will bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness.

People: He will defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; he will crush the oppressor.

Leader: He will endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations.

People: He will be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth.

Leader: In his days the righteous will flourish; prosperity will abound till the moon is no more.

People: He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

- Leader:** The desert tribes will bow before him and his enemies will lick the dust.
- People:** **The kings of Tarshish and of distant shores will bring tribute to him; the kings of Sheba and Seba will present him gifts.**
- ALL:** **All kings will bow down to him and all nations will serve him.**

**** Glorifying God in Song**
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!
Hymn #296

**** 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.”

Musical Offering

The First Scripture Lesson

¹ “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. ² See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. ³ Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴ “Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm. ⁵ Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. ⁶ Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD. ⁷ All Kedar’s flocks will be gathered to you, the rams of Nebaioth will serve you; they will be accepted as offerings on my altar, and I will adorn my glorious temple. ⁸ “Who are these that fly along like clouds, like doves to their nests? ⁹ Surely the islands look to me; in the lead are the ships of Tarshish, bringing your sons from afar, with their silver and gold, to the honor of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.

Isaiah 60:1-9

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 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—² Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. ⁴ In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. ⁶ This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. ⁷ I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰ His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹ according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. ¹³ I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory. ¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3

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

The Third Scripture Lesson

¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." ³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶ "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel." ⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ 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. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Matthew 2:1-12

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

**** Offertory Hymn**
All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Hymn #235

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

¹⁰ When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹ Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. ¹² Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ... ¹⁷ You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” ¹⁸ But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

Deuteronomy 8:10-14, 17-18

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**

We Are God's People

Hymn #355

**** 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.

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



Congregational Meeting – Seminole Members! Please make plans to stay after the worship service today for a congregational meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to elect church officers. No other business will be conducted (per our *Book of Church Order*).



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.



VBS (Already?!) - Although summer is a few months away, VBS planning starts early! Kelly Fernandez is looking for a volunteer to serve as co-director to share the tasks of organizing volunteers, students, and resources for this summer's VBS. Curriculum

planning begins in February, so please contact Kelly in the coming weeks if you are interested in serving in this exciting ministry. She can be reached at 813-969-3610 or email kellyjfernandez@hotmail.com.

*Seminole Heights
Fine Arts Series*

*Seminole Church
Presents*

*Grace Juliano
in Concert*



*Selections from the
Bach Cello Suites*

Friday, January 20 ~ 7:00 PM

Our own Grace Juliano will kick off her *Year of Bach* with us on **Friday, January 20 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary**. Please make plans to join us, and feel free to bring along fellow music fans. In this special evening, we will be treated to selections from the Bach Cello Suites. This is a *free* event and is sure to be a delight! Don't miss it!

An Invitation from the SPC Senior Covenant Group

Whether you think of yourself as a 'senior citizen' or not, if you have time on Friday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 am, the SPC Senior Covenant Group invites you to join them in Room 108 of the Snyder Building. The meeting agenda starts with a time of fellowship followed by the Bible study, ending in a time of prayer. For more information please call Larry Dickey at 813-695-3173.

Women's Ministry

Women's Evening Bible Study



There will be a Woman's Bible Study starting up on **Wednesday evening, January 18**. This study through the Book of James will be led by Diane Keen and hosted in the home of Lisa Johnson (6307 Nikki Lane, Tampa, FL 33625). The study will start at 7:00 p.m. and will end at 8:30. (*Diane wishes to express her regret that this time will prevent our choir members from attending; however, it was the only evening she will have available on a consistent basis.*) Please plan to join in; one and all are welcome. If you have any questions, call Diane at 813-758-7177.

Upcoming Salt Shaker Dinners for the Women of SPC!

Salt Shaker Dinner



Ladies! We are announcing a series of upcoming dinners in January and February to help strengthen the bonds of fellowship between SPC women. Women interested in attending will be randomly divided into small groups of 6-8. The groups will then gather at the home of volunteer hostesses. Hostesses will provide the entree, while those attending will bring side dishes, salads, or desserts.

Each participant will only attend or host one dinner per month, although more than one dinner will likely be scheduled each month to accommodate everyone. This month's dinners will be held **Friday, January 27** and **Saturday, January 28**. The February dinners will be on **Friday, February 24** and **Saturday, February 25**.

If you are interested in attending or hosting these dinners or have any questions, please contact Kelly Fernandez at 813-969-3610 or email kellyjfernandez@hotmail.com by January 15th.



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)
- Joe Blue and his transition to a new job in Virginia

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	Laura Strickland & Lisa Johnson	#111
Ages 9-10 / 4 th –5 th Grade	Alex & Kelly Fernandez	#105
Jr. High / 6 th –8 th Grade	Gregg Quick	#107
Sr. High / 9 th –12 th 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

Our Lord Jesus Christ has two titles because He holds two positions. Today in the Walden class we will look at both His titles, however Daniel's use of one is interesting considering it was 500 years before Christ's birth. As we work through the beasts of chapter seven, the throne of the "Ancient of Days" and the angels who lead Daniel through his vision, we will find biblical truths that tell of the judgment side of God's attributes. It is a side of God that most of us don't care to think about. For God's people there is hope in the visions of Daniel. We will discuss this at length as well. All Holy writ is for us to study and find the spiritual truths that are faith builders.

New Year is a great time to join in one of our fine adult Sunday school classes. We encourage you to become part of the Walden class for 2012. You will be a welcomed addition. See you in class!

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 8 - 14

SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:00 am
Congregational Meeting: Officer Election
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am

WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm

FRIDAY: Seniors' Covenant Group; 10 am
Culture Tap @ the Pothoven's; 7 pm



January 17: Session Meeting, 7 pm

January 20: Grace Juliano in concert; Sanctuary, 7 pm

January 22: MS/HS Youth Small Groups Resume

January 26: Deacons' Meeting, 7 pm



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 118

December 25 Attendance: 128

Last Sunday's Offering: \$8,857.75

December 25 Offering: \$7,623.85

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:	Randa Gravanti	Ross Edwards	Julia White
Next Week:	Laura Strickland	Rachel Strickland	Sammy Fernandez
Jan. 22:	Andrea Cawley	Kendall Melendi	Maggie Groomes

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

Coffee Volunteers

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Today:	Ron & Marilyn Quick
Next Week:	Larry Dickey
Jan. 22:	Rob Edwards

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

Bill and Pam Bergen 1/19