

Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM
January 22, 2012
Third Sunday After the Epiphany

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If you need to leave the Sanctuary, please use the exits at the back.*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Deep River - arr. Hayes

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 78:1-4

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.

ALL: **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.**

**** Glorifying God in Song**

God of Our Fathers

Hymn #710

**** 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

²¹ A cry is heard on the barren heights, the weeping and pleading of the people of Israel, because they have perverted their ways and have forgotten the LORD their God. ²² “Return, faithless people; I will cure you of backsliding.” “Yes, we will come to you, for you are the LORD our God. ²³ Surely the idolatrous commotion on the hills and mountains is a deception; surely in the LORD our God is the salvation of Israel. ²⁴ From our youth shameful gods have consumed the fruits of our fathers’ labor— their flocks and herds, their sons and daughters. ²⁵ Let us lie down in our shame, and let our disgrace cover us. We have sinned against the LORD our God, both we and our fathers; from our youth till this day we have not obeyed the LORD our God.”

¹ “If you will return, O Israel, return to me,” declares the LORD. “If you put your detestable idols out of my sight and no longer go astray, ² and if in a truthful, just and righteous way you swear, ‘As surely as the LORD lives,’ then the nations will be blessed by him and in him they will glory.” ³ This is what the LORD says to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem: “Break up your unplowed ground and do not sow among thorns. ⁴ Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, circumcise your hearts, you men of Judah and people of Jerusalem, or my wrath will break out and burn like fire because of the evil you have done— burn with no one to quench it.

Jeremiah 3:21 – 4:4

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

¹⁷ Nevertheless, each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches. ¹⁸ Was a man already circumcised when he was called? He should not become uncircumcised. Was a man uncircumcised when he was called? He should not be circumcised. ¹⁹ Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing. Keeping God’s commands is what counts. ²⁰ Each one should remain in the situation which he was in when God called him. ²¹ Were you a slave when you were called? Don’t let it trouble you—although if you can gain your freedom, do so. ²² For he who was a slave when he was called by the Lord is the Lord’s freedman; similarly, he who was a free man when he was called is Christ’s slave. ²³ You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men. ²⁴ Brothers, each man, as responsible to God, should remain in the situation God called him to.

1 Corinthians 7:17-24

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

O For A Closer Walk With God - by C. V. Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return! Return! Return!
Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
That made thee mourn, And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

The Third Scripture Lesson

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!” ¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Mark 1:14-20

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

**** Offertory Hymn**
This Is My Father's World
Hymn #111

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

⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

⁶ So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?”

Hebrews 13:5-6

The Offertory
Hail, this Brightest Day of Days - J.S. Bach

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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**
He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought
Hymn #600

**** Benediction**

Postlude
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken - Lloyd Larson

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

Women's Ministry

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 **THIS 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.

Middle & High School Small Groups

...continuing our study through Proverbs 1-9



Who: All middle school and high school students (friends welcome)

What: Our small groups begin with an all-group activity and teaching time, then we divide into gender specific small groups where we strive to see a safe environment created in which the nitty-gritty of the gospel can be applied to our lives.

Where: Lambers' Home (10812 N Oregon Ave. 33612)

When: We begin Sunday January 22, 5:30 -7:30 PM
Every Sunday until May 27 (see exceptions below)

Why: To foster a 1 Thessalonians 2:8 atmosphere, where true biblical fellowship exists.

No Small Group on:

February 5 - due to family Super Bowl Party at the Waugh's

February 19 - due to YoWAW

March 11 - TBA

April 8 - due to Resurrection Sunday

May 13 - due to Mother's Day



Attention High School Students!

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS TODAY!

Cost & Registration

- **\$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:

- Joe Blue and his transition to a new job in Virginia
- Glenn Clark (Glee Hamilton's brother; heart surgery recovery)
- Alina Sanchez' father; back issues
- Connie Frail; knee surgery recovery

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

This morning in the Walden adult Bible class we will continue in our study of Daniel, chapter 8. Join us as we discuss the second half of Daniel's vision. We, as 21st century Christians, need to remember that in the year that Daniel received his vision, it would be 200 years into the future before the predictions would take place. It is a reminder that our Bible is the true "Word of God" and it is just as relevant today as it was for the people who received it in the first place! In class today we will commence our study with verse 15 of chapter 8. Here we will find that the vision deals with a war that is 200 years into the future. This vision is much easier to understand for us since we have 3000 years of history between Daniel's day and ours. We know from our studies of ancient history what happened to the empires described in Daniel's vision. That's not all; this vision includes a description of future events in the life of Israel, as a nation, between the Greek and Roman empires. But it does not stop there - at least the vision does not! This vision also has a message for God's people, Christians, of the future. For that discussion you will need to join us in class today.

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 22 - 28

SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:00 am
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am

MS/HS Youth Small Groups:
Lambers' Home, 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm

FRIDAY: Seniors' Covenant Group; 10 am

Women's Salt-Shaker Dinner

SATURDAY: Women's Salt-Shaker Dinner



January 26: Deacons' Meeting, 7 pm

February 7: Session Meeting, 7 pm

February 17 – 20: Youth YOWAW Conference

February 18: Culture Tap @ Alex & Kelly Fernandez'
home, 7:30 pm

March 3: SPC Spring Picnic



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 142

Last Sunday's Offering: \$7,362.05

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>Andrea Cawley</i>	<i>Kendall Melendi</i>	<i>Maggie Groomes</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Gail Chang</i>	<i>Adrienne Lambers</i>	<i>Peter Chang</i>
<i>Feb. 5:</i>	<i>Kelly Melendi</i>	<i>Kate Melendi</i>	<i>Kathryn White</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>Feb. 5:</i>	<i>Andy Thomson</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