

Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM
January 29, 2012
Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

*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

Loving Jesus, We Are Here - Johann R. Ahle

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 24:7-10

- Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- People: **Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.**
- Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- ALL: **Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty— he is the King of glory.**

**** Glorifying God in Song**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Hymn #76

**** 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

⁹ When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. ¹⁰ Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, ¹¹ or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. ¹² Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD, and because of these detestable practices the LORD your God will drive out those nations before you. ¹³ You must be blameless before the LORD your God. ¹⁴ The nations you will dispossess listen to those who practice sorcery or divination. But as for you, the LORD your God has not permitted you to do so. ¹⁵ The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. ¹⁶ For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, “Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die.” ¹⁷ The LORD said to me: “What they say is good. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹ If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. ²⁰ But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded him to say, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, must be put to death.”

Deuteronomy 18:9-20

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

The Confession of Our Sins

“Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who reigns eternally with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forevermore, Amen.”

Assurance of Pardon

Musical Offering

The Second Scripture Lesson

¹ You know, brothers, that our visit to you was not a failure. ² We had previously suffered and been insulted in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in spite of strong opposition. ³ For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. ⁴ On the contrary, we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts. ⁵ You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. ⁶ We were not looking for praise from men, not from you or anyone else. As apostles of Christ we could have been a burden to you, ⁷ but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children. ⁸ We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us. ⁹ Surely you remember, brothers, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. ¹¹ For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, ¹² encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory. ¹³ And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

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

Lord, You Have Searched Me Out - Robert J. Powell

Lord, Lord, Lord, You have searched me out,
You have searched me out and known me;
Lord, You have searched me out and known me.
You discern my thoughts from afar.
You discern my thoughts from afar.

I will thank You, I will thank You because I am marvelously made;
I will thank You; Your works are wonderful,
Your works are wonderful, are wonderful.

The Third Scripture Lesson

²¹ They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²² The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, ²⁴ “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” ²⁵ “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” ²⁶ The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. ²⁷ The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him.” ²⁸ News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

Mark 1:21-28

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

**** Offertory Hymn**
Come, Thou Almighty King
Hymn #101

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

¹² And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. ¹³ Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. ¹⁴ For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. ¹⁵ Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Hebrews 13:12-16

The Offertory
Nearer, Still Nearer w/ Bach's Arioso - Linda 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**
May the Mind of Christ My Savior
Hymn #644

**** Benediction**

Postlude
Morning Praise - arr. Jan Sanborn

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



FAMILY SUPER BOWL PARTY

Whether you enjoy football or not, this is simply a great excuse to get together as a church family to enjoy one another and build better relationships. Come join us.

Also, in conjunction with this party, we are partnering with St. Paul to participate in *The Souper Bowl of Caring*. This is a canned food drive - a Souper Bowl (get it?) – that will benefit Metropolitan Ministries in their ministry to hungry families in the Tampa Bay area.



DETAILS:

When: Sunday, February 5 from 5:30 PM - End of Game

Where: Brian & Donna Waugh's (1020 Wisper Run Ct, Lutz)

Remember:

- Bring a snack/appetizer to share at the party
- Bring a couple of unexpired cans of soup/canned food items

Upcoming Events

Spring Picnic!



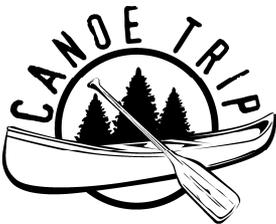
It is time for our annual spring pic-a-nic! Please make plans to join us **Saturday, March 3 at 11:00 am** for SPC's Church Picnic at Lowry Park in Tampa. We will gather in Shelter #120, which is just off of North Boulevard and Flora Avenue. *SPC will provide hamburgers/hotdogs (and the trimmings) and drinks; you are asked to bring a side-dish or dessert to share.*

We need volunteers to make this event a success! Help is needed to grill, set up, and clean up. If you can help in any of these areas, contact Jackie ASAP!



Be "smarter than the average bear" and RSVP today if you are planning to attend!

813.220.4095 or jtoenes@seminolepca.org



Church Canoe Trip

Make plans now to join in the fun on **Saturday, April 28** when we will launch canoes from *Wilderness Park – Morris Bridge* beginning at **9:30 am**. We will travel as a group 4 miles downstream on the Hillsborough River to *Wilderness Park – Trout Creek* where we will join in a time of fellowship with each other around 12:00 pm at the River Shelter (closest to the river). **RSVP now for a spot in one of the church's canoes – seats are limited and are available on a first come, first serve basis.** If you have your own canoe, you are more than welcome to join the SPC Flotilla (just let Jackie know you're interested in being a part)! **Contact Jackie Toenes with questions, for reservations, and/or directions: 220-4095 or jtoenes@seminolepca.org.**



This is Culture Tap! - Join us as we tap into themes of philosophy, worldviews, faith, and relationships as they are used in film. On **Saturday, February 18**, we will meet at Alex & Kelly Fernandez' home (12705 Waterbury Lane; Tampa 33618) beginning at **7:30 pm** for a time of fellowship, film selection, and discussion following the film. The film will be *Crazy, Stupid, Love*. One and all are welcome to join in the fun and discussions. Call Kelly to RSVP: 813-969-3610.

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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

Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

Prayer/Praise:

- Glenn Clark (Glee Hamilton's brother; heart surgery recovery – Glenn is improving!)
- 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

"Gabriel touches Daniel and raised him to his feet" (Daniel 8:18). The vision Daniel had was so scary that he fell prostrate to the ground before the Angel Gabriel! But Gabriel was having none of this; he was not God, and only God is to be worshiped! So Daniel is raised to his feet. Gabriel said: "Son of man, understand the vision concerns the time of the end. I am going to tell you what will happen later in the time of wrath, because the vision concerns the appointed time of the end" (8:17&19). How can this 3000 year old prophecy have any relevance in what is happening in our world? As the Bible study leader of the Walden class, I can tell you that it does; however, that means you will have to trust me on that one. Or, you can do what we all need to do and that is study this book of Daniel for yourself and come to your own conclusion! But there is another option. Join us in the Walden class this morning and we will reason this out together! See you in class! P.S. We will rely on the Holy Spirit to lead us in the right direction!

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 29 – Feb. 4

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

Providing Snacks

This Week: Pothoven/Strickland Families

Next Week: No Small Group

WEDNESDAY:

Choir Practice, 7:30 pm

FRIDAY:

Seniors' Covenant Group; 10 am



February 7:

Session Meeting, 7 pm

February 17 – 20:

Youth YOWAW Conference

February 18:

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

February 24 & 25:

Women's Ministry Dinners

March 3:

SPC Spring Picnic

April 28:

Canoe Trip



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 113

Last Sunday's Offering: \$5,605.96

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:	Gail Chang	Adrienne Lambers	Peter Chang
Next Week:	Kelly Melendi	Kate Melendi	Kathryn White
Feb. 12:	Eva White	Grace Keen	Julia White

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

Coffee Volunteers

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Today:	Brian Waugh
Next Week:	Andy Thomson
Feb. 12:	Steve Strickland

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Rob Edwards 2/2	Sara Royer 2/21
Jackie Toenes 2/7	Sarah Zak 2/22
Grace Keen 2/9	Pam Irwin 2/22
Lois Callen 2/12	Sadie Edwards 2/25
Alex Johnson 2/13	Danny Dalton 2/26
Nora Fernandez 2/13	Jon Irwin 2/28
Connie Trim 2/13	
Chip Royer 2/14	

Anniversaries

Chris & Cindy Kladakis 2/19	Johnny & Glenda Fellows 2/21
Steve & Eva White 2/20	John & Marilyn Horst 2/28

SERMON NOTES