

# Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM

## February 19, 2012

### Last Sunday After the Epiphany

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## Welcome & Announcements

### Prelude

*Let All Things Now Living* – arr. Linda Cummings

*Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.*

### Call to Worship

*Revelation 4:1-8*

- Leader: After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.”
- People: **At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it.**
- Leader: And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian. A rainbow, resembling an emerald, encircled the throne.
- People: **Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads.**
- Leader: From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. Before the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God.
- People: **Also before the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal. In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back.**

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Leader: The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle.

**ALL:** Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under his wings. Day and night they never stop saying: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.”

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

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Hymn #100

## **\*\* 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>16</sup> This is what the LORD says— he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup> who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: <sup>18</sup> “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. <sup>19</sup> See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. <sup>20</sup> The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, <sup>21</sup> the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise. <sup>22</sup> “Yet you have not called upon me, O Jacob, you have not wearied yourselves for me, O Israel. <sup>23</sup> You have not brought me sheep for burnt offerings, nor honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with grain offerings nor wearied you with demands for incense. <sup>24</sup> You have not bought any fragrant calamus for me, or lavished on me the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins and wearied me with your offenses. <sup>25</sup> “I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

Isaiah 43:16-25

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

## The Confession of Our Sins

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

*- A prayer attributed to St. Francis*

## Assurance of Pardon

## The Second Scripture Lesson

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. <sup>2</sup> Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. <sup>3</sup> When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. <sup>4</sup> For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. <sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD”— and you forgave the guilt of my sin. <sup>6</sup> Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him. <sup>7</sup> You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. <sup>8</sup> I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. <sup>9</sup> Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you. <sup>10</sup> Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD’s unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him. <sup>11</sup> Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Psalm 32

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

## Musical Offering

## The Third Scripture Lesson

<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

<sup>1</sup> My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup> He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 1:5 – 2:2

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 Lord Is My Shepherd* - by Allen Pote

The Lord is my shepherd.  
Nothing shall I want.  
My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green,  
leads me beside still waters.

The Lord is my shepherd,  
who restores my life.  
Leads me in the paths of righteousness  
for the sake of the Lord's name.

And even though I walk through  
the valley of the shadow of death.  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me,  
your rod and staff will comfort me.

The Lord is my shepherd.  
Nothing shall I want.  
My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green,  
leads me beside still waters.

The Lord is my shepherd,  
who restores my life.  
Leads me in the paths of righteousness  
for the sake of the Lord's name.

You prepare a table before me,  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil, anoint my head with oil,  
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy, shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
And in the house of my God I will live forever.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

## The Fourth Scripture Lesson

<sup>1</sup> A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. <sup>2</sup> So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. <sup>3</sup> Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. <sup>4</sup> Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." <sup>6</sup> Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, <sup>7</sup> "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" <sup>8</sup> Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? <sup>9</sup> Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? <sup>10</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins..." He said to the paralytic, <sup>11</sup> "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." <sup>12</sup> He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Mark 2:1-12

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

**\*\* Offertory Hymn**  
*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!*  
Hymn #535

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

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. <sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 100:3-5

### **The Offertory**

*All Creatures of Our God and King* - arr. Don Hustad

*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**  
*Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!*  
Hymn #498

**\*\* Benediction**

**Postlude**  
*Wonderful Words of Life* - arr. Lloyd Larsen

*\*\* 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

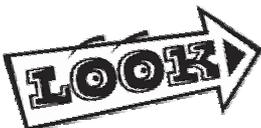


**Student Ministry Prayer Request** - Please be in prayer for our students and their leaders as they continue to participate in YOWAW (Youth World Awareness Weekend) today and drive back on Monday.

### **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.*



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

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Virginia Griffith has a new address & phone number:

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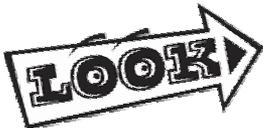
Ines Biedronski has a new address:

14505 Highland Hills Place  
Tampa, FL 33625



## 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](mailto:jtoenes@seminolepca.org).**

## Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

### Prayer/Praise:

- Students & Leaders @ YOWAW; travel mercies for Monday
- Virginia Griffith as she transitions to her new home in Newberry, FL
- Marty Zak – leg fracture; testing
- Marsha Craig – upcoming knee surgery

### 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)

## 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*

The vision that Daniel had in chapter 8 was very hard on him and so disturbing that he could not get it out of his mind. God had revealed to him the future judgments that would befall the Jews for their disobedience. The whole of Chapter 9 is dedicated to the prayer Daniel prayed for his people and nation! The interesting thing is that Daniel did not understand the vision given him in chapter 8 until he had spent some time studying God's word. It wasn't until the first year after Darius the Mede (Persian) had taken Babylon in conquest that Daniel understood. Daniel said: "I, Daniel, understood from the scriptures, according to the word of the Lord given to Jeremiah the prophet that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years. So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with Him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed" (9:1-4). Daniel's prayer is well worth our study for he does not speak to God in the terms of "they," but he includes himself and uses the word "we." It is a prayer that Christians around the world can pray for themselves and their nation. You don't want to miss 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 ~ Feb. 19 – Feb. 25**

- SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 9:00 am  
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am  
Sunday School, 10:45 am
- February 17 – 20:** Youth YOWAW Conference
- WEDNESDAY:** Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
- THURSDAY:** Deacons' Meeting, 7 pm
- FRIDAY:** Seniors' Covenant Group; 10 am
- February 24 & 25:** Women's Ministry Dinners



- March 3:** SPC Spring Picnic
- March 6:** Session Meeting
- April 28:** Canoe Trip



**SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP**

Last Sunday's Attendance: 135

Last Sunday's Offering: \$8,724.90

*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:	Jamie Dalton	Nicholas Lambers	Maggie Groomes
Next Week:	Randa Gravanti	Grace Gartman	Sammy Fernandez
March 4:	TBA	TBA	TBA

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

## *Coffee Volunteers*

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Today:	Randa Gravanti
Next Week:	Andrea Cawley
March 4:	TBA

# 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