

Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM

February 26, 2012

First Sunday in Lent

*Please adjust all electronic communication devices so as not to disrupt the service.
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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

From All That Dwell Beneath the Skies

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

1 Peter 2:4-10

- Leader: As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—
- People:** **you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**
- Leader: For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”
- People:** **Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,”**
- Leader: and, “A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.
- People:** **But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.**
- ALL:** **Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.**

**** Glorifying God in Song**
Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim
Hymn #165

**** 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

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. ² Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. ⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. ⁶ Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. ⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. ⁹ Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. ¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you. ¹⁴ Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. ¹⁶ You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. ¹⁸ In your good pleasure make Zion prosper; build up the walls of Jerusalem. ¹⁹ Then there will be righteous sacrifices, whole burnt offerings to delight you; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Psalm 51

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

⁸ Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it—I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while—⁹ yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. ¹⁰ Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. ¹¹ See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done. At every point you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter.

2 Corinthians 7:8-11

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

Rejoice and Sing - Rollo Dilworth

Verse:

Rejoice and sing! Lift your voices and let's join the celebration.

Let freedom ring in your hearts as a source of inspiration.

When the Spirit says, "Sing," I will sing.

When the Spirit says, "Sing," I will sing.

Celebrate! Celebrate! Celebrate and rejoice!

Celebrate! Celebrate! Celebrate and sing!

When the Spirit says, "Sing," I will sing.

When the Spirit says, "Sing," I will sing.

Repeat Verse

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says, "Sing."

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says, "Sing."

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says, "Sing,"

I'll sing and obey the Spirit of the Lord!

Rejoice and sing. Lift your voices and let's join the celebration.

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Rejoice!

The Third Scripture Lesson

¹³ Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. ¹⁴ As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him. ¹⁵ While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶ When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the "sinners" and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" ¹⁷ On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Mark 2:13-17

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

**** Offertory Hymn**

For the Beauty of the Earth

Hymn #116

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

³² "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. ³⁵ In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

Acts 20:32-35

The Offertory

Abide w/ Me with Beethoven's Adagio - arr. Gail Smith

*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**

I Am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice
Hymn #533

**** Benediction**

Postlude

The Solid Rock - arr. Don Hustad

*** All who are able, please stand*

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Welcome to Our Visitors

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Deacons' Mercy Line (813) 774-3881, Ext. 744

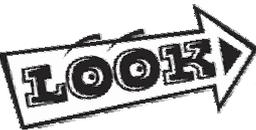
If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please call this church phone extension; a deacon generally checks the line daily.

SPC Family Matters

Spring Picnic!



It is time for our annual spring pic-a-nic! Please make plans to join us **THIS 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 by Wednesday, February 29 if you are planning to attend!
813.220.4095 or jtoenes@seminolepca.org



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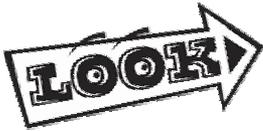
(352) 472-3368



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.



Below is a “thank you” to SPC from the Southwest Florida Presbytery for hosting the most recent Presbytery meeting on Saturday, February 11. Thank you to all who assisted and made this day possible!

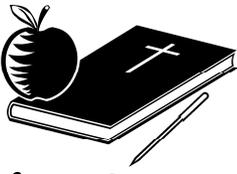
On behalf of the Presbytery of Southwest Florida, I would like to thank the Seminole Presbyterian Church for hosting our Presbytery meeting on Saturday, February 11, 2012.

The Presbyters were warmly welcomed, our needs were quickly attended to, and lunch and refreshments were wonderful. Would you please let your congregation know how grateful we are to all of them for their kind hospitality. I know that many people worked hard to make the meeting go off without a hitch, and we want to thank you all for that.

May the Lord richly bless you as you continue to serve him and advance his kingdom.

Grace and peace,


Freddy Fritz



New Adult Sunday School Classes

Beginning March 4

New Classes



The Sermon on the Mount - Church Office

Teacher: Joe DeNitto

The Sermon on the Mount is probably the best known section of the entire Bible. Yet it is also one of the least understood parts of the teaching of Jesus Christ. 'It is not a sermon about an ideal life in an ideal world' writes Sinclair B. Ferguson, 'but about the kingdom life in a fallen world'. It answers some of the most pressing questions that every Christian encounters: What is a Christian? Does the Law of God still have a place in the Christian life? How can I learn to pray? How can I learn self-discipline? Why am I a prisoner to anxiety?

Come join elder Joe DeNitto in the church office for this truly valuable study.

1&2 Peter – Room #102

Teacher: Randy Johnson

Without hesitation, Peter boldly declared that Jesus was the Messiah. Yet moments later, for speaking impulsively, he was rebuked as a stumbling block and servant of Satan. In the fishing boat, Peter was the only disciple to courageously jump out of the boat and walk with Jesus on the water. And when Jesus was arrested, it was Peter who courageously took out a sword to defend Jesus against the Roman soldiers. Yet, hours later, out of fear, this same Peter denied that he even knew Jesus. Bold and impulsive, yet courageous and fearful, these were the raw materials that God used to build up and sanctify the man Simon-Peter into an Apostle of God. It was this same Peter who, when filled by the Holy Spirit, stood up and boldly preached to the large crowd at Pentecost. It was this same Peter who, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, wrote two books in the New Testament. Join RE Randy Johnson as we study Peter's epistles, reminding us that we were once not a people and that we are now His people, a chosen people. Let us learn from Peter as he further describes a living hope, godly living and warnings against false teaching that we may, "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

New Youth Sunday School Classes

Beginning March 4



High School Sunday School - Ethics 201-No Easy Answers

Teacher: Danny Dalton

Building off of *Ethics 101-Foundations in Making decisions*, this class has a more practical, hands-on approach to making Christian moral decisions that seek the glory of God and the good of neighbors. We are using a curriculum called *No Easy Answers*, developed by Faith Alive Christian Resources. In exploring moral issues, this class is framed by the 10 Commandments. We first study what God's Word says, then we look at case studies—true accounts of persons who have struggled with some kind of moral dilemma or problem. Our students will struggle to find the most godly solution to each dilemma. At the end of each class period, the true life result will be revealed—whether good or bad.

Middle School Sunday School - History of Christianity

Teacher: Brian Waugh

Not to be too cliché-ish but *history* really is *His Story* (God's that is). Jesus promised that he would build his church. He promised that when the Holy Spirit came, his people would receive power and be his witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. By God's sovereign power this is happening. In 100 AD there was one Christian for every 360 people on earth; in 2010 there was one Christian for every 9 people on earth (*statistic from MTW Church Resourcing DVD*). Undeniably, God is building his church. Come explore some key points in history and gain a fuller understanding of God as he has revealed his purpose through the centuries.

Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

Prayer/Praise:

- Marty Zak – leg fracture; testing
- Marsha Craig – knee surgery recovery
- Kim Dostal (DIL of Judy Dostal) - meningioma/brain mass; upcoming 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

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

"Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered in shame", (Daniel 9:7). In the eyes of many who hear the story of Daniel it would appear that this man is a victim of circumstances beyond his control. He was captured, taken from his parents, made a slave, turned into a eunuch, lied about, and condemned to death for crimes he did not commit! However, as one reads the prayer of Daniel in Chapter 9 you will find that Daniel did not consider himself a victim but actually part of the problem for which God had passed judgment on the people of Judah. He goes on to say: "because of "our" unfaithfulness to You, we are covered with shame because we have sinned against You". But after confession comes hope; Daniel says with positive joy: "The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have not obeyed the Lord our God". In the Walden class this morning we are going to discuss the prayer of Daniel and the positive affect it will have on us when we apply the lesson of taking responsibility for our own sin. Later on in chapter 9 we will find that God is so pleased with his servant that He sends ~STOP~ "that" we will save for next week! 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 ~ Feb. 26 – March 3

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: Deana Johnson Family
Next Week: Keen Family

WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm

FRIDAY: Seniors' Covenant Group, 10 am

SATURDAY: SPC Spring Picnic, 11 am



March 6: Session Meeting

April 8: Easter Sunday

April 28: Canoe Trip



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 116

Last Sunday's Offering: \$8,068.05

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>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>	<u>Banner Bearer</u>
Today:	Randa Gravanti	Grace Gartman	Sammy Fernandez
Next Week:	Donna Waugh	Alex Johnson	Maggie Groomes
March 11:	Therese McKenzie	Paul McKenzie	Sammy Fernandez

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

Coffee Volunteers

Coffee Volunteers

Today:	Andrea Cawley
Next Week:	Randa Gravanti
March 11:	Ron & Marilyn Quick

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