

Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM

April 1, 2012

Palm Sunday

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

Prelude

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 118:19-29

- Leader: Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.
- People: This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.**
- Leader: I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.
- People: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;**
- Leader: the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- People: This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- Leader: O LORD, save us; O LORD, grant us success.
- People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.**
- Leader: The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.
- People: You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.**
- ALL: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

**** Glorifying God in Song**
All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Hymn #235

**** 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

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your fortress, O prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you. ¹³ I will bend Judah as I bend my bow and fill it with Ephraim. I will rouse your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and make you like a warrior's sword. ¹⁴ Then the LORD will appear over them; his arrow will flash like lightning. The Sovereign LORD will sound the trumpet; he will march in the storms of the south, ¹⁵ and the LORD Almighty will shield them. They will destroy and overcome with slingstones. They will drink and roar as with wine; they will be full like a bowl used for sprinkling the corners of the altar. ¹⁶ The LORD their God will save them on that day as the flock of his people. They will sparkle in his land like jewels in a crown. ¹⁷ How attractive and beautiful they will be! Grain will make the young men thrive, and new wine the young women.

Zechariah 9:9-17

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

The Confession of Our Sins

“Almighty God, father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men; we acknowledge and confess our many sins; which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed; by thought, word, and deed; against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent; and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings—the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us; have mercy upon us, most merciful father; for thy son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake; forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life; to the honor and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Musical Offering

The Second Scripture Lesson

⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. ¹⁰ In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, “Ananias!” “Yes, Lord,” he answered. ¹¹ The Lord told him, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.” ¹³ “Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.” ¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.” ¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 9:9-17

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 King of Glory - Joseph M. Martin

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates, ye everlasting doors.

Fling open wide your hearts and greet the coming of the Lord.

Who is the King of glory? Who is the King of glory?

The Lord of hosts! The Lord of hosts, He is the King of Glory,

He is the King of Glory. He is the king of glory, He is the King of glory.

All glory, laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,

To whom the lips of children made hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,

Who in the Lord's name comes, the King and Holy One,

The King and Holy One!

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates, ye everlasting doors.

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The Lord of hosts! The Lord of hosts, He is the King of Glory,

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He is the King of Glory. He is the King of glory.

The Third Scripture Lesson

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. ¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!" ¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written, ¹⁵ "Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt." ¹⁶ At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him. ¹⁷ Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. ¹⁸ Many people, because they had heard that he had given this miraculous sign, went out to meet him. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

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²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. ²³ Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. ²⁷ “Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. ³⁰ Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.” ³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴ The crowd spoke up, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ will remain forever, so how can you say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’? Who is this ‘Son of Man’?” ³⁵ Then Jesus told them, “You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. ³⁶ Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light.” When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them.

John 12:12-36

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

**** Offertory Hymn**
Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Hymn #251

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

⁶ With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? ⁸ He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:6-8

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**
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Hymn #252
(vs. 1-2)

**The Words of Institution
&
The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper**

**** Glorifying God in Song**
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Hymn #252
(vs. 3-4)

**** Benediction**

Postlude
Choral - Boellmann

*** 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

Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Service - Please make plans to join us for a very special worship service where we reflect on the ministry and ultimate sacrifice of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This "Service of Darkness" will be held **THIS Thursday, April 5 beginning at 7:00pm** in the Sanctuary.



Easter Sunday, April 8 – Death could not hold him! Celebrate our resurrected Lord with us on Easter Sunday, April 8. Following the morning's celebration, we will have a continental breakfast/time of fellowship in the Snyder Building. *(Please note: Sunday School will be suspended for this morning.)*



Easter Egg Hunt - Children are welcome to join us for an Easter egg hunt immediately after our worship service on Easter Sunday, April 8th. The hunt, which will be held in the church office backyard, is for all children up to and including the 5th grade. We will begin with children up through 1st grade and then have another egg hunt for the 2nd through 5th graders. Please see Jamie Dalton for more information.

Ushers Needed!



Gentlemen! We need your HELP! Our church needs a few more good men to step forward and serve as ushers. If you can help in this vital ministry area, please see Frank Frail or contact the church office (813-774-3881; church@seminolepca.org).



*mark
your
calendar*

Here are some important dates
to make note of:



Vacation Bible School - VBS will be held July 9-13.

Middle School Camp Kulaqua – MS Camp will be held July 16 – 20.

High School Urban Immersion – The High School Urban Immersion Mission Project will be held August 6 – 10.

More details on all of these events will be coming! Stay tuned.

Church Canoe Trip



All seats are spoken for; we are now accepting names for a waiting list! If you have your own canoe, you are more than welcome to join the SPC Flotilla (just let us know you're interested in being a part)! *Contact Jackie Toenes with questions and/or for more information: 220-4095 or jtoenes@seminolepca.org.*

Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

Prayer/Praise:

- Marsha Craig – knee surgery recovery
- Kim Dostal (DIL of Judy Dostal) - meningioma/brain mass; surgery recovery
- Laura Strickland – knee fracture
- Alina Sanchez' parents – mother (fractured shoulder/arm); father (back)

Pray for those seeking employment or better employment:

- Elaine Crescent
- Amarnath Boodoosingh
- Eva White

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	Brian Waugh	#107
Sr. High / 9 th -12 th Grade	Danny Dalton	#101
Adult – Walden Class	Bill Earnest	#108
Adult – Sermon on the Mount	Joe DeNitto	Church Office
Adult – 1&2 Peter	Randy Johnson	#102

Current Adult Classes

Walden Class – Update - Room 108

Teacher: Elder Bill Earnest

It has been said: "Without Easter, Christianity would be just another religion that has come into the world over the eons of time." It's a good way to practice life, but so are other doctrines. Good can be found in many religions and those who practice immorality will be at odds with them just as they are with Christianity. But there is Easter, there is a resurrection, no other faith can claim that fact. As Christ said: "Which is easier to do for a person, forgive their sin, or heal their body when all else fails?"(paraphrased). Only God can do both and the world knows it! Today our class attention will turn to ancient world history. The glimpse into the future that Daniel receives comes from God. The ancient history we know follows the path given to Daniel. For Daniel it was unknown, it was future, to us, it is known, it happened just the way Daniel wrote it down! The proofs are in secular history to the truth of God's word. Christians can point to prophecy, actual history, and fulfillment of prophecy as proofs (undisputable) of our faith. However, the final proof is the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Satan did his best to destroy the Messiah, he failed then and he is destined to fail in the future. "Praise the Lord", He is risen! In the week ahead, think upon these facts, read your Bible and be refreshed on why you believe as you do. "He is risen", and that one fact alone is the assurance that your faith is true and secure!

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. 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."

Volunteers

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>	<u>Banner Bearer</u>
Today:	Lisa Johnson	Emily Johnson	Kathryn White
Next Week:	Randa Gravanti	Ross Edwards	Maggie Groomes
April 15:	Laura Strickland	Rachel Strickland	Sammy Fernandez

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

Coffee Volunteers

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Today:	Brian Waugh
Next Week:	Easter Volunteers
April 15:	Andy Thomson

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Amelia Boodoosingh 4/2	Ruth Alboth 4/17
Joyce Guth 4/4	John Horst 4/17
Kendall Melendi 4/5	Alynn Cawley 4/17
Ben Lambers 4/6	Shannon Pothoven 4/20
Holly Edwards 4/7	Kelly Melendi 4/23
AJ Johnson 4/8	Therese McKenzie 4/23
Steve Strickland 4/8	Christopher Waugh 4/25
Matthew McKenzie 4/13	Jack Glaze 4/25
Bill Cutler 4/14	Gregg Quick 4/28
Donna Waugh 4/16	

Anniversaries

Ken & Susan Smith 4/3	Brian & Donna Waugh 4/9
Andy & Kim Thomson 4/6	Stan & Judy Wildeboer 4/21

SERMON NOTES