

Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM

April 8, 2012

Easter Sunday

*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

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 111:1-9

- Leader: Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.
- People: Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.**
- Leader: Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.
- People: He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate.**
- Leader: He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.
- People: He has shown his people the power of his works, giving them the lands of other nations.**
- Leader: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.
- People: They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness.**
- ALL: He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever— holy and awesome is his name.**

**** Glorifying God in Song**
Worship Christ the Risen King
Hymn #286

**** 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

⁵ Who is this coming up from the desert leaning on her lover? Under the apple tree I roused you; there your mother conceived you, there she who was in labor gave you birth. ⁶ Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave. It burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame. ⁷ Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot wash it away. If one were to give all the wealth of his house for love, it would be utterly scorned.

Song of Songs 8:5-7

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

The Confession of Our Sins

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Episcopal Book of Common Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Musical Offering

The Second Scripture Lesson

¹ Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. ³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹ Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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

My Redeemer Lives! - Mark Hayes

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Rejoice, the Lord is King, your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love,
When He had purged our stains He took His seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours, the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Jesus Christ is risen! Jesus Christ is risen! Alleluia!

The Third Scripture Lesson

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” ³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus’ head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

John 20:1-9

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

** Offertory Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Hymn #295

** Offertory Statement & Prayer of Dedication

⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

I Peter 4:9-11

The Offertory

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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**
Christ the Lord is Risen Today
Hymn #277

**** Benediction**

Postlude
Toccata from Symphony No. 5 - Widor

*** 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



Death could not hold him! Halleluiah! Thank you for joining us to celebrate our risen Lord. Following our morning worship, we invite you to stay for a continental breakfast/time of fellowship in the Snyder Building (directly behind the Sanctuary 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 today. The hunt, which will be held in the church office backyard (the house to the left of the Sanctuary building if you are facing east), 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.



God's Glory - by Jake & Mary Beckel

In memory of Buddy & Gladys Mayo
and in memory of Ken & Marian Smith -
by Don & Judy Vander Ploeg

Thank You!

A Note of Thanks: On behalf of Metropolitan Ministries, we would like to thank all those who contributed to the recent Easter basket drive. Thanks also to those women who shopped for and assembled the baskets. With the congregation's donations, the women's ministry group was able

to deliver 75 baskets! The baskets will be distributed to children whose families reside at Metropolitan Ministries as they work toward self-sufficiency.

Thank you to our SPC Deacons

We would also like to express gratitude to our hard-working SPC Deacons and their tireless efforts. Particularly, we are appreciative of the additional fencing around the playground, as well as the additional and modified fencing around the backyard of the church office. This will open up this area for use during church events and allow parents to watch their children on the playground. Kudos to our Diaconate!



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).



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)
- Ralph Colbert – kidney stones

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

Happy Easter Seminole church family from all of us in the Walden adult Sunday school class. Every Easter Sunday, since we were children, during the Easter Sunday service (whether Sun Rise or regular time), we all anticipated the singing of those special Easter hymns. Hymns of joy and expectation for the time when we will see Jesus, as we receive the promise of eternal life. Easter is for Christians. Our hope is in a risen Savior, the promise of God to embrace us because of what His Son did on the cross. I am reminded of the words a preacher said many years ago when giving a Good Friday message: "Friday is here, but Sunday's a-coming!" And it is here, with all the joy, hope, and peace that God gives us!

Today, most of us will spend time with friends or family; take some moments to think on the things God has provided for you. Maybe things we have not thought about for a long time. Things like how we have been blessed by folks God has caused to cross our paths over the years, or maybe the turns in our life that blessed and brought us into a good relationship with our Heavenly Father. Enjoy the day, Praise God, for Christ has risen!

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."

This Week at SPC ~ April 8 - 14

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

No MS/HS Small Groups – Easter Break

TUESDAY: Session Meeting, 7 pm

WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm

FRIDAY: Seniors' Covenant Group, 10 am



April 26: Deacons' Meeting, 7 pm

April 28: Canoe Trip



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 149

Last Sunday's Offering: \$10,341.75

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	Ross Edwards	Maggie Groomes
Next Week:	Randa Gravanti	Rachel Strickland	Sammy Fernandez
April 22:	Eva White	Cameron Pothoven	Peter Chang

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

Coffee Volunteers

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Today:	Easter Volunteers
Next Week:	Andy Thomson
April 22:	Steve Strickland

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