

Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM
September 9, 2012
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Something Beautiful – Gaither/Hustad

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 84:1-4

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty!

People: **My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.**

Leader: Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest
for herself, where she may have her young—a place near your
altar, O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

ALL: **Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever
praising you.**

**** 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

¹Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land that the LORD promised on oath to your forefathers. ²Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. ³He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. ⁵Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and revering him. ⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; ⁸a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; ⁹a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills. ¹⁰When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. ¹²Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ¹⁵He led you through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. ¹⁶He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well with you. ¹⁷You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” ¹⁸But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today. ¹⁹If you ever forget the LORD your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed. ²⁰Like the nations the LORD destroyed before you, so you will be destroyed for not obeying the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 8

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

The Confession of Our Sins

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Book of Common Worship,
Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993*

Assurance of Pardon

Musical Offering

The Second Scripture Lesson

⁸Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “Do not commit adultery,” “Do not murder,” “Do not steal,” “Do not covet,” and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. ¹¹And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Romans 13:8-14

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

Peace I Give to You - by Taylor Scott Davis

Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you, peace, my peace.
Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you, peace, my peace.
Not as the world gives do I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid,
Neither let them be afraid, neither let them be afraid.

Shalom, shalom, shalom.
Shalom, shalom, shalom.
Shalom, shalom, shalom.

The Third Scripture Lesson

¹During those days another large crowd gathered. Since they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to him and said, ²“I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. ³If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way, because some of them have come a long distance.” ⁴His disciples answered, “But where in this remote place can anyone get enough bread to feed them?” ⁵“How many loaves do you have?” Jesus asked. “Seven,” they replied. ⁶He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. When he had taken the seven loaves and given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and they did so. ⁷They had a few small fish as well; he gave thanks for them also and told the disciples to distribute them. ⁸The people ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ⁹About four thousand men were present. And having sent them away, ¹⁰he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the region of Dalmanutha. ¹¹The Pharisees came and began to question Jesus. To test him, they asked him for a sign from heaven. ¹²He sighed deeply and said, “Why does this generation ask for a miraculous sign? I tell you the truth, no sign will be given to it.” ¹³Then he left them, got back into the boat and crossed to the other side.

¹⁴The disciples had forgotten to bring bread, except for one loaf they had with them in the boat. ¹⁵“Be careful,” Jesus warned them. “Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod.” ¹⁶They discussed this with one another and said, “It is because we have no bread.” ¹⁷Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked them: “Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened? ¹⁸Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear? And don’t you remember? ¹⁹When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?” “Twelve,” they replied. ²⁰“And when I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?” They answered, “Seven.” ²¹He said to them, “Do you still not understand?”

Mark 8:1-21

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

**** Offertory Hymn**
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Hymn #32

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

¹⁶When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it.” ¹⁷He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.” ... ²⁰Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear ²¹so that I return safely to my father’s house, then the LORD will be my God ²²and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God’s house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth.”

Genesis 28:16-17, 20-22

The Offertory
Sonata II, Allegro Moderato – Schubert

*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**
My Faith Has Found a Resting Place
Hymn #468

**** Benediction**

Postlude
Toccata - 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

Saying Goodbye to the Earnests

It is with sad hearts that we must say “goodbye” to long time SPC members Bill and Mary Earnest. Bill and Mary, who have faithfully served at SPC for 23 years, are relocating to Orange City, Florida this week. Their love for each other and their love for the Lord have positively impacted and shaped SPC these many years; for this, we are all thankful. Join us in praying for a smooth transition to their new home; we know that the Lord will use them mightily wherever He leads them to serve.

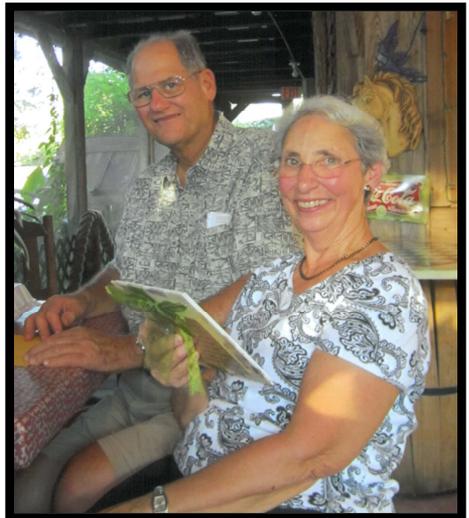
To honor Bill and Mary, we invite all to the Snyder Building Fellowship Area (Rooms 100/102) today, immediately following the worship service where will join in fellowship and cake.

And after their move, Bill and Mary may be reached at:

3A Jonquil Court
Orange City, Fl. 32763

Mary's number: 386-279-1313

Bill's number: 386-279-1825

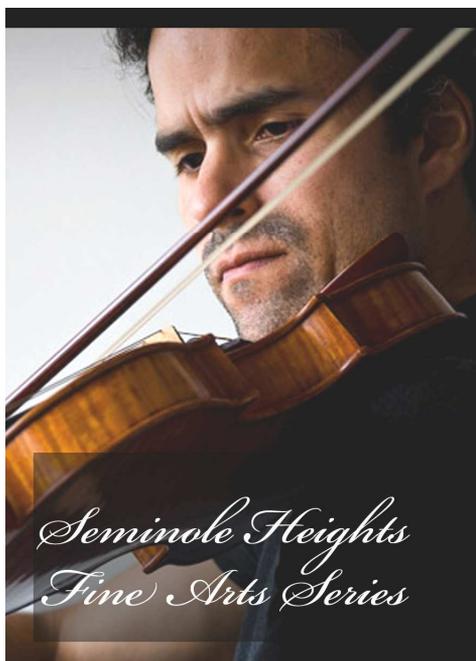


May God Bless You, Bill and Mary!

Seminole Heights Fine Arts Series
A Night of Classical and Spanish Music

The Lopez-Tabor Duo will be performing at Seminole on **Saturday, September 22nd at 7:00 pm**. This will be a wonderful evening of classical and Spanish music presented on both violin and piano. Make plans now to join in this event (there is no charge for admission) and invite your friends and neighbors! Here is a little more about the Duo:

The Lopez Tabor Duo, with Alfonso Lopez, violin, and Michelle Tabor, piano, have performed and toured together in the southeastern U.S. and Venezuela since 2004. Alfonso Lopez is one of the most prominent and versatile musicians of his country. He holds the important position of concertmaster of the Venezuela Symphony Orchestra, the national and principal orchestra. He is also a conductor, teacher, and composer. Michelle Tabor grew up in Venezuela and now lives in Tallahassee, FL. She holds doctorate, master's, and bachelor's degrees in music from Florida State University, the University of Denver, and Tulane University. You can find more information on the Lopez Tabor Duo on their website: www.lopeztabordo.com



*Seminole Heights
Fine Arts Series*

Seminole Church

Presents

Lopez-Tabor Duo

in Concert



*Enjoy a Romantic Evening of
Spanish and Classical Music
with Alfonso Lopez & Michelle Tabor*

Saturday, September 22 ~ 7:00 PM

Call for Volunteers- Family Early Intervention Program

Proverbs 14:31 *“He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.”*

Children and homelessness, those two words do not belong together! But, did you know that children are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population? Did you know that Tampa has the highest homeless rate in the nation? According to the 2011 Homeless Coalition there are 17,775 homeless people in Hillsborough County.



Sacred Scripture is replete with commands to care for the poor and needy. We, as a church, are already active in doing this. However, a door has just opened for us to do this on a larger scale and in a practical and relational manner that completely fits within our church vision. After prayerful consideration and dialogue, our session and diaconate have entered our church into a two-year partnership with Metropolitan Ministries (MM).

Through funding from the Children’s Board of Hillsborough County, MM is being awarded a \$1.5 million grant to help homeless families with children ages 0-8. Statistically, if a child can finish the third grade, the cycle of homelessness is drastically reduced, especially if that family has a church connection. This is where we come in.

MM identifies homeless families who are currently staying in the vicinity of our church. They will pass these contacts to us. Please take note that these families are likely doubling up with neighbors or family members, and not living under bridges. Then, as the church, we get to be the church. These families will be expecting us to make contact with them.

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Therefore, we are making a call for volunteers at SPC to participate in this partnership.

Each volunteer from our church will work directly with one assigned family, assisting them as needed to help strengthen the family spiritually, invite them to church and help lead them to self-sufficiency (which may include emergency food/meals, clothing, school supplies, transportation, information, support, prayer, discipleship etc.). There is no financial obligation on behalf of the volunteer as the program will cover all expenses. But each volunteer is required to attend a training session. (Since the path to self-sufficiency looks different for each family, helping volunteers understand the mindset of poverty is crucial, thus the training is mandatory.) Several sessions are coming up; volunteers only need to attend one session:

Location: **Shekinah Glory**
 1301 S. 78th St. Tampa, FL 33619 (Palm River)

1. Thursday, September 13th – 7:00-9:00pm
2. Saturday, September 15th – 9:30 – 11:30am

This is a wonderful way to put our faith into action; using the gifts God has blessed each of us with to assist a family in getting back on their feet. Please prayerfully consider your participation in this program. **All volunteers must RSVP (including the training session they will attend) to Jackie Toenes,** who will be serving as the Coordinator for the MM/SPC partnership: 813-220-4095 or jtoenes@seminolepca.org. Metropolitan Ministries needs to know who will attend each session so that the proper amount of materials will be available.



Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

Prayer/Praise:

- Bill & Mary Earnest as they relocate to their new home this week
- Larry Dickey – praise for Larry’s continued strengthening!
- Kim Dostal (DIL of Judy Dostal) - ongoing rehabilitation
- Servy & Raquel Fernandez – parents’ health issues; Servy’s new business
- Amarnath Boodoosingh – better employment

Pray for our missionaries:

- Scott & Kathy Craig, MTW/Short-term Team Coordinators in Costa Rica
- Don & Judy Vander Ploeg, Wycliffe/JAARS; Papua New Guinea
- 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 4-5 / K4-K5	Jane Lambers & Cathy Gartman	#109
Ages 6-7 / 1 st - 2 nd Grade	Raquel Fernandez & Liz Hickerson	#105
Ages 8-10 / 3 rd -5 th Grade	Therese McKenzie & Diane Keen	#107
Jr. High / 6 th -8 th Grade	Danny Dalton & Richard Zak	The Tower
Sr. High / 9 th -12 th Grade	Ben Lambers	#101
Adult – Walden Class	Matthew McKenzie	#108
Adult – Gospel of Mark	Bryan Toenes	#102
Adult – How to Study the Bible	Joe DeNitto	Church Office

Current Adult Classes

Walden Class – Update - Room 108

Teacher: Matthew McKenzie

The Walden class is made up of folks of all ages, from young adult to those in their late eighties. From a group such as that you may well imagine the range of perspective the discussions take. This class is a Bible study class, open to class discussion, questions, and comments. We study Old Testament as well as New testament books. The length of time (weeks) to complete a Study depends on the class participation and the discussion level generated by a particular text. We do keep a schedule, but are open to the leading of God's Holy Spirit and follow where scripture leads. If this sounds like your kind of Bible study then by all means come and join us. Our worship service is conducive to the study of solid spiritual food, the encouragement to practice what we learn and to follow the leading of Micah 6:8: "To act justly, To love mercy, To walk humbly with our God". The Walden class meets in each Sunday morning from 10:45 to 11:45 with greetings, prayer for the needs of God's people, and Bible study. Come join us, you are most welcome!

Gospel of Mark – Room 102

Teacher: Bryan Toenes

This fall Bryan Toenes is leading a study of the Gospel of Mark. Today we begin our journey through this shortest of the four gospels by looking at how Mark portrays the beginning of Christ's ministry. Why did he start with the ministry of John the Baptist instead of giving a birth narrative of Jesus as do Matthew and Luke? What is significant about the ministry of John the Baptist in relation to the kingdom of God, and why would this be important to a Roman audience? Why was Jesus baptized, and why does Mark move swiftly to the temptation in the wilderness? Join us this morning as we answer these questions and more as we study the inauguration of Christ's ministry.

How to Study the Bible – Church Office

Teacher: Joe DeNitto

Have you ever had problems understanding God's Word? When you come to a passage in the Bible that confuses you, do you tend to read past it? Would you like to have more tools to assist you in your Bible study? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then this class is for you. Together we will learn many ways to faithfully study the scriptures and apply these techniques to scripture passages, so that very practical methods will be developed for your study. Come join Elder Joe DeNitto in the church office for this class. It could change the way you read, think about and understand the Bible.

This Week at SPC ~ September 9 - 15

SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:00 am
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am

WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm



September 22: Seminole Heights Fine Arts Series:
Lopez-Tabor Duo, 7 pm

September 27: Deacons' Meeting, 7 pm



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 125

Last Sunday's Offering: \$11,546.45

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><i>Teacher</i></u>	<u><i>Helper</i></u>	<u><i>Banner Bearer</i></u>
<i>Today:</i>	<i>Gail Chang</i>	<i>Emily Johnson</i>	<i>Kathryn White</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Donna Waugh</i>	<i>Alex Johnson</i>	<i>Julia White</i>
<i>Sept. 23:</i>	<i>Randa Gravanti</i>	<i>John McKenzie</i>	<i>Nikolas Royer</i>

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

Coffee Volunteers

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<i>Today:</i>	<i>Ron & Marilyn Quick</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Larry Dickey</i>
<i>Sept. 23:</i>	<i>Rob Edwards</i>

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

<i>Rachel Strickland 9/1</i>	<i>Sally Quick 9/22</i>
<i>Jamie Dalton 9/5</i>	<i>Kate Melendi 9/23</i>
<i>Andrew Johnson 9/6</i>	<i>Glee Hamilton 9/24</i>
<i>Meredith Gartman 9/8</i>	<i>Mary Earnest 9/25</i>
<i>Frank Frail 9/10</i>	<i>Ross Edwards 9/26</i>
<i>Cameron Pothoven 9/11</i>	<i>Cathy Armstrong 9/27</i>
<i>Jonathan Keen 9/14</i>	<i>John McKenzie 9/30</i>
<i>Chloe Cawley 9/15</i>	<i>Paul McKenzie 9/30</i>

Anniversaries

<i>Servy & Raquel Fernandez 9/13</i>
<i>Ronald & Marilyn Quick 9/15</i>
<i>Bill & Mary Earnest 9/29</i>