

Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM
September 16, 2012
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

*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

Rejoice, the Lord is King - arr. Raymond Haan

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-3

- Leader:** Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- People:** Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.
- ALL:** Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

**** Glorifying God in Song**

Come Christians, Join to Sing

Hymn #302

**** 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

¹This is what the LORD says: “Where is your mother’s certificate of divorce with which I sent her away? Or to which of my creditors did I sell you? Because of your sins you were sold; because of your transgressions your mother was sent away. ²When I came, why was there no one? When I called, why was there no one to answer? Was my arm too short to ransom you? Do I lack the strength to rescue you? By a mere rebuke I dry up the sea, I turn rivers into a desert; their fish rot for lack of water and die of thirst. ³I clothe the sky with darkness and make sackcloth its covering.” ⁴The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. ⁵The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back. ⁶I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. ⁷Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! ⁹It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who is he that will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up. ¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the word of his servant? Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God. ¹¹But now, all you who light fires and provide yourselves with flaming torches, go, walk in the light of your fires and of the torches you have set ablaze. This is what you shall receive from my hand: You will lie down in torment.

Isaiah 50

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

Musical Offering

The Second Scripture Lesson

¹Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body. ¹²So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

2 Corinthians 4:1-12

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 Third Scripture Lesson

²² They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. ²³ He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?" ²⁴ He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around." ²⁵ Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. ²⁶ Jesus sent him home, saying, "Don't go into the village." ²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" ²⁸ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ." ³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." ³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? ³⁷ Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Mark 8:22-38

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**

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
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us - arr. Kenneth Varner

*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
Holy, Holy, Holy - arr Marilyn Arison

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

Youth Group

*Calling all Middle School
and High School students!*

Come join us Sunday nights in the newly renovated Luther Tower! Beginning next Sunday we will begin gathering for a time of worship, fellowship and fun!

You have waited long enough!

Sunday's 5:30 - 7:30 PM

See you there!



Fall Women's Bible Study Information Meeting - There will be an information meeting regarding the Fall Women's Bible Study on Monday evening, September 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of John and Diane Keen (15832 Glenarn Drive, Tampa 33618). All ladies interested in participating in a morning or evening study are welcome to attend.



Hallway Noise - Seminole! Please be mindful of hallway noise in the Snyder Building as our fellowship time does overlap a portion of St. Paul's Sunday School hour. Also, parents, please instruct your children to not run in the building and to not enter the Sunday School rooms early, as this disrupts St. Paul's classes. *It is extremely important to keep the hallways as quiet as possible and to minimize disturbances to St. Paul's Sunday*

School classes. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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

The Lopez-Tabor Duo will be performing at Seminole **THIS 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.lopeztaborduo.embarqspace.com



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

*Seminole Heights
Fine Arts Series*

Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

Prayer/Praise:

- Glee Hamilton
- 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 looking at the Great Galilean Ministry of Jesus as He returned to Galilee after His temptation in the wilderness. What was the message Jesus came to preach? Why does Mark put so much emphasis on the miracles dealing with Jesus casting out demons? How did Jesus correct the hypocritical spiritual leaders of His day concerning God's intention for the Sabbath? And how does Mark portray Jesus as a compassionate Lord and Savior? Join us this morning as answer these questions and more in our study of the Gospel of Mark.

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 16 - 22

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

WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm

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

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September 27: Deacons' Meeting, 7 pm

October 2: Session Meeting, 7 pm

October 28: Presbytery Wide Reformation Day
Service @ Holy Trinity, 6 pm

November 3: Fall Fellowship, 5 pm

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SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 140

Last Sunday's Offering: \$9,791.79

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>Donna Waugh</i>	<i>Alex Johnson</i>	<i>Julia White</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Randa Gravanti</i>	<i>John McKenzie</i>	<i>Nikolas Royer</i>
<i>Sept. 30:</i>	<i>Tami Pothoven</i>	<i>Shannon Pothoven</i>	<i>Dominick Zak</i>

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

Coffee Volunteers

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<i>Today:</i>	<i>Larry Dickey</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Rob Edwards</i>
<i>Sept. 30:</i>	<i>Brian Waugh</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>