

Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM
March 10, 2013
Fourth Sunday in Lent

*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

No Other Name

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5

- Leader: Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
- People:** Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—
- Leader: who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
- People:** who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,
- ALL:** who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**** Glorifying God in Song**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Hymn #164

**** 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

¹Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
²Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. ³When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord”— and you forgave the guilt of my sin. ⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him. ⁷You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. ⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. ⁹Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you. ¹⁰Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord’s unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him. ¹¹Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Psalm 32

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 your Son.”

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

Assurance of Pardon

Musical Offering

O Man Bewail Thy Grievous Fall - J.S. Bach

The Second Scripture Lesson

¹ As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:1-10

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

O For a Closer Walk With God - C. V. Stanford

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!
Return, O holy Dove,
Return! Return! Return!
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
That made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.
So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

The Third Scripture Lesson

³⁶ When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. ³⁸ As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. ³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. ⁴¹ "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said. ⁴⁴ Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little." ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹ The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Luke 7:36-50

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

** Offertory Hymn

Jesus, with Thy Church Abide

Hymn #348

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

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you. ²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸ You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. ²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Psalm 118:26-29

The Offertory

Nothing But the Blood - arr. Cindy Berry

*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**

Lift High the Cross

Hymn #263

**** Benediction**

Postlude

Tocatta in D Minor - J. S. Bach

*** 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

Spring Picnic!



Save the date for our annual spring picnic! This year, it will be held on church grounds **Sunday evening, March 17** from **5:00 – 8:00 pm**. There will be a bounce house for the kids and SPC will provide hamburgers/hotdogs (and the trimmings) and drinks; *you are asked to bring a side-dish or dessert to share.*

A Master Chef and Chef Assistant are needed;

if you can help, contact Jackie ASAP!

RSVP if you are attending:

813-220-4095 or
jtoenes@seminolepca.org

Easter

Jesus is Alive! Death could not hold him! Join us as we celebrate and praise our resurrected Lord on **Easter Sunday, March 31**. 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 Volunteers Needed! – If you can help with the Easter Fellowship breakfast, please contact Jackie Toenes: 813-220-4095 or jtoenes@seminolepca.org. Help is needed setting up (men needed!) and in preparing some food items for the breakfast.



The Session, in consultation with the Diaconate, recently created the service role of “SPC Greeter”. The Session also revised the collection of the offering during the service.

Greeters: Beginning on April 7, 2013, SPC Greeters will welcome worshippers into the sanctuary, distribute bulletins and hymnals, and provide basic guidance to visitors. We encourage you to serve as greeter if you are a regular SPC worshiper (members and non-members). Families are encouraged to serve as a unit.



To serve as a greeter simply email: greeters@seminolepca.org. We will respond with an email providing more details about greeting as well as available openings in the greeter rotation. Please note that, if you were previously serving as an usher, you will be scheduled as a greeter on your regular rotation, so there is no need to re-register.

Offering Collection: Beginning on April 7, 2013, in full accord with their Biblical calling, only ordained officers (currently or formerly serving elders or deacons) will collect the offering.

Please contact Alex Fernandez at 813.420.8658 if you have any questions.



Introducing our 2013 Costa Rica Mission Team

Join with us as we seek to fulfill the foreign missions thrust of SPC's vision by sending our very first missions team to our mission partners in Costa Rica! Our team is comprised of:

Brianna Connolly
Danny Dalton
Marissa Fontanini
Scott Hickerson
Josie Hoopes
Medora Hoopes

Tori Hoopes
Adrienne Lambers
Amanda Waugh
Donna Waugh
Ryan Williams

Our goal is that the lives of our team members, our congregation, and also the Costa Ricans with whom we will form relationships will be transformed through the power of the gospel. We will go to Costa Rica as learners and servants, to assist our missionaries as they work alongside the Costa Rican church to make God known by establishing a presbytery in Costa Rica and planting reformed, gospel-centered churches all over Costa Rica and beyond.



You can help us! As we work hard at preparing over the next three and a half months through prayer, Bible study, research, language learning, and reading, *you can come along side us and send us out with prayer, encouragement and financial support!* Did you know that it will cost almost \$14,000 to send our team of eleven people to Costa Rica for eight days? **We are asking that Seminole Church contribute one third of this cost (roughly \$4,500).** *Are you with us?* Stay tuned and we will be providing information on some upcoming fundraising opportunities that will help us reach this goal.

As we seek to represent Christ's Church at Seminole, your prayers and financial support are essential for this trip.

First Hug is a program established by Metropolitan Ministries that seeks to stabilize and strengthen homeless families with young children in our immediate community. To make this program a success, *MetMin is looking for members of our church to assist in the First Hug program.* There are three different ways we can help out with this program:



1. **First Responder** – a First Responder will connect with First Hug families for visitation, prayer, and emotional support. This is a short-term commitment, generally 30 -60 days.
2. **Family Mentor** – a Family Mentor provides a minimum 2-year commitment, offering support in specific areas of need (money management, parenting, tutoring, etc.), connecting the family to church programs, and visiting with the family.
3. **Parent-Child Home Program** – this is a literacy-school preparedness program for families with 2 & 3 year old children. Volunteers in this program will visit the child in his/her home two times a week for ½ hour, bringing a toy or a book each time. The program runs for two 23-week cycles over the course of two years.

**Specific program training is provided for each of these different areas.
Training and background screening are mandatory for participation
in any area of the First Hug program.**

The next training is coming up on Saturday, April 13 from 9 am – 12 pm (location TBA). The First Hug program is a great way to employ the skills God has blessed each one of us with in assisting a struggling family to regain self-sufficiency. **Please prayerfully consider how you may participate in the First Hug program.**



**Contact Jackie Toenes to volunteer
and/or with any questions:
220-4095 or jtoenes@seminolepca.org.**

Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

Prayer/Praise:

- Lois Callen
- Kim Dostal (DIL of Judy Dostal) & Alan Dostal (Judy's husband)

Pray for our missionaries & supported ministries:

- Scott & Kathy Craig, MTW/Short-term Team Coordinators (Costa Rica)
- Costa Rica Mission Project: Birth of a New Presbyterian Church
- Don & Judy Vander Ploeg, Wycliffe/JAARS (Papua New Guinea)
- Dave Hawes, Navigators – training and development nationwide
- Jeff Lee, Reformed University Ministries @ USF
- Joel DeVictoria, Berea Presbyterian Church (Winter Haven)
- Steve Light, Sojourner Presbyterian Church (USF Area)

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 & Liz Hickerson	#109
Ages 6-7 / 1 st - 2 nd Grade	Lisa Johnson & Laura Strickland	#105
Ages 8-10 / 3 rd –5 th Grade	Therese McKenzie & Cathy Armstrong	#107
Jr. High / 6 th –8 th Grade	Gregg Quick	#100
Sr. High / 9 th –12 th Grade	Joe DeNitto	#101
CR Mission Team Training	Danny Dalton	The Tower
Adult – Walden Class	Matthew McKenzie	#108
Adult – Genesis	Brian Waugh	#102
Adult – Spiritual Disciplines	Randy Johnson	Church Office

Current Adult Classes

Walden Class – 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!

Spiritual Disciplines – Church Office

Teacher: Randy Johnson

“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.” (1 Cor 9:24-25) Our class on Spiritual Disciplines will explore how we can better train ourselves to grow in spiritual health and maintain our relationship with Christ and His Church. Join RE Randy Johnson as we explore spiritual disciplines and encourage each other on to win the race. We will explore how to pursue spiritual health and to do so with purpose. “Therefore, I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.” (v 26-27). Let us take seriously Paul’s call to work diligently on our spiritual growth.

Genesis – Room 102

Teacher: Brian Waugh

Genesis shows us patterns where God moves his people from places of turmoil and sin to places of goodness and joy. In this process, He chooses to use people who are flawed and weak to fulfill his plan. Throughout this book we see His salvation and provision shine forth over and over again. Join RE Brian Waugh as we look at these patterns and see how they apply to our lives today and propel us toward His heavenly kingdom.

This Week at SPC ~ March 10 - 16

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

MS/HS Youth Group, 5:30 pm
Luther Tower

WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm

FRIDAY: Seniors Covenant Group, 10 am



March 17: Spring Picnic, 5 pm

March 28: Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Service,
7 pm

March 31: Easter Sunday

April 27: Canoe Trip



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 138

Last Sunday's Offering: \$7,814.69

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>Randa Gravanti</i>	<i>Abby Johnson</i>	<i>Nikolas Royer</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Therese McKenzie</i>	<i>Paul McKenzie</i>	<i>Dominick Zak</i>
<i>March 31:</i>	<i>Andrea Cawley</i>	<i>Keegan Melendi</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>Bill Cutler</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Brian Waugh</i>
<i>March 31:</i>	<i>Easter Volunteers</i>

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

<i>Lisa Johnson 3/3</i>	<i>Virginia Dohle 3/17</i>
<i>Alina Sanchez 3/6</i>	<i>Dan Fernandez 3/19</i>
<i>Becca Armstrong 3/11</i>	<i>Kit Rackham 3/22</i>
<i>Susan Smith 3/12</i>	<i>Ralph Colbert 3/27</i>
<i>Marilyn Horst 3/13</i>	<i>Diane Keen 3/29</i>

Anniversaries

Gregg & Sally Quick 3/18