

Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM
March 17, 2013
Fifth 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

Meditation

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 107:1-3

- Leader:** Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.
- People:** Let the redeemed of the LORD say this-- those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,
- ALL:** those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.

**** 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

1 I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. 2 He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. 3 "Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. 4 What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? 5 Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. 6 I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briars and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it." 7 The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are the garden of his delight. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

Isaiah 5:1-7

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

Jesus Paid it All - arr. Jolene Boyd

The Second Scripture Lesson

1 For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. 2 They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. 3 They all ate the same spiritual food 4 and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert. 6 Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. 7 Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry." 8 We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did-- and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. 9 We should not test the Lord, as some of them did-- and were killed by snakes. 10 And do not grumble, as some of them did-- and were killed by the destroying angel. 11 These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. 12 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! 13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

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 Third Scripture Lesson

1 Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. 2 Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? 3 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. 4 Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them-- do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish." 6 Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any. 7 So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' 8 "'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

Luke 13:1-9

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

**** Offertory Hymn**

Blessed Assurance

Hymn #693

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

33 Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! 34 "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" 35 "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?" 36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen. ... 1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-- this is your spiritual act of worship. 2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-- his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 11:33-12:2

The Offertory

Hallelujah! What a Saviour - arr. Tornquist

*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
Fugue 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! - Join us **TONIGHT!** 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. See you there!

Maundy Thursday & Easter

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. The choir will be presenting the work *Tenebrae, A Service of Darkness*, with accompanying strings and oboe. The service will be held on **Thursday, March 28 at 7:00pm** in the Sanctuary.



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 17 - 23

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

Spring Picnic, 5 pm

WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm

FRIDAY: Seniors Covenant Group, 10 am



March 26: Deacons' Meeting, 7 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: 111

Last Sunday's Offering: \$3,649.62

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>Kelly Melendi</i>	<i>Kourtney Melendi</i>	<i>Nora Fernandez</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>Rob Edwards</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