

Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM
March 30, 2014
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

Lullaby

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 86:8-13

Leader: Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.

People: **All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name.**

Leader: For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.

People: **Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.**

Leader: I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.

All: **For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths of the grave.**

**** Glorifying God in Song**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn # 53

**** 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 Gloria Patri**

Hymn # 734

The First Scripture Lesson

1 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king." 2 But Samuel said, "How can I go? Saul will hear about it and kill me." The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' 3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate." 4 Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?" 5 Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. 6 When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD." 7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

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8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." 9 Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one." 10 Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these." 11 So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered, "but he is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives." 12 So he sent and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; he is the one." 13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah.

1Samuel 16:1-13

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

The Confession of Our Sins

(If you are able, we invite you to kneel so that our outward posture reflects our inward attitude)

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

“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

Isaiah 53:5-6

Musical Offering

Aria - Handel

The Second Scripture Lesson

15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! 16 Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey-- whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. 18 You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. 19 I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. 20 When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. 21 What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:15-23

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.

Anthem

Grace - Mark Hayes

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound; that saved a wretch, a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found; I once was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and that same grace my fears
relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour when I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already safely come.
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and surely grace will lead me home, I
shall go home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, the
glorious sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than since the day we first begun.

The Third Scripture Lesson

1 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. 4 As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. 7 "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. 8 His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man." 10 "How then were your eyes opened?" they demanded. 11 He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see." 12 "Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said. 13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. 14 Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. 15 Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see."

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16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?" So they were divided. 17 Finally they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet." 18 The Jews still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. 19 "Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?" 20 "We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind. 21 But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." 22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for already the Jews had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Christ would be put out of the synagogue. 23 That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." 24 A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God," they said. "We know this man is a sinner." 25 He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" 26 Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" 27 He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" 28 Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! 29 We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from." 30 The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. 31 We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does his will. 32 Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." 34 To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out. 35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36 "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." 37 Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." 38 Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind." 40 Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?" 41 Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.

John 9:1-41

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

**** Glorifying God in Song**

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Hymn # 508

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

19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:19-21

The Offertory

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go - arr. Don Phillips

*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**

To God Be the Glory

Hymn # 55

**** Benediction**

Postlude

Toccata on Picardy - Gordon Young

** 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



Beginning this Sunday we will be providing childcare for school-aged children. Therefore, families with younger children are now free to participate in the Adult Bible study led by Brian Waugh! This Bible study (along with our Student Ministry) will meet every Sunday through May 25, with the exception of Easter Sunday and Mother's Day.

You're Invited

Conversations That Matter series

Decisions for Life and Death: A Conversation About the Ethics of Abortion, Euthanasia, and Everything in Between

- This event will take place on Friday, **April 4th** at **7:00 pm** and will be hosted by Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church (350 S. Hyde Park Ave. Tampa, 33606)
- Dr. Nelson Kloosterman, Adjunct Professor of Ethics and New Testament at Mid-Atlantic Reformed Seminary, will speak on these matters. A time of Questions and Answers will follow the lecture. Please join us for this thoughtful and timely conversation. While the material will be presented from a Christian perspective, questions from all perspectives will be welcomed.

Easter C E L E B R A T I O N

Easter Sunday, April 20th – Death could not hold him! Celebrate our resurrected Lord with us on Easter Sunday, April 20th. 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 Lisa Johnson: 813-624-8397 or church@seminolepca.org. Help is needed setting up (men needed!) and in preparing some food items for the breakfast.

Easter Lilies – Please fill out the bulletin insert and place it in the offering plate. Orders will be due **April 6th**.



Easter Egg Hunt - Children are welcome to join us for an Easter egg hunt immediately after our worship service on Easter Sunday, April 20th. The hunt, which will be held in the church office backyard, is for all children up to and including the 5th grade.



Vacation Bible School

SAVE THE DATE

June 16 – 20, 2014

We are looking forward to another wonderful week of fun, fellowship, and sharing the truth of the gospel with our children.

Also, consider volunteering this year! More details on how you can help will be coming soon. Contact Sara Royer for more information 813-453-3221 or sara.royer@iconnectgreen.com.

Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

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 & Page 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	Cathy Gartman & Tami Lang	#109
Ages 6-7 / 1 st - 2 nd Grade	Jamie Dalton &	#105
Ages 8-10 / 3 rd –5 th Grade	Kelly Fernandez & Sara Royer	#107
Middle School / 6 th –8 th Grade	Danny Dalton	#101
High School / 9 th –12 th Grade	Randy Johnson	The Tower
Adult – Walden Class	Jay Fontanini	#108
Adult – Galatians	Joe DeNitto	#102
Adult – Church History: The First 1500 Years	Bryan Toenes	Church Office

This Week at SPC ~ Mar. 30 - Apr. 5

SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:00 am
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am
Youth Group, 5:30 pm
Adult Bible Study, 5:30 pm

TUESDAY: Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am

WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm

FRIDAY: Senior's Group, 10:00 am



April 8 Session Meeting, 7:00 pm

April 20 Easter Service and Fellowship Breakfast

SAVE THE DATE!

June 27-July 2, 2014 High School Camp Elevate

July 14-18, 2014 Middle School Camp Kulaqua



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Last Sunday's Attendance: 127

Last Sunday's Offering: \$9,989.18

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

Greeters / Ordained Officer

	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
<u>Greeters:</u>	<i>Hoopes Family</i>	<i>Andy Thomson Brian Armstrong</i>
<u>Ordained Officer:</u>	<i>Duncan Hoopes</i>	<i>Bill Cutler</i>

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>	<u>Banner Bearer</u>
<i>Today:</i>	<i>Donna Waugh</i>	<i>Sadie Edwards</i>	<i>Dominic Zak</i>
<i>Apr. 6:</i>	<i>Gail Chang</i>	<i>Patrick Chang</i>	<i>Nikolas Royer</i>
<i>Apr. 13:</i>	<i>Andrea Cawley</i>	<i>Chloe Cawley</i>	<i>Nora Fernandez</i>

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

Coffee Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Bill Cutler</i>
<i>Apr 6:</i>	<i>Rob Edwards</i>
<i>Apr. 13:</i>	<i>Brian Waugh</i>

WE 
VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Therese McKenzie</i>
<i>Apr. 6:</i>	<i>Raquel Fernandez</i>
<i>Apr. 13:</i>	<i>Randa Gravanti</i>

Fellowship Snacks

<u><i>Next Week –April 6:</i></u>	<u><i>April 13 :</i></u>
<i>Kelly Fernandez</i>	<i>Holly Edwards</i>
<i>Lisa Johnson</i>	<i>Laura Strickland</i>
<i>Cathy Armstrong</i>	<i>Donna Waugh</i>
<i>Raquel Fernandez</i>	<i>Glee Hamilton</i>

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Lisa Johnson 3/3
Alina Sanchez 3/6
Becca Armstrong 3/11
Susan Smith 3/12
Marilyn Horst 3/13

Dan Fernandez 3/19
Kit Rackham 3/22
Ralph Colbert 3/27
Diane Keen 3/29

Anniversaries

Gregg & Sally Quick 3/18



Anniversaries
and Birthdays