

Morning Worship Service
November 30, 2014 - 9:00 AM
First Day of Advent

*Please adjust all electronic communication devices so as not to disrupt the service.
If you need to leave the Sanctuary, please use the exits in the narthex.*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

*Prelude: In the Bleak Midwinter - arr. by Staneslow
Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Dalton Family

The First Candle is the **prophecy candle**. It reminds us that Christ's coming was revealed by God through the prophets hundreds of years before Christ was born.



Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. *Isaiah 7:14*

**** Glorifying God in Song**
Angels, From The Realms Of Glory

Choir and Congregation

Verse 1 – Congregation

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.

Verses 2 – Congregation

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing; Yoder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.

Verse 3 - Choir

Verses 4 & 5 – Congregation

Saints before the alter bending, watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.

Though an infant now we view him; he shall fill his Father's throne,
Gather all the nations to him; every knee shall then bow down.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.

**** The Invocation**

**** The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

****The Gloria Patri**

Hymn # 734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

The First Scripture Lesson

1 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. 2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. 3 A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the LORD ; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. 5 And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken." 6 A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field. 7 The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass. 8 The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever." 9 You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" 10 See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. 11 He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

Isaiah 40:1-11

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)

"Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"

Assurance of Pardon

18 "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. **19** If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land; **20** but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword." For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Isaiah 1:18-20

Musical Offering

A Child is Born in Bethlehem - arr. by Staneslow

The Second Scripture Lesson

8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. 11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives 12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. 13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. 14 So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. 15 Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him.

2 Peter 3:8-15

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

How Great Our Joy!

While by the sheep we watched at night,
Glad tidings brought an angel bright.

Refrain

How great our joy! Great our joy!
Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

There shall be born, so He did say,
In Bethlehem a Child today.

Refrain

There shall the Child lie in a stall,
This Child who shall redeem us all.

Refrain

This gift of God we'll cherish well,
That ever joy our hearts shall fill.

Refrain

The Third Scripture Lesson

1 The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2 It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"-- 3 "a voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.' " 4 And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

(Continued...)

5 The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. 6 John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 8 I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Mark 1:1-8

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

**** Glorifying God in Song**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Choir and Congregation

Verses 1 & 2 – Congregation

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lowly exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Verse 3 – Choir

Verses 4 & 5 – Congregation

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give law in cloud and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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

9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

Matthew 2:9-11

The Offertory

Listen to His Coming - arr. Mark Hayes

*Please fill out the connection card in the bulletin
to indicate your attendance.*

**** The Doxology**

Hymn # 731

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here
below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost. Amen.*

*Children K4 – 2nd Grades may be dismissed to Children's
Church.*

The Message
Rev. John K. Keen
Senior Pastor

**** Glorifying God in Song**
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Hymn # 196

*** Benediction**

Postlude
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - Moser

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

Program Note Reminder

No Sunday School November 30th

Just a reminder that we will not have Sunday School on November 30th due to the Thanksgiving holiday. However, please do join us for our Fellowship Time immediately after the service.



Sunday Evening Activities for December 7th

MS/HS Youth Progressive Dinner Christmas Party

5:00 PM - 8:30 PM

- Meet at the church. Get picked up at the Pothovens' (10274 Oasis Palm Dr.) Sign-up required. Bring notarized Medical/Release form and a wrapped gift (\$5 or less).

Children's Art Program Christmas Party

5:00-8:00 PM (early pick up available at 7pm)

- Meeting in the Church office. Pizza dinner will be provided.

Adult Bible Study Christmas Social

5-ish-8:00 PM

- Meeting at the Dalton's (5903 N Tampa St.) Bring a favorite cheese or dessert to share.

Order Your Poinsettia

It's time to place your orders for poinsettias to beautify the Sanctuary for Christmas. The cost of each plant is **\$7.00**.

If you would like to place an order please respond on the tan slip or email the following information to church@seminolepca.org:

1. Quantity Desired
2. How the plant(s) is to be dedicated.



Please make your checks payable to SPC (marked Poinsettias), and place them in the offering plate. The deadline for ordering is **Sunday, December 7**. Plants may be taken home following the Christmas Eve service.

Make-And-Take: Parents Night Out *Friday December 12, 6:30-9:30 PM*



A Christmas Make-and-Take will be held **Friday, December 12**. Drop off your children at the Lang's home (31127 Whinsenton Dr. Wesley Chapel FL 33543) anytime after 6:30 PM. While at the house, your children will make several Christmas gifts and wrapping items. Meanwhile, parents will be free to shop, have dinner, or go to a movie. The Langs are centrally located to a variety of shops and malls, including Wiregrass. (A map will be provided to parents at drop-off the night of.) Then, return to pick up your happy and exhausted children at 9:30 PM. All we ask is that they're fed dinner before

drop-off. Snacks will be provided. Please contact Tami Lang at tamilang@verizon.net to secure your child(ren)'s spot.

Congregational Meeting



Please make plans to attend our annual congregational meeting on **Sunday, December 14, immediately after the morning worship service**. The purpose of this meeting is: 1) present the 2015 Church Budget to the congregation and entertain and address any questions not already answered previously; 2) elect new officers; and, 3) to elect and seat/reseat trustees of the corporation. No other business will be discussed at this meeting (per our *Book of Church Order*).



Ladies,

Plan to join us for a time of relaxation and renewal at our Spring Women's Retreat on February 27-28, 2015. Our guest speaker, Sharon Johnson will be speaking on how to walk in Contentment. Don't miss out on this precious

time to draw closer to the Lord and one another! The cost of the retreat is \$85.

(Full/partial scholarships are available if needed.) Extra registration forms are available from the hymnal carts and due back to the church office no later than

December 7th. Contact Kelly Fernandez at [\(813\)969-3610](tel:8139693610) or

kellyjfernandez@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

New Youth Sunday School Classes Beginning December 7

High School

Theology 201 Christ and Salvation (WCF chapter 8-15)

Teacher: Ben Lambers (10 classes)

This is the second of four classes as we study the Westminster Confession of Faith. They do not have to be taken in order. This document is the best summary of what Scripture teaches. Therefore, this class is a great way to get a concise and precise summary of Sacred Scripture, especially pertaining to the person and work of Jesus Christ and how he accomplished salvation for His people. This class covers chapters 8-15 and students will be challenged to complete weekly homework. Let us all remember, the goal of teaching theology is maturity, not simply knowledge. Maturity always leads to application of this knowledge to life (from the head to the heart to the hands). Come join us!

Middle School

Living the Christian Life:

Teachers: Danny Dalton (10 classes)

This is the fourth and final installment in our journey through the Westminster Shorter Catechism (WSC), though they don't have to be taken in order. The first two classes on the WSC look at "what man is to believe concerning God." The final two classes study, "what duty God requires of man." Though we may be able to separate these in a classroom setting, these two aspects are never to be separated in one's life. They always go together. There is no true faith without obedience. And there is no real obedience without faith. In this course we study twenty questions, #84-88, 90, 92, 94-96, 98-107. Students are challenged to memorize seven of these questions (86, 87, 92, 94, 95, 96, and 98).

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGINNING DECEMBER 7

Walden Class – Room 108

Teacher: Matthew McKenzie

The Walden Class, which is currently studying the book of Ephesians, offers a combination of Bible study and social interaction, as participants share their lives with one another through prayer requests, praise reports, brief devotionals, and a thirty-minute Bible lesson each Sunday. The class offers a greater degree of flexibility for those desiring to engage in a study of a particular book of the Bible, which may exceed the quarterly limitations of other classes, *e.g. a four or five month study through The Gospel of Matthew or the book of Revelation, etc.* This relaxing pace of the Walden Class allows for a comprehensive study of Sacred Scripture in the context of thoughtful dialog, question and answer, and practical application of God's Word.

The Letters of John – Room 102

Teacher: Bryan Toenes

Which is most important for the Christian: right belief, right practice, or love? Perhaps this is a loaded question. How can we love and obey one in whom we do not really believe? How can we say we love and believe in one whom we do not obey? And how can we truly believe in and obey one whom we do not love? Do you feel as if you are spinning around on a carousel as you read this? Then why not join us this winter quarter as we sort out these questions together in our study of the three letters of the Apostle John.

Outreach - Room 102

Teacher: Elder Randy Johnson

As Christians we are called to reach out in word and deed, both in our culture and cross-culturally. Jesus commands us, not only to love our neighbor as ourselves, but to be His witnesses to those culturally close to us and to those culturally distant (Acts 1:8). The apostle Peter also wrote that we are to always be prepared to give a gentle account for the hope that is in us. So, join us as we study the basic foundations of Outreach: mercy, evangelism and missions. Why evangelize? How and when do I show mercy? How can I be part of missions? These questions and more will be discussed as elder Randy Johnson provides an overview of the subject of Outreach as it relates to our personal Christian walk and the work of the Church.

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The Seven Deadly Sins – Church Office

Teacher: Joe DeNitto

Can you name the seven deadly sins? Where did they originate? Are they right out of the Bible, or the 10 commandments? What are the seven lively or cardinal virtues? How can we relate these old ideas to our modern lives and pursue a better examination of conscience? Even if you knew these sins and virtues, how could they help you in your walk with Christ? The Christian faith has been teaching believers to avoid these seven sins, and practice these seven virtues for a long time. Even after the Protestant Reformation, teachings of one form or another about them continued. If you would like to explore this subject further, come join Elder Joe DeNitto for this timeless study.

Supported Missionaries and Ministries

Below are missionaries and ministries that SPC supports financially. We encourage you to pray for them and consider supporting them yourself.

- Scott & Kathy Craig, MTW/Short-term Team Coordinators (Costa Rica), (#11130); Mission to the World, PO Box 116284, Atlanta, GA 30368-6284
- Costa Rica Mission Project: Birth of a New Presbyterian Church, (Project #92760); Mission to the World, PO Box 116284, Atlanta, GA 30368-6284
- Don & Judy Vander Ploeg, Wycliffe/JAARS (Papua New Guinea), (Member Account #222590), Wycliffe Bible Translators, PO Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862-8200
- Dave & Page Hawes, Navigators – training and development nationwide (Member Account 35857), PO Box 6079, Albert Lea, MN 56007-6679
- Jeff Lee, Reformed University Ministries @ USF
Reformed University Ministries, PO Box 890004, Charlotte, NC 28289-0004
(Please include the name of campus, or individual you would like us to allocate the gift to)
- Steve Light, Sojourner Presbyterian Church (USF Area)
Sojourner Presbyterian Church, 350 South Hyde Park Avenue,
Tampa, Florida 33606

Christian Education – Adults, Youth, & Children

Class/Grade	Class Teacher(s)	Class Room
Ages 2-3 / Toddlers	Bev Thomson	#115
Ages 4-7 / K4/K5 - 2 nd Grade	Tami Lang & Stephanie Williams	#109
Ages 8-10 / 3 rd -5 th Grade	Kelly Fernandez & Gail Chang	#107
Middle School / 6 th -8 th Grade	Steve Pothoven	#101
High School / 9 th -12 th Grade	Danny Dalton	The Tower
Adult – Walden Class	Matthew McKenzie	#108
Adult – The Letters of John	Bryan Toenes	#102
Adult – Outreach	Randy Johnson	Church Office
Exploring Church Membership	Brian Waugh	#111

This Week at SPC ~ November 30 – December 6

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

TUESDAY: Ladies' Bible Study, 9:30 am

WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm

FRIDAY: Senior Group, 10:00 am



Parents: Save the Date!

HS Mission Project: Hope for Inner City – Chattanooga June 20-27, 2015

MS Camp Kalaqua July 13-17, 2015

SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 100

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ TBD

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><i>November</i></u>	<u><i>December</i></u>
<u><i>Greeters:</i></u>	<i>Strickland Family</i>	<i>Bryan Toenes</i>
<u><i>Ordained Officer:</i></u>	<i>Steve Strickland</i>	<i>Servy Fernandez</i>

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u><i>Teacher</i></u>	<u><i>Helper</i></u>	<u><i>Banner Bearer</i></u>
<i>Today:</i>	<i>Sara Royer</i>	<i>Abby Johnson</i>	<i>Nikolas Royer</i>
<i>Dec. 7:</i>	<i>Andrea Cawley</i>	<i>Chloe Cawley</i>	<i>Olivia White</i>
<i>Dec. 14:</i>	<i>Cathy Armstrong</i>	<i>Rebecca Armstrong</i>	<i>Julia White</i>

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

Coffee Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Andrea Cawley</i>
<i>Dec. 7:</i>	<i>Karen Collins</i>
<i>Dec. 14:</i>	<i>Randa Gravanti</i>

WE 
VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Therese McKenzie</i>
<i>Dec. 7:</i>	<i>Randa Gravanti</i>
<i>Dec. 14:</i>	<i>Gail Chang</i>

Fellowship Snacks

<u><i>Next Week – Dec. 7:</i></u> <i>Therese McKenzie</i> <i>Tami Pothoven</i> <i>Karen Collins</i> <i>Randa Gravanti</i>	<u><i>Dec. 14:</i></u> <i>Kelly Fernandez</i> <i>Lisa Johnson</i> <i>Cathy Armstrong</i> <i>Raquel Fernandez</i>
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November Birthdays & Anniversaries



*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*