

Morning Worship Service
March 8, 2015 - 9:00 AM
Third 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 in the narthex.*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

*Let Us Break Bread Together - Spiritual/Donald Busarow
Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.*

Call to Worship

Psalms 108:1-5

Leader: My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing and make music with all my soul.

People: **Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.**

Leader: I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.

People: **For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.**

All: **Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let your glory be over all the earth.**

****Glorifying God in Song**

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Hymn # 173

**** 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

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

15 The word of the LORD came to me: 16 "Son of man, with one blow I am about to take away from you the delight of your eyes. Yet do not lament or weep or shed any tears. 17 Groan quietly; do not mourn for the dead. Keep your turban fastened and your sandals on your feet; do not cover the lower part of your face or eat the customary food *of mourners*." 18 So I spoke to the people in the morning, and in the evening my wife died. The next morning I did as I had been commanded. 19 Then the people asked me, "Won't you tell us what these things have to do with us?" 20 So I said to them, "The word of the LORD came to me: 21 Say to the house of Israel, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am about to desecrate my sanctuary-- the stronghold in which you take pride, the delight of your eyes, the object of your affection. The sons and daughters you left behind will fall by the sword. 22 And you will do as I have done. You will not cover the lower part of your face or eat the customary food *of mourners*. 23 You will keep your turbans on your heads and your sandals on your feet. You will not mourn or weep but will waste away because of your sins and groan among yourselves. 24 Ezekiel will be a sign to you; you will do just as he has done. When this happens, you will know that I am the Sovereign LORD.' 25 "And you, son of man, on the day I take away their stronghold, their joy and glory, the delight of their eyes, their heart's desire, and their sons and daughters as well-- 26 on that day a fugitive will come to tell you the news. 27 At that time your mouth will be opened; you will speak with him and will no longer be silent. So you will be a sign to them, and they will know that I am the LORD."

Ezekiel 24:15-27

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)

“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, Amen.”

Book of Common Worship, John Knox Press, 1993

Assurance of Pardon

3 At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. 4 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

Titus 3:3-5

Musical Offering

Aria - Handel

The Second Scripture Lesson

7 Was it a sin for me to lower myself in order to elevate you by preaching the gospel of God to you free of charge? 8 I robbed other churches by receiving support from them so as to serve you. 9 And when I was with you and needed something, I was not a burden to anyone, for the brothers who came from Macedonia supplied what I needed. I have kept myself from being a burden to you in any way, and will continue to do so. 10 As surely as the truth of Christ is in me, nobody in the regions of Achaia will stop this boasting of mine. 11 Why? Because I do not love you? God knows I do! 12 And I will keep on doing what I am doing in order to cut the ground from under those who want an opportunity to be considered equal with us in the things they boast about. 13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. 15 It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

(Continued...)

16 I repeat: Let no one take me for a fool. But if you do, then receive me just as you would a fool, so that I may do a little boasting. 17 In this self-confident boasting I am not talking as the Lord would, but as a fool. 18 Since many are boasting in the way the world does, I too will boast. 19 You gladly put up with fools since you are so wise! 20 In fact, you even put up with anyone who enslaves you or exploits you or takes advantage of you or pushes himself forward or slaps you in the face. 21 To my shame I admit that we were too weak for that! What anyone else dares to boast about-- I am speaking as a fool-- I also dare to boast about. 22 Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham's descendants? So am I. 23 Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. 24 Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, 26 I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my own countrymen, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false brothers. 27 I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. 28 Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. 29 Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn? 30 If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. 31 The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, who is to be praised forever, knows that I am not lying. 32 In Damascus the governor under King Aretas had the city of the Damascenes guarded in order to arrest me. 33 But I was lowered in a basket from a window in the wall and slipped through his hands.

2 Corinthians 11:7-33

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 Lord's My Shepherd

Bob Chilcott

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie.
In pastures green He leadeth me the quiet waters by, the quiet waters by.
My soul he doth restore again; and me to walk doth make.
Within the path of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake,
E'en for his own name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill:
For thou art with me and thy rod and staff me comfort still.
My table thou has furnished in presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows, my cup overflows.
Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me.
And in my Father's heart always my dwelling place shall be, shall be,
My dwelling place shall be.

The Third Scripture Lesson

15 "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. 16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. 21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

Matthew 7:15-23

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

****Glorifying God in Song**
A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus My Lord
Hymn # 175

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

12 And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. 13 Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. 14 For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. 15 Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise-- the fruit of lips that confess his name. 16 And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Hebrews 13:12-16

The Offertory

My Savior's Love arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

*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

****Glorifying God in Song**

Fairest Lord Jesus

Hymn # 170

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Minuet Gothique - Léon Boëllmann from Suite Gothique

***All who are able please stand*

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Welcome to Our Visitors

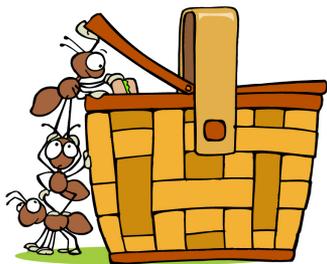
We welcome you in the name of Christ! You can find more information about us on our website at www.seminolepca.org. For questions or to share a prayer concern, call the office at 774-3881, ext. 700 or email us at: church@seminolepca.org.

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!



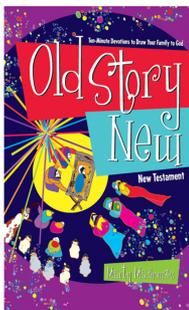
Save the date for our annual spring picnic! This year, it will be held on church grounds **Sunday evening, March 29** from **4:30– 7:00 pm**. There will be a bounce house for the kids and SPC will provide hamburgers/hotdogs (and the trimmings) and drinks; *you are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.*

We need volunteers to make this event a success! Help is needed in setting up, clean up/break down, bounce house monitors, and cooking! If you can help, please contact Lisa Johnson. ***RSVP by March 22 if you are attending:*** 813-624-8397 or church@seminolepca.org



We will be offering an **Exploring Church Membership Class April 17-19**. Please mark the tan insert in your bulletin if you would like to attend or learn more. Note: attending this class is required for membership at SPC. However, taking this class does not obligate anyone towards membership. It's a great way to learn more about the gospel, our church and the specific vision we are working to accomplish.

Parents! Please Read!



On April 26 our elementary Sunday school begins their study through the New Testament in the *Gospel Story* curriculum. We have a number of discounted family devotional books, *Old Story New* that compliment the curriculum.

The *Old Story New* devotions are coordinated with the Bible lessons each child will learn in Sunday school. To obtain your copy of *Old Story New* for a discounted rate of \$10, please see Danny Dalton (limit one per family, please).

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. This “Service of Darkness” will be held **Thursday, April 2 at 7:30pm** in the Sanctuary.



Easter Sunday, April 5th – Death could not hold him! Celebrate our resurrected Lord with us on Easter Sunday, April 5th. Sunday School will be suspended for this morning, but please join us for a time of fellowship in the Snyder Building following the morning’s celebration.

Easter Lilies – Please fill out the bulletin insert and place it in the offering plate. Orders will be due **March 4th**.



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

Adult Sunday School Classes

Walden Class – Room 108

Teacher: Jay Fontanini

The Walden Class, which will begin a study of the book of Hebrews, 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.

How People Change –

Teacher: Servy Fernandez

We know the Gospel changes our lives, yet many of us struggle with the same selfish patterns and repetitive sins. The Bible tells us that this change is not an event but a process. The only real way to make these changes is by a change of the heart. Join us as we study the book: *How People Change* by Paul Tripp and Timothy Lane. Together we will go through a Biblical step-by-step study of how we get to the heart of the matter and make some lasting and substantive change.

Rebuilding the House of the Lord – Church Office

Teacher: Bryan Toenes

“The LORD, the God of heaven, has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem,” said Cyrus, king of Persia, in 538 B.C. And for nearly 600 years, this newly built house was the center of Jewish worship through times of trouble and times of peace as God’s people anticipated their Messiah, the true Temple. This quarter we will survey the theological and religious history of the Jewish people during the Second Temple Period beginning with the return from exile in Babylon, continuing through the Intertestamental Period, and concluding with the destruction of the temple in A.D. 70 at the hands of the Romans in fulfillment of the Lord’s prophecy.

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 Strickland	#101
High School / 9 th -12 th Grade	Brian Waugh	The Tower
Adult – Walden Class	Jay Fontanini	#108
Adult – How People Change	Servy Fernandez	#102
Adult – Rebuilding the House of the Lord	Bryan Toenes	Church Office

This Week at SPC ~ March 8 – March 14

SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:00 am
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am
MS/HS Youth Meeting, 5:30 pm
Adult Bible Study, 5:30 pm
Children's Art Program, 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm

FRIDAY: Senior Group, 10:00 am



Save the Date!

Share Your Faith Workshop May 29 and 30

MS Camp Kalaqua July 13-17. 2015

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Last Sunday's Attendance: 139

Last Sunday's Offering: \$10,837.11

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>	Cesar and Ananta Rivera	Andy Thomson Brian Armstrong
<u>Ordained Officer:</u>	Brain Waugh	Bill Cutler

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>	<u>Banner Bearer</u>
Today:	Andrea Cawley	Alynn Cawley	Nikolas Royer
Mar. 15:	Cathy Armstrong	Rebecca Armstrong	Eleanor Fernandez
Mar. 22:	Eva White	Abby Johnson	Nikolas Royer

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

Coffee Volunteers

Today:	Brian Waugh
Mar. 15:	Andy Thomson
Mar. 22:	Larry Dickey

Nursery Volunteers

Today:	Deana Johnson
Mar. 15:	Ananta Rivera
Mar. 22:	Tami Pothoven

Fellowship Snacks

<u>Next Week – Mar. 15:</u> Therese McKenzie Tami Pothoven Karen Collins Randa Gravanti	<u>Mar. 22:</u> Kelly Fernandez Lisa Johnson Cathy Armstrong Raquel Fernandez
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WE 
VOLUNTEERS

March Birthdays & Anniversaries



*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*