

Morning Worship Service
August 30, 2015 - 9:00 AM
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*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

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee arr. Fred Bock
Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Philippians 2:5-11

Leader: Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

People: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

Leader: but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

People: And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!

Leader: Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

People: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

All: and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

****Glorifying God in Song**
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!
Hymn # 296

**** 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

1 all the people assembled as one man in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel. 2 So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. 3 He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. 4 Ezra the scribe stood on a high wooden platform built for the occasion. Beside him on his right stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah and Maaseiah; and on his left were Pedaiah, Mishael, Malkijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah and Meshullam. 5 Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. 6 Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

(Continued...)

7 The Levites-- Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan and Pelaiah-- instructed the people in the Law while the people were standing there. 8 They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people could understand what was being read. 9 Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is sacred to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law. 10 Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." 11 The Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be still, for this is a sacred day. Do not grieve." 12 Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them. 13 On the second day of the month, the heads of all the families, along with the priests and the Levites, gathered around Ezra the scribe to give attention to the words of the Law. 14 They found written in the Law, which the LORD had commanded through Moses, that the Israelites were to live in booths during the feast of the seventh month 15 and that they should proclaim this word and spread it throughout their towns and in Jerusalem: "Go out into the hill country and bring back branches from olive and wild olive trees, and from myrtles, palms and shade trees, to make booths"-- as it is written. 16 So the people went out and brought back branches and built themselves booths on their own roofs, in their courtyards, in the courts of the house of God and in the square by the Water Gate and the one by the Gate of Ephraim. 17 The whole company that had returned from exile built booths and lived in them. From the days of Joshua son of Nun until that day, the Israelites had not celebrated it like this. And their joy was very great. 18 Day after day, from the first day to the last, Ezra read from the Book of the Law of God. They celebrated the feast for seven days, and on the eighth day, in accordance with the regulation, there was an assembly.

Nehemiah 8

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)

"O Lord, full of mercy and grace, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone: give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love, to adore you Lord, a heart to delight in you, to follow, to rejoice in you, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen"

Assurance of Pardon

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2:24

Musical Offering

Finale from Concerto No. 5 - G. F. Handel

The Second Scripture Lesson

10 You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, 11 persecutions, sufferings-- what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. 12 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, 13 while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:10-17

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

Brother James's Air

by James L. M. Bain

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. He leadeth me, he leadeth me the quiet waters
by.

My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of
blessedness,
E'en for his own name's sake, within the paths of blessedness, e'en for his own
name's sake.

Yea, though I pass through shadowed vale, yet will I fear no ill; for thou art with
me,
And thy rod and staff me comfort still. Thy rod and staff me comfort still, me
comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil
anoint,
And my cup overflows. My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup
overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me;
And in my Father's heart always my dwelling place shall be.

And in my heart for evermore Thy dwelling place shall be.
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The Third Scripture Lesson

24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." 28 When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, 29 because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Matthew 7:24-29

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

****Glorifying God in Song**

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Hymn # 679

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

6 With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? 7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? 8 He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:6-8

The Offertory

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go arr. Craig Courtney

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**

More Love to Thee, O Christ

Hymn # 649

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Postlude in Eb Major - Moisenet

***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



Thank you to our Seminole family for the many prayers and words of encouragement for us during my mother's illness and recent passing. Your love and support are truly appreciated. May God bless you! ~ Andrea Cawley and family

New Women's Bible Study beginning September 15th!

Beginning **September 15th**, we will be reading through *Loving God* by *Charles Colson*. We will be meeting **Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11 a.m. in Room 108 of the Snyder Building**. Childcare will be provided in the nursery. If you'd like to sign up or need more information, contact Kelly Fernandez at (813) 969-3610 or kellyjfernandez@outlook.com.

SHARE YOUR FAITH WORKSHOP



Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church will be hosting a workshop entitled, "Share Your Faith". The workshop will be held on Friday, September 25th from 7-9 pm and will conclude on Saturday, September 26th from 9 am – 4 pm. The cost is \$8.00 to cover materials. Please RSVP by **Sunday, September 14th** via the tan insert, or email Lisa Johnson at church@seminolepca.org.

Videographer at Church on Sep 6th

This is a reminder that next Sunday, Christopher Dobson will film our worship service, fellowship time, and Sunday school classes to create video content for an upgrade to the SPC website. Christopher asks that we just be ourselves, and to the greatest extent possible, just ignore him!

New MS/HS Sunday School Classes Beginning September 6th

Middle School - Shorter Catechism- Doctrine of God

Teacher: Danny Dalton

This class is the first installment of our journey through the Westminster Shorter Catechism. We will be studying questions 1-11. Students will be challenged to memorize ten of these questions (1-4, 6-11). We will be looking at the importance of studying doctrine and specifically what Scripture teaches about God. However, the goal of this course is not just to study and know theology, but that it will affect the way we live! James 1:22 states that we are not only to be hearers of the Word (i.e., danger of hypocritical intellectualism), but we are to do what it says (i.e., be authentically transformed in all of life). Therefore, let's fall in love with God as we learn about his attributes, the Trinity, and his works of creation and providence.

High School - The Gospel of John, Chapters 1-10 (So What? GCP curriculum)

Teacher: Steve Pothoven

In this study we will be guiding students to relate faith to life and life to faith as we listen to the greatest Teacher of all—Jesus, God himself in the flesh. In this eyewitness account written by “the disciple whom Jesus loved,” we find Jesus using everyday items and events to teach deep spiritual truths, and everyone—including teens!—must either believe or reject him. There is no middle ground. We will see just how bold Jesus’ claims were as he demonstrated his divine authority.

New Adult Sunday School Classes

Beginning September 6th

Walden Class - Study of Ephesians

Room 108

Teacher: Matthew McKenzie

The Walden Class, which is continuing its study of 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 New Testament Canon

Church Office

Teacher: Joe DeNitto

How did the church get the books of the New Testament? Why were certain books and gospels accepted and others rejected? Are we sure we have the right books and haven't left any out? What criteria were used to test the books possessed by early believers that ultimately formed our current New Testament? If these questions interest you, then this class is for you. Come join Joe DeNitto for this 11-week study, and we'll answer these and other questions together.

Selections from Numbers

Room 102

Teacher: Randy Johnson

The book of Numbers tells the story of God's guidance of his covenant people from the land of slavery to the edge of the Promised Land. Though we see many of Israel's failures in their journey, we also see God's faithfulness in spite of these human failings. According to 1 Corinthians 10:6, "these things happened as examples for us, that we should not crave evil things, as they also craved." Therefore, these events reveal much about man and much about God.

We see that we can have hope because God gives second chances! Join us as we study selected events from the book of Numbers seeking to apply them to our lives and grow in Christ.

CURRENT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

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Economics for Everybody with R.C. Sproul, Jr.

Church Office

Teacher: Gregg Quick

From government policy to household budgets, economics is everywhere. Yet few people have a proper understanding of economic principles, and how Christians should think about them. Economics for Everybody is a twelve-part video series and curriculum tailor-made for families, churches, and individuals who want to understand this important topic. Thoroughly unconventional, it links entrepreneurship with lemonade, cartoons with markets, and Charlie Chaplin with supply and demand.

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.

***This same information can be found on the Missions tab of our website.**

- 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 (North Carolina), (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)
- Joel De Victoria
Seminary Fund c/o Covenant Presbyterian, 210 Poppel Dr., Lakeland, FL 33813
- 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	Connie Trim & Raquel Fernandez	#109
Ages 8-10 / 3 rd –5 th Grade	Laura Strickland & Randa Gravanti	#107
Middle School / 6 th –8 th Grade	Randy Johnson & Jamie Dalton	#101
High School / 9 th –12 th Grade	Danny Dalton & Steve Pothoven	The Tower
Adult – Walden Class	Matthew McKenzie	#108
Adult – Economics for Everybody	Gregg Quick	Church Office

This Week at SPC ~ August 30 – September 5

SUNDAY:

Morning Worship, 9:00 am
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am
MS/HS Youth Meeting, 5:30 pm
Kid Builder's Ministry, 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY:

Choir Practice, 7:30 pm



SAVE THE DATE!

Fall Fellowship

We are planning our annual Fall Fellowship for
Sunday evening, October 25th
(5:30 pm – 8 pm). More details will be coming.

SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 119

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 9,591.00

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/ Communion Set-up

	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
<u>Greeters:</u>	<i>Strickland Family</i>	<i>Darby White Brian Armstrong</i>
<u>Ordained Officer:</u>	<i>Steve Strickland</i>	<i>Brian Waugh</i>
<u>Communion Set-up:</u>	<i>Marsha Craig</i>	<i>Judy Wildeboer</i>

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>	<u>Banner Bearer</u>
<i>Today:</i>	<i>Kelly Melendi</i>	<i>Keegan Melendi</i>	<i>Eleanor Fernandez</i>
<i>Sept. 6:</i>	<i>Nicholas Lambers</i>	<i>Marcy Edwards</i>	<i>Nikolas Royer</i>
<i>Sept. 13:</i>	<i>Eva White</i>	<i>John McKenzie</i>	<i>Eleanor Fernandez</i>

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

Coffee Volunteers

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

WE 
VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Jane Lambers/ Diane Keen</i>
<i>Sept. 6:</i>	<i>Tami Pothoven/Shannon Pothoven</i>
<i>Sept. 13:</i>	<i>Ananta Rivera/TBD</i>

Fellowship Snacks

<u><i>Next Week – Sept. 6:</i></u> <i>Andrea Cawley Judy Dostal Beverly Sturch Pam Bergen</i>	<u><i>Sept 13:</i></u> <i>Beverly Thomson Sheila Colbert Judy Wildeboer Jamie Dalton</i>
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*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*