

Morning Worship Service
September 6, 2015 - 9:00 AM
Fifteenth 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

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say – English Folksong/Robert
Powell*

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Isaiah 6:1-3

Leader: In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple.

People: **Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.**

All: **And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."**

****Glorifying God in Song**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymn # 100

**** 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 On the twenty-fourth day of the same month, the Israelites gathered together, fasting and wearing sackcloth and having dust on their heads. 2 Those of Israelite descent had separated themselves from all foreigners. They stood in their places and confessed their sins and the wickedness of their fathers. 3 They stood where they were and read from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God for a quarter of the day, and spent another quarter in confession and in worshipping the LORD their God. 4 Standing on the stairs were the Levites-- Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani and Kenani-- who called with loud voices to the LORD their God. 5 And the Levites-- Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah and Pethahiah-- said: "Stand up and praise the LORD your God, who is from everlasting to everlasting." "Blessed be your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise.

(Continued...)

6 You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you... 32 "Now therefore, O our God, the great, mighty and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love, do not let all this hardship seem trifling in your eyes-- the hardship that has come upon us, upon our kings and leaders, upon our priests and prophets, upon our fathers and all your people, from the days of the kings of Assyria until today. 33 In all that has happened to us, you have been just; you have acted faithfully, while we did wrong. 34 Our kings, our leaders, our priests and our fathers did not follow your law; they did not pay attention to your commands or the warnings you gave them. 35 Even while they were in their kingdom, enjoying your great goodness to them in the spacious and fertile land you gave them, they did not serve you or turn from their evil ways. 36 "But see, we are slaves today, slaves in the land you gave our forefathers so they could eat its fruit and the other good things it produces. 37 Because of our sins, its abundant harvest goes to the kings you have placed over us. They rule over our bodies and our cattle as they please. We are in great distress. 38 "In view of all this, we are making a binding agreement, putting it in writing, and our leaders, our Levites and our priests are affixing their seals to it."

Nehemiah 9:1-6; and 32-38

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, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men; we acknowledge and confess our many sins; which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed; by thought, word, and deed; against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent; and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings—the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us; have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake; forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life; to the honor and glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense-- Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

Musical Offering

The Second Scripture Lesson

17 From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. 18 When they arrived, he said to them: "You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. 19 I served the Lord with great humility and with tears, although I was severely tested by the plots of the Jews. 20 You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. 21 I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.

Acts 20:17-21

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

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Lowell Mason

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, praise Him above
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.

Refrain

Praise Him above, praise Him above;
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Repeat Refrain

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, amen! Amen!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, amen! Amen!
Hallelujah, amen! Hallelujah, amen! Hallelujah, amen!

The Third Scripture Lesson

44 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." 45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Luke 24:44-49

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

****Glorifying God in Song**
This Is My Father's World
Hymn # 111

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

1 Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children 2 and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2

The Offertory

He Leadeth Me arr. Lloyd Larson

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**
O Sacred Head Now Wounded
Hymn # 247
(v. 1-2)

**The Words of Institution
&
The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper**

*Wine is served in the outer ring;
Grape juice in the inner rings.
Communion bread is gluten-free.*

**** Glorifying God in Song**
O Sacred Head Now Wounded
Hymn # 247
(v. 3 only)

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Concerto in A Minor – First Movement – J.S. Bach

***All who are able please stand*

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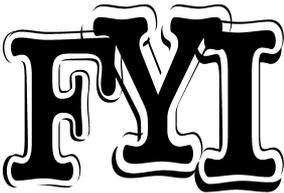
Welcome to Our Visitors

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



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

- The Children's Ministry program will **NOT** meet tonight, but will resume at its regular time next week.
- Please note new Sunday school classrooms: **K4/K5-2nd Grades will meet in room #105** and **Middle School will meet in room #109.**
- Rodney & Jana Davila, who are MTW missionaries and the team leaders in Costa Rica, are coming to our church on **September 13th** to give a report about ministry in Costa Rica. They will be speaking to our whole church during the Sunday school hour. Please make plans to stay for this very special occasion! We will be meeting in the Snyder building across from the fellowship hall (rooms 105, 107, 109, and 111).

Videographer at Church TODAY

Christopher Dobson will be filming our worship service, fellowship time, and Sunday school classes today 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 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 WORKHOP

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 13th** via the tan insert, or email Lisa Johnson at church@seminolepca.org.

Biblical Perspectives on Marriage & Singleness Seminar

Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church is hosting two-day conference! The seminars led by Dr. Iaian Duguid and Dr. Nelson Kloosterman will be held Friday, September 18th from 7-9 pm and Saturday, September 19th from 9-11:30 am . Tickets are \$10 for all four sessions! Nursery **will** be provided for pre-registered children for an additional charge.

Topics include:

- Our Homes as Our Witness: Biblical Contours of Christian Marriage & Family
- The Song of Songs on Singleness
- The Song of Songs on Marriage
- Our Homes as God's Classroom: Divine Resources for Serving & Suffering

*For more information or to register on line, visit holytrinitypca.org.



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.

New MS/HS Sunday School Classes Beginning TODAY

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 TODAY

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.

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	Tami Lang & Stephanie Williams	#105
Ages 8-10 /3 rd – 5 th Grade	Kelly Fernandez & Gail Chang	#107
Middle School / 6 th -8 th Grade	Danny Dalton	#109
High School / 9 th -12 th Grade	Steve Pothoven	The Tower
Adult – Walden Class	Matthew McKenzie	#108
Adult – The NT Canon	Joe DeNitto	Church Office
Adult – Selections from Numbers	Randy Johnson	#102

This Week at SPC ~ September 6 – September 12

SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:00 am
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am
MS/HS Youth Meeting, 5:30 pm
NO Kingdom Builders

TUESDAY: Session Meeting, 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 132

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/ Communion Set-up

	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
<u>Greeters:</u>	Darby White Brian Armstrong	Dave Bardin Andy Thomson
<u>Ordained Officer:</u>	Brian Waugh	Steve White
<u>Communion Set-up:</u>	Judy Wildeboer	Randa Gravanti

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>	<u>Banner Bearer</u>
<i>Today:</i>	Nicholas Lambers	Marcy Edwards	Nikolas Royer
<i>Sept. 13:</i>	Eva White	John McKenzie	Eleanor Fernandez
<i>Sept. 20:</i>	Gail Chang	Patrick Chang	Nikolas Royer

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

Coffee Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	Rob Edwards
<i>Sept. 13:</i>	Brian Waugh
<i>Sept. 20:</i>	Andy Thomson

WE 
VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	Tami Pothoven/Shannon Pothoven
<i>Sept. 13:</i>	Laura Strickland
<i>Sept. 20:</i>	Ananta Rivera

Fellowship Snacks

<u><i>Next Week – Sept. 13:</i></u> Beverly Thomson Sheila Colbert Judy Wildeboer Jamie Dalton	<u><i>Sept. 20:</i></u> Gail Chang Eva White Kelly Melendi Allene Cawley
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*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*