

Morning Worship Service
September 20, 2015 - 9:00 AM
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Minuet & Dance of the Blessed Spirits

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 29:11-13

- Leader:** Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.
- People:** **Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.**
- All:** **Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.**

****Glorifying God in Song**

Hallelujah! Thine the Glory

Hymn # 179

**** 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

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."

...28 "The rest of the people-- priests, Levites, gatekeepers, singers, temple servants and all who separated themselves from the neighboring peoples for the sake of the Law of God, together with their wives and all their sons and daughters who are able to understand-- 29 all these now join their brothers the nobles, and bind themselves with a curse and an oath to follow the Law of God given through Moses the servant of God and to obey carefully all the commands, regulations and decrees of the LORD our Lord. 30 "We promise not to give our daughters in marriage to the peoples around us or take their daughters for our sons. 31 "When the neighboring peoples bring merchandise or grain to sell on the Sabbath, we will not buy from them on the Sabbath or on any holy day. Every seventh year we will forgo working the land and will cancel all debts. 32 "We assume the responsibility for carrying out the commands to give a third of a shekel each year for the service of the house of our God:

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33 for the bread set out on the table; for the regular grain offerings and burnt offerings; for the offerings on the Sabbaths, New Moon festivals and appointed feasts; for the holy offerings; for sin offerings to make atonement for Israel; and for all the duties of the house of our God. 34 "We-- the priests, the Levites and the people-- have cast lots to determine when each of our families is to bring to the house of our God at set times each year a contribution of wood to burn on the altar of the LORD our God, as it is written in the Law. 35 "We also assume responsibility for bringing to the house of the LORD each year the firstfruits of our crops and of every fruit tree. 36 "As it is also written in the Law, we will bring the firstborn of our sons and of our cattle, of our herds and of our flocks to the house of our God, to the priests ministering there. 37 "Moreover, we will bring to the storerooms of the house of our God, to the priests, the first of our ground meal, of our *grain* offerings, of the fruit of all our trees and of our new wine and oil. And we will bring a tithe of our crops to the Levites, for it is the Levites who collect the tithes in all the towns where we work. 38 A priest descended from Aaron is to accompany the Levites when they receive the tithes, and the Levites are to bring a tenth of the tithes up to the house of our God, to the storerooms of the treasury. 39 The people of Israel, including the Levites, are to bring their contributions of grain, new wine and oil to the storerooms where the articles for the sanctuary are kept and where the ministering priests, the gatekeepers and the singers stay. "We will not neglect the house of our God."

Nehemiah 9:36-38; 10:28-39

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)

Gracious Father, I am not worthy of blessings and mercies. My depraved nature reveals itself in disobedience and rebellion. I am often discontented, prideful, envious, and revengeful. As I have confessed my guilt, help me to feel it deeply, to hate my sin, yet to remember there is hope in You. Help me to see the Lamb that takes away sin. Through Him may I return to You, listen to You, Trust in You, delight in Your law, obey You, and be upheld by You, for Your glory and the good of my fellow-men.

-Adapted from The Valley of Vision p.145

Assurance of Pardon

24 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

Be Still My Soul arr. Jay Rouse

The Second Scripture Lesson

19 My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20 for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. 21 Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. 22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it-- he will be blessed in what he does.

James 1:19-25

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Presentation of New Members

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

Psalm 84: Cantique de Jean Racine

by Gabriel Faure Arr. by Hal Hopson

O Lord of Hosts, how lovely are Thy dwellings.
My soul longs for Thy courts, O Lord.
How lovely are Thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts.
My heart and flesh cry out;
O Lord, for Thee my heart and flesh cry out.

O blest are they whose hope is forever in Thee;
Who praise Thy name, who sing their songs within Thy holy house.
O Lord, incline Thine ear; look down, my spirit longs for Thee.
A Sun and Shield is the Lord of Hosts.
A Sun and Shield is the Lord of Hosts.

My soul, it longs for Thee, O Lord of Hosts.
O Lord, for thee my heart and flesh cry out.
In Thee I trust; Look down and hear my prayer.
O hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer.

The Third Scripture Lesson

4 As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. 5 Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. 6 And all mankind will see God's salvation.'" 7 John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? 8 Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. 9 The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." 10 "What should we do then?" the crowd asked. 11 John answered, "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same." 12 Tax collectors also came to be baptized. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?" 13 "Don't collect any more than you are required to," he told them. 14 Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?" He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely-- be content with your pay."

Luke 3:4-14

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People: **Thanks be to God**

****Glorifying God in Song**
When Morning Gilds the Skies
Hymn # 167

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

10 Bring the whole tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.

Malachi 3:10

The Offertory

Holy, Holy, Holy 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**

Jesus Paid It All

Hymn # 308

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Prelude in Classic Style - 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



Today Seminole is happy to present four new youth into membership. Please join us welcoming **Ryan Williams, Ross Edwards, Sadie Edwards, and Marcie Edwards** into fellowship with our church family.

Ryan Williams is a high school senior and in the IB program at Hillsborough High School. He plays the clarinet and enjoys being a section leader in the Big Red marching band. He is working on completing his Eagle Scout and hopes to get accepted into the Naval Academy to study aeronautical engineering. Ryan loves the Lord Jesus and loves serving Christ's church. In fact, he has served with the Seminole student ministry on a number of mission projects including Urban Immersion (locally in Tampa), the Costa Rica mission trip, and most recently with our Hope for Chattanooga mission experience.

Ross Edwards, who will turn 17 next week, is homeschooled and in the 11th grade. Ross is starting his 4th year as a member of a competitive robotics team. He enjoys running, biking, paintballing, and solving Rubik's cubes. Ross is looking forward to see what God is going to do in his life.

Sadie Edwards is fourteen years old and is in ninth grade as a homeschooler. Sadie loves to read, write and draw. Sadie also love horses and enjoys horseback riding. Her favorite verse is Isaiah 1:18.

Marcy Edwards is 12 years old and is homeschooled. She enjoys playing piano, horseback riding, reading, and drawing. Marcy really likes youth group and especially enjoyed the service projects she participated in with the youth over the summer.



Fall Fellowship

Our annual Fall Fellowship is scheduled for **Sunday evening (5:30 – 8 pm), October 25**. The church will provide hamburgers/hotdogs (and the fixings) and drinks. Please bring a picnic side dish or dessert to share. We will have a bounce house for the kids, and don't forget your *already carved* pumpkin for the jack-o-lantern competition!

Help is needed to make this event a success.

Areas where you can be of service:

- Grilling (2 volunteers needed)
- Table Set-up (Start at 4:30 pm)
- Bounce House Attendants (Supervisors; 20 minute shifts)
- Table Breakdown (post-event)
- Clean up (post-event)

*To volunteer or to RSVP,
please contact Lisa Johnson:
church@seminolepca.org or 813-624-8397.*

SAVE THE DATE!

Presbytery-wide Worship Concert

A concert featuring Matthew Smith and Indelible Grace will be coming to Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Riverview on **November 13th at 7:00 pm**. All Tampa Bay area PCA churches are invited to attend this worship concert. (Note: This will take the place of our annual Reformation service.) Tickets are not being sold, however, a Love Offering will be taken to offset the costs. (Address: 12404 Boyette Road, Riverview, FL 33569)

Adult Sunday School Classes

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 20 – September 26

SUNDAY:

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

WEDNESDAY:

Choir Practice, 7:30 pm



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 130

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	Randy Johnson

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>	<u>Banner Bearer</u>
Today:	Gail Chang	Patrick Chang	Eleanor Fernandez
Sept. 27:	Sara Royer	Kaleigh Williams	Nikolas Royer
Oct. 4:	Cathy Armstrong	Rebecca Armstrong	Eleanor Fernandez

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

Coffee Volunteers

Today:	Andy Thomson
Sept. 27:	Larry Dickey
Oct. 4:	Steve Strickland

WE 
VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Volunteers

Today:	Ananta Rivera
Sept. 27:	Liz Hickerson
Oct. 4:	Geena Allen

Fellowship Snacks

<u>Next Week – Sept. 27:</u> Therese McKenzie Tami Pothoven Karen Collins Randa Gravanti	<u>Oct. 4:</u> Kelly Fernandez Lisa Johnson Cathy Armstrong Raquel Fernandez
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*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*