

Morning Worship Service
October 4, 2015 - 9:00 AM
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind arr. Larry Shackley
Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 97:1-6

Leader: The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.

People: **Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

Leader: Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side.

People: **His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

Leader: The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.

All: **The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.**

****Glorifying God in Song**

God of Our Fathers

Hymn # 710

**** 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 that day the Book of Moses was read aloud in the hearing of the people and there it was found written that no Ammonite or Moabite should ever be admitted into the assembly of God, 2 because they had not met the Israelites with food and water but had hired Balaam to call a curse down on them. (Our God, however, turned the curse into a blessing.) 3 When the people heard this law, they excluded from Israel all who were of foreign descent. 4 Before this, Eliashib the priest had been put in charge of the storerooms of the house of our God. He was closely associated with Tobiah, 5 and he had provided him with a large room formerly used to store the grain offerings and incense and temple articles, and also the tithes of grain, new wine and oil prescribed for the Levites, singers and gatekeepers, as well as the contributions for the priests. 6 But while all this was going on, I was not in Jerusalem, for in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I had returned to the king. Some time later I asked his permission 7 and came back to Jerusalem. Here I learned about the evil thing Eliashib had done in providing Tobiah a room in the courts of the house of God. 8 I was greatly displeased and threw all Tobiah's household goods out of the room.

(Continued...)

9 I gave orders to purify the rooms, and then I put back into them the equipment of the house of God, with the grain offerings and the incense. 10 I also learned that the portions assigned to the Levites had not been given to them, and that all the Levites and singers responsible for the service had gone back to their own fields. 11 So I rebuked the officials and asked them, "Why is the house of God neglected?" Then I called them together and stationed them at their posts. 12 All Judah brought the tithes of grain, new wine and oil into the storerooms. 13 I put Shelemiah the priest, Zadok the scribe, and a Levite named Pedaiah in charge of the storerooms and made Hanan son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah, their assistant, because these men were considered trustworthy. They were made responsible for distributing the supplies to their brothers. 14 Remember me for this, O my God, and do not blot out what I have so faithfully done for the house of my God and its services.

Nehemiah 13:1-14

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)

Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before Thee; our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good; and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned; in wandering from Your ways; in wasting Your gifts; in forgetting Your love. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us; who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased Thee. Teach us to hate our sins; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins for the sake of Thy dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father; help us, we ask Thee; to live in Thy light and walk in Thy ways; according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Book of Common Worship, p. 12

Assurance of Pardon

"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.

Isaiah 1:18

Musical Offering

The Second Scripture Lesson

15 In those days I saw men in Judah treading winepresses on the Sabbath and bringing in grain and loading it on donkeys, together with wine, grapes, figs and all other kinds of loads. And they were bringing all this into Jerusalem on the Sabbath. Therefore I warned them against selling food on that day. 16 Men from Tyre who lived in Jerusalem were bringing in fish and all kinds of merchandise and selling them in Jerusalem on the Sabbath to the people of Judah. 17 I rebuked the nobles of Judah and said to them, "What is this wicked thing you are doing-- desecrating the Sabbath day? 18 Didn't your forefathers do the same things, so that our God brought all this calamity upon us and upon this city? Now you are stirring up more wrath against Israel by desecrating the Sabbath." 19 When evening shadows fell on the gates of Jerusalem before the Sabbath, I ordered the doors to be shut and not opened until the Sabbath was over. I stationed some of my own men at the gates so that no load could be brought in on the Sabbath day. 20 Once or twice the merchants and sellers of all kinds of goods spent the night outside Jerusalem. 21 But I warned them and said, "Why do you spend the night by the wall? If you do this again, I will lay hands on you." From that time on they no longer came on the Sabbath. 22 Then I commanded the Levites to purify themselves and go and guard the gates in order to keep the Sabbath day holy. Remember me for this also, O my God, and show mercy to me according to your great love.

Nehemiah 13:15-22

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

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

by F. Atkinson and George Croly

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty, mighty as Thou art,
And make me to love Thee as I ought to love.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love;
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the Dove, the heav'n descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame. Amen.

The Third Scripture Lesson

23 Moreover, in those days I saw men of Judah who had married women from Ashdod, Ammon and Moab. 24 Half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod or the language of one of the other peoples, and did not know how to speak the language of Judah. 25 I rebuked them and called curses down on them. I beat some of the men and pulled out their hair. I made them take an oath in God's name and said: "You are not to give your daughters in marriage to their sons, nor are you to take their daughters in marriage for your sons or for yourselves. 26 Was it not because of marriages like these that Solomon king of Israel sinned? Among the many nations there was no king like him. He was loved by his God, and God made him king over all Israel, but even he was led into sin by foreign women. 27 Must we hear now that you too are doing all this terrible wickedness and are being unfaithful to our God by marrying foreign women?" 28 One of the sons of Joiada son of Eliashib the high priest was son-in-law to Sanballat the Horonite. And I drove him away from me. 29 Remember them, O my God, because they defiled the priestly office and the covenant of the priesthood and of the Levites. 30 So I purified the priests and the Levites of everything foreign, and assigned them duties, each to his own task. 31 I also made provision for contributions of wood at designated times, and for the firstfruits. Remember me with favor, O my God.

Nehemiah 13:23-31

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

****Glorifying God in Song**
All People That On Earth Do Dwell
Hymn # 1

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

24 One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. 25 A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:24-25

The Offertory

All My Heart Again Rejoices - Cruger/Busarow

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! What a Friend for Sinners!

Hymn # 498

(v. 1-3)

**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**

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

Hymn # 498

(v. 4-5)

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Toccata from Symphony No. 5 - Charles Marie Widor

***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

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!



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) Need 3-4 volunteers
- Bounce House Attendants (Supervisors; 20 minute shifts)
- Table Breakdown (post-event) Need 3-4 volunteers
- Clean up (post-event) Need 4-5 volunteers

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

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 ~ October 4 – October 11

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

TUESDAY: Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am

WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm



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Last Sunday's Attendance: TBD

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>October</u>	<u>November</u>
<u>Greeters:</u>	Dave Bardin Andy Thomson	McKenzie Family
<u>Ordained Officer:</u>	Steve White	Matthew McKenzie
<u>Communion Set-up:</u>	Randy Johnson	Randa Gravanti

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>	<u>Banner Bearer</u>
Today:	Cathy Armstrong	Rebecca Armstrong	Eleanor Fernandez
Oct. 11:	Jamie Dalton	Sadie Edwards	Nikolas Royer
Oct. 18:	Connie Trim	Paul McKenzie	Eleanor Fernandez

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

Coffee Volunteers

Today:	Steve Strickland
Oct. 11:	Andrea Cawley
Oct. 18:	Karen Collins

WE 
VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Volunteers

Today:	Geena Allen
Oct. 11:	Lisa Johnson
Oct. 18:	Sara Royer

Fellowship Snacks

<p><u><i>Next Week – Oct. 11:</i></u> <i>Holly Edwards</i> <i>Laura Strickland</i> <i>Donna Waugh</i> <i>Kerri Connolly</i></p>	<p><u><i>Oct. 18:</i></u> <i>Kelly Melendi</i> <i>Andy Thomson</i> <i>Pat Bardin</i> <i>Ananta Rivera</i></p>
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October Birthdays & Anniversaries



*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*