

Morning Worship Service
December 27, 2015 - 9:00 AM
First Sunday after Christmas

*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

*In the Bleak Mid Winter - arr. John Innes
Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.*

Silent Reflection

Heidelberg Catechism Questions 31 & 32

31. Q. Why is he called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?

A. Because He has been ordained by God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of His body has redeemed us, and who continually intercedes for us before the Father; and our eternal King, who governs us by His Word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.

32. Q. But why are you called a Christian?

A. Because I am a member of Christ by faith and thus share in His anointing, so that I may as prophet confess His Name, as priest present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to Him, and as king fight with a free and good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and hereafter reign with Him eternally over all creatures.

Call to Worship

Psalm 67

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us

People: That your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

Leader: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

People: May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

Leader: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

People: Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.

All: God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

**** Glorifying God in Song**
Angels from the Realms of Glory
Hymn # 218

****The Invocation**

**** The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. 2 See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. 3 Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. 4 "Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm. 5 Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. 6 Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

Isaiah 60:1-6

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, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen."

Assurance of Pardon

14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

****Hymn of Response**

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Hymn # 207

The Second Scripture Lesson

1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you

Gentiles-- 2 Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, 3 that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. 4 In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. 6 This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. 7 I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. 8 Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. 10 His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, 11 according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Ephesians 3:1-12

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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.

Musical Offering

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming - Max Drischner

The Third Scripture Lesson

1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, "Where is the one who has

been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." 3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: 6 ""But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel."" 7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." 9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Matthew 2:1-12

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

**** Glorifying God in Song**

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Hymn # 200

**** 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

We Three Kings - 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. Daniel Dalton

Associate Pastor

**** Glorifying God in Song**

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Hymn # 195

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Joy to the World arr. Frank Ritter

***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

Program Note Reminder

No Sunday School December 27 & January 3

Just a reminder that we will not have Sunday School TODAY, or next Sunday, January 3 due to the Christmas and New Year holidays. However, please do join us for our Fellowship Time immediately after the service.



Church Office Hours

The church office will be closed the week of December 28 through January 1.

End of Year Contributions - This is a reminder that for any contributions to count for the 2015-tax year, they must be postmarked to the church by December 31, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



Saturday, January 9 at 10:00 am – Unhanging of the Green

We'll need a bit of help taking down the decorations. Save the date and please join in! If you have any questions please contact Lisa Johnson at: church@seminolepca.org.



Adult Sunday School Classes

Colossians

Room 102

Teacher: Steve Strickland

At times, Christians can become discontented with the Christian life. Is this all there is? We desire a deeper experience of God, and the church at Colossae was no different. Join us as we study Paul's letter to this young church and are reminded that we are complete in Christ. As we seek Christ in all His glory, we are able to "walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Col. 1:10).

Worldviews in Conflict

Church Office

Teacher: Joe DeNitto

This world is a battlefield in the arena of ideas. The prize is the heart and mind of humankind. In this class, we will outline the Christian way of looking at God, self, and the world. We will hold the Christian worldview up against the tests of reason, logic, and experience, particularly discussing the problems of evil and the alleged "nonsense" of the historic Christian doctrines, and of Jesus' incarnation and resurrection. We will attempt to equip you intellectually to defend the faith on that battlefield.

We will examine the attractions to our generation of naturalism and the New Age movement, pointing out their weaknesses and pitfalls as well as those of older worldviews, including secularism, hedonism, existentialism, and pragmatism.

Walden Class - Knowing The God Who Is

Room 108

Teacher: John Keen

Sacred Scripture has much to say about the character and actions of the Triune God, as well as the believer's response to as much. This class will explore many aspects of our relationship to God, as outlined in the Old and New Testament. We'll first look at the obstacles people experience in knowing God, then we'll examine the origin and maintenance of an authentic relationship to God, and finally we'll study the character of God. In every lesson, we will focus on knowing God personally and responding to him appropriately in every aspect of our lives.

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 & Jane Lambers	#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	Ben Lambers	The Tower
Adult – Colossians	Steve Strickland	#102
Adult – Worldviews in Conflict	Joe DeNitto	Church Office
Adult – Walden Class	John Keen	#108

This Week at SPC ~ December 27 – January 2

SUNDAY:

Morning Worship, 9:00 am
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am

FRIDAY:

New Year's Day/*Church Office Closed*



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 150

Last Sunday's Offering: \$

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>December</u>	<u>January</u>
<u>Greeters:</u>	Bryan Toenes	Fernandez Family
<u>Ordained Officer:</u>	Servy Fernandez	Alex Fernandez
<u>Communion Set-up:</u>	Ken Jackson	Randy Johnson

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>	<u>Banner Bearer</u>
Today:	Liz Hickerson	Joey Hickerson	Nikolas Royer
Jan. 3:	Jane Lambers	Emily Strickland	Eleanor Fernandez
Jan. 10:	Cathy Armstrong	Rebecca Armstrong	Nikolas Royer

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

Coffee Volunteers

Today:	Steve Strickland
Jan. 3:	Karen Collins
Jan. 10:	Randa Gravanti

WE 
VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Volunteers

Today:	Raquel Fernandez
Jan. 3:	Tami Pothoven
Jan. 10:	Deana Johnson

Fellowship Snacks

<u>Next Week – Jan. 3:</u> Kelly Fernandez Tami Pothoven Cathy Armstrong Raquel Fernandez	<u>Jan. 10:</u> Holly Edwards Laura Strickland Donna Waugh Kerri Connolly
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December Birthdays & Anniversaries



*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*