

**Morning Worship Service**  
**March 20, 2016 - 9:00 AM**  
**Palm Sunday**

*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**

*Deep River*

*Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.*

**Call to Worship**

*Psalm 24:7-10*

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: **Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

All: **Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty-- he is the King of glory.**

**\*\* Glorifying God in Song**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Hymn # 235

**\*\*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**

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations. 2 He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. 3 A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; 4 he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope." 5 This is what God the LORD says-- he who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: 6 "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, 7 to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. 8 "I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols. 9 See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you." 10 Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the ends of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, you islands, and all who live in them. 11 Let the desert and its towns raise their voices; let the settlements where Kedar lives rejoice. Let the people of Sela sing for joy; let them shout from the mountaintops. 12 Let them give glory to the LORD and proclaim his praise in the islands. 13 The LORD will march out like a mighty man, like a warrior he will stir up his zeal; with a shout he will raise the battle cry and will triumph over his enemies.

Isaiah 42:1-13

**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 God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who reigns eternally with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forevermore, Amen.”*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"-- and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

## **The Musical Offering**

*Ride On*

## **The Second Scripture Lesson**

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. 8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

1 John 1:5-10

**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**

#### **The King of Glory**

*by Joseph H. Martin*

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates, ye everlasting doors.

Fling open wide your hearts and greet the coming of the Lord.

Who is the King of glory? Who is the King of glory? The Lord of hosts!

The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory; He is the King of glory.

He is the King of glory; He is the King of glory.

All glory, laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,

To Whom the lips of children made hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,

Who in the Lord's name comes, the King and Holy One,

The King and Holy One!

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates, ye everlasting doors.

Fling open wide your hearts and greet the coming of the Lord.

Who is the King of glory? Who is the King of glory? The Lord of hosts!

The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory; He is the King of glory.

He is the King of glory; He is the King of glory!

He is the King of glory! He is the King of glory!

## **The Third Scripture Lesson**

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. 25 The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. 27 "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." 29 The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. 30 Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. 31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. 32 But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." 33 He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die. 34 The crowd spoke up, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ will remain forever, so how can you say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this 'Son of Man'?" 35 Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. 36 Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light." When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them.

John 12:23-36

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

**\*\* Glorifying God in Song**  
Nothing but the Blood  
Hymn # 307

### **\*\* Offertory Statement & Prayer of Dedication**

But just as you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

2 Corinthians 8:7

## **Offertory**

### *Voluntary*

*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.*

## **The Message**

*Rev. John K. Keen*

*Senior Pastor*

## **\*\* Glorifying God in Song**

### Lift High The Cross

### Hymn # 263

## **\* Benediction**

## **Postlude**

*The King Rides In - Smith*

*\*\*All who are able, please stand*

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## Welcome to Our Visitors

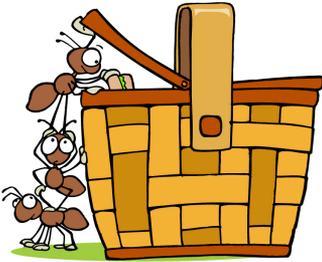
We welcome you in the name of Christ! You can find more information about us on our website at [www.seminolepca.org](http://www.seminolepca.org). For questions or to share a prayer concern, call the office at 774-3881, ext. 700 or email us at: [church@seminolepca.org](mailto:church@seminolepca.org).

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

### Spring Picnic!



This year, our annual spring picnic will be held on **Sunday evening, April 3 from 5:00 – 7:30 pm.** There will be a bounce house for the kids and SPC will provide hamburgers/hotdogs (and the trimmings) and drinks; *you are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.*

**RSVP by March 27<sup>th</sup> if you are attending:** Indicate your RSVP on the tan slip or via email at [church@seminolepca.org](mailto:church@seminolepca.org).

### **Volunteers are needed in the following areas:**

- Grilling – 2 volunteers
- Food Preparation (Start at 4:00 pm) Need 2 volunteers
- Table Set-up (Start at 4:00 pm) – Need 4-5 volunteers
- Bounce House Attendants (Need 7 helpers, 20 min. shifts)
- Table Breakdown/Clean up (post-event) – Need 5 volunteers

If you can help, please contact Lisa Johnson.

## Holy Week Activities

### *Tenebrae Service*



### **Tenebrae Service**

Please make plans to join us for a very special worship service where we reflect on the ministry and ultimate sacrifice of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This “Service of Darkness” will be held **Wednesday, March 23 at 7:30pm** in the Sanctuary.



**Easter Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** – Death could not hold him! Celebrate our resurrected Lord with us on Easter Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School will be suspended for this morning, but please join us for an extended time of fellowship in the Snyder Building following the morning’s celebration.

***Easter Lilies*** – If you desire to order one or more Easter lilies, please fill out the bulletin insert and place it in the offering plate. Orders will be due **TODAY**.



***Easter Egg Hunt*** - Children are welcome to join us for an Easter egg hunt immediately after our worship service on Easter Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. The hunt, which will be held in the church office backyard, is for all children up to and including the 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

## **Adult Sunday School Classes**

### **Gospel of Matthew - Room 102**

*Teacher: Brian Toenes*

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.” Jesus gave this charge to His disciples on a mountain in Galilee, the unlikely home of Israel’s Messiah. Beginning with a humble birth in Bethlehem and continuing through an obscure upbringing in the insignificant town of Nazareth, this Prophet from Galilee revealed Himself to be the Son of Man, spoken of by the prophet Daniel, to Whom was given a kingdom that all nations might serve Him. Join us this quarter as we learn of this Messiah from Galilee as told in the Gospel According to Matthew.

### **Knowing God - Church Office**

*Teacher: Joe DeNitto*

Knowing God is a book by the British-born Christian theologian J.I. Packer, and is his best-known work, having sold over 1,000,000 copies in North America alone. Originally written as a series of articles for the Evangelical Magazine, it was first published as a book in 1973, and has been reprinted several times. In the book, Packer explores the character of God as revealed in the Bible, and correct Christian responses to it, with chapters on God’s love, grace, majesty, and wrath.

What does it mean to know God, not just about God?

Whether this is your first time reading this book, or a reread, please join us as we explore what it means to truly Know God.

### **The “I Am” Sayings of Jesus - Room 108**

*Teacher: Randy Johnson*

Stating “I Am” may only be an implication, yet all knew that Jesus was clearly claiming deity. In this class, we will study the “I Am” statements of Jesus and His position as Savior and Lord. Join us as we study Jesus’ claim to be God and how His noted personal attributes apply to our lives.

### **Exploring Mark - Room 101**

*Teacher: Ben Lambers*

Ben Lambers and fellow class attendees will have fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. For the Bible study portion, we will proceed at a more introductory pace. In other words, if some of the other class options seem a little too “heady” or advanced, then this is the class for you. Class attendees are encouraged to comment and raise their own questions, as Ben guides the discussion. The goals are to enjoy the Bible, apply its truth to our lives, and improve our relationship with Christ and each other.

## 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.**

- Rodney & Jana Davila, Costa Rica MTW Team Leaders, (#11704); Mission to the World, PO Box 2589, Suwanee, GA 30024-0982
- 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 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Tami Lang & Jane Lambers	#105
Ages 8-10 /3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Kelly Fernandez & Gail Chang	#107
Middle School / 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Danny Dalton	#109
High School / 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Steve Strickland	The Tower
Adult – Gospel of Matthew	Bryan Toenes	#102
Adult – Knowing God	Joe DeNitto	Church Office
Adult – The “I Am” Sayings of Jesus	Randy Johnson	#108
Adult – Exploring Mark	Ben Lambers	#101

**This Week at SPC ~ March 20 – March 27**

**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  
Adult Bible Study, 5:30 pm

**TUESDAY:**

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am

**WEDNESDAY:**

Choir Practice, 7:30 pm

**FRIDAY:**

Adult Covenant Group, 10:00 am



**June 13-17**

Vacation Bible School

**July 11-15**

Middle School Camp at Kulaqua

**July 25-29**

Local High School Mission Project  
partnering with Habitat for Humanity

**SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP**

Last Sunday's Attendance: 126

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 6,278.04

*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>March</u>	<u>April</u>
<u>Greeters:</u>	Darby White Servy Fernandez	Andy Thomson Brian Armstrong
<u>Ordained Officer:</u>	Brian Waugh	Bill Cutler
<u>Communion Set-up:</u>	Judy Wildeboer	Randy Johnson

## *Coffee Volunteers*

Today:	Andrea Cawley
Mar. 27:	Rob Edwards
Apr. 3:	Brian Waugh

**WE**   
**VOLUNTEERS**

## *Nursery Volunteers*

Today:	Randa Gravanti
Mar. 27:	Laura Strickland
Apr. 3:	Molly Colhouer

## *Fellowship Snacks*

<u>Next Week – Mar. 27:</u>	<u>Apr. 3:</u>
Easter	Gail Chang Eva White Kelly Melendi Carol Moberg

March Birthdays & Anniversaries



*Anniversaries  
and Birthdays*