

Morning Worship Service
August 28, 2016 - 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

In the Garden

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Philippians 2:5-11

Leader: Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

People: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

Leader: but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

People: And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!

Leader: Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

People: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

All: and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**** Glorifying God in Song**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Hymn # 296

****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

17 "Israel is a scattered flock that lions have chased away. The first to devour him was the king of Assyria; the last to crush his bones was Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon." 18 Therefore this is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: "I will punish the king of Babylon and his land as I punished the king of Assyria. 19 But I will bring Israel back to his own pasture and he will graze on Carmel and Bashan; his appetite will be satisfied on the hills of Ephraim and Gilead. 20 In those days, at that time," declares the LORD, "search will be made for Israel's guilt, but there will be none, and for the sins of Judah, but none will be found, for I will forgive the remnant I spare.

Jeremiah 50:17-20

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

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

The Musical Offering *Adagio* - Kathryn Carter

The Second Scripture Lesson

So when we could stand it no longer, we thought it best to be left by ourselves in Athens. 2 We sent Timothy, who is our brother and God's fellow worker in spreading the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith, 3 so that no one would be unsettled by these trials. You know quite well that we were destined for them. 4 In fact, when we were with you, we kept telling you that we would be persecuted. And it turned out that way, as you well know. 5 For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith. I was afraid that in some way the tempter might have tempted you and our efforts might have been useless. 6 But Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought good news about your faith and love. He has told us that you always have pleasant memories of us and that you long to see us, just as we also long to see you. 7 Therefore, brothers, in all our distress and persecution we were encouraged about you because of your faith. 8 For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord. 9 How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? 10 Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. 11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. 12 May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. 13 May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

1 Thessalonians 3:1-13

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.

The Third Scripture Lesson

17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. 19 For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. 20 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: 23 I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. 24 "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. 25 "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. 26 I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

John 17:17-26

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

**** Glorifying God in Song**

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Hymn # 679

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

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

Offertory

Come, Thou Almighty King 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.*

The Message

Rev. John K. Keen

**** Glorifying God in Song**

More Love to Thee, O Christ

Hymn # 649

**** Benediction**

Postlude

Allegro from "Suite Gothique" - Léon Boëllmann

***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.

**A cry room is available in the back of the sanctuary with live feed of the worship service.

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

Property Search Update - Informational Meeting Tonight!

Please remember that the Session, Diaconate and the Property Search Committee will host an **Informational meeting** for the congregation **this evening at 6:00 pm in the St. Paul Sanctuary**. The purpose of the meeting is to assist all members and friends of our church to become better acquainted with the Session's proposal to purchase the Christ Community Church facility and grounds located at **6202 N. Himes Avenue, Tampa, FL 33614**. Some other important dates to keep in mind subsequent to our meeting this evening are as follows:

- **Saturday, September 10** - Open House at the Himes Avenue property from 9am to 12pm
- **Sunday, September 11** - Open House at the Himes Avenue property from 2pm to 4pm
- **Sunday, September 18** - Congregational Meeting to vote on the purchase of the property

Please plan to join us this evening for a time of sharing, learning and questions and answers afterwards.

Note: Due to tonight's Informational meeting, normal Sunday evening Children, Youth and Adult activities are cancelled so that all may attend.

Additionally, due to Labor Day, there will be no Sunday evening activities next week, **September 4**. Kid Builders, MS/HS Large Group Meeting, and the Adult Bible Study will resume Sunday evening September 11.

Conversations That Matter:
Gender Identity and the Bible
Hosted by Holy Trinity Presbyterian
September 16 at 7:00 PM
with David Powlison

Current hotly debated issues of sexuality are premised on a view that our core identity is self-determined, rather than something that is given from and defined by God. We will spend the evening considering how Scripture teaches us to think about and discuss these issues. Following a lecture by Dr. David Powlison, there will be a time for Q & A from the audience.

Dr. David Powlison is the executive director of the Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation and is senior editor of the Journal of Biblical Counseling. He holds a PhD from the University of Pennsylvania and an MDiv from Westminster Theological Seminary. David has written extensively on biblical counseling and on the relationship between faith and psychology.

Women's Bible Study

The morning Women's Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, September 13th at 9:30 am in Room #108 of the Snyder Building.

Also, we are looking for someone to provide childcare (9:20-11:20 am every Tuesday morning, with breaks for holidays). If you or someone you know would be interested in this paid position, please contact Kelly Fernandez at kellyjfernandez@hotmail.com or 813- 420-8662.

Adult Sunday School Classes

Exploring Mark - Room 108

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.

Who is the Holy Spirit? – Church Office

Teacher: Servy Fernandez

Although the Holy Spirit is sometimes the forgotten Person of the Trinity, His presence and work is found throughout redemptive history. In this twelve-message series, Dr. Sinclair Ferguson traces the work of the third person of the Trinity through Scripture—from creation to the work of Christ to His dwelling in our hearts today. Along the way, he sheds light on the vital role the Holy Spirit serves. Dr. Ferguson’s goal is to help us know the Holy Spirit as a person, in addition to knowing of His power and work within

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
- Andrew Newman, 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 – 5 th Grade	Jamie Dalton & Randy Johnson	#107
Middle School / 6 th -8 th Grade	Lisa Johnson & Laura Strickland	#109
High School / 9 th -12 th Grade	Danny Dalton	The Tower
Adult – Exploring Mark	Ben Lambers	#108
Adult – Who is the Holy Spirit?	Servy Fernandez	Church Office

This Week at SPC ~ August 28 – September 3

SUNDAY:

Morning Worship, 9:00 am
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am
Informational Meeting, 6:00 pm

FRIDAY:

Senior Covenant Group, 10:00 am



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Last Sunday's Attendance: 100

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 5,503.52

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>August</u>	<u>September</u>
<u>Greeters:</u>	Strickland Family	Darby White Brian Armstrong
<u>Ordained Officer:</u>	Steve Strickland	Brian Waugh
<u>Communion Set-up:</u>	Marsha Craig	Judy Wildeboer

Coffee Volunteers

Today:	Bill Cutler
Sept. 4:	Jackie Toenes
Sept. 11:	Randa Gravanti

WE 
VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Volunteers

Today:	Diane Keen
Sept. 4:	Laura Strickland
Sept. 11:	Lisa Johnson

Fellowship Snacks

Next Week – Sept. 4:
Stephanie Williams
Pam Bergen
Beverly Thomson
Sheila Colbert

Sept. 11:
Holly Edwards
Laura Strickland
Donna Waugh
Lisa Johnson



*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*