

Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM
May 20, 2012
Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Our Great Saviour

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Colossians 3:1-4

Leader: Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

People: **Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.**

Leader: For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

ALL: **When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.**

**** Glorifying God in Song**

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Hymn #571

**** 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 First Scripture Lesson

⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” ⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Luke 24:48-53

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

The Confession of Our Sins

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Assurance of Pardon

Musical Offering

The Second Scripture Lesson

¹In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ²until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” ⁶So when they met together, they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Acts 1:1-11

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 Anthem

O, The Deep, Deep Love Of Jesus – **Susan Cumbie & Samuel Francis**

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me is the current of His love,
Leading onward, leading homeward to that glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore!
He who loves us, ever loves us, changes never, nevermore!
He, who died to save His loved ones, intercedes for them above;
He, who called them His own people, changes never, nevermore.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best,
Vast the ocean of His blessing, sweet the haven of His rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus, for my heaven of heavens is He;
This my everlasting glory, Jesus' mighty love for me.
Oh, leading onward, leading homeward to that glorious rest above.

The Third Scripture Lesson

¹ As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit —just as you were called to one hope when you were called — ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ⁸ This is why it says: “When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men.” ⁹ (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? ¹⁰ He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) ¹¹ It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹² to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:1-13

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

**** Offertory Hymn**
All to Jesus I Surrender
Hymn #562

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

⁶Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written: “He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

II Corinthians 9:6-9

The Offertory
The Old Rugged Cross based on
Purcell's When I Am Laid in Earth – arr. Don Wyrzten

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TO INDICATE YOUR ATTENDANCE.*

**** The Doxology**
(Hymn # 731)
Children K4 – K5 may be dismissed to Children's Church.

The Message
Rev. John K. Keen
Senior Pastor

**** Glorifying God in Song**
O Jesus, I Have Promised
Hymn #654

**** Benediction**

Postlude
Postlude in G - Botazzo

*** 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

Registration for VBS Begins!

Children ages 3-11 are invited to follow Jesus on a life-changing adventure as we explore SonQuest Rainforest from July 9-13, 2012.



NEW Online Registration: Parents, to register your children, please complete the form at www.seminolepca.org/vbs no later than June 9th.

If you have any questions or would prefer a paper registration form, please contact Kelly Fernandez at 813-969-3610 or kellyjfernandez@hotmail.com.

Memorial Day Swim Party!



Steve and Tami Pothoven are hosting a Memorial Day open house swim on Monday, May 28 from 10am to 4pm at their home. Come sit and relax, visit with friends while your kids swim, or take a dip yourself. Please bring an appetizer/snack to share. The fun will be at: 10274 Oasis Palm Drive, Tampa, 33615. Call Steve or Tami with any questions: 813-886-4611.



Children's Ministry Summer Sunday School: Teachers Needed!

We are beginning our recruiting for Summer Sunday School teachers and assistants. If you ever wanted to teach, but need a shorter commitment – here is your chance! The summer term runs from June 3 through August 26. ***To volunteer, or for more information, please contact Jackie Toenes*** (813.220.4095; jtoenes@seminolepca.org). Positions available include:

Teacher, Toddlers –
Teacher, K4—K5 –
Assistant, K4—K5 –
Teacher, 1st - 2nd Grade –
Assistant, 1st - 2nd Grade –
Teacher, 3rd – 5th Grade –
Assistant, 3rd – 5th Grade –

Bev Thomson
Diane Keen
Grace Keen
Liz Hickerson
Open
Open
Open



Please Note: MS/HS Youth Small Groups will still meet as normal at the Lambers' home this week.

Middle School Camp Registrations are here! Pick one up from Danny Dalton. Note: The early registration deadline is May 31. Middle school camp is open to all 6-8th graders, including all students who are currently in 5th grade and will be moving up into 6th this fall as well as outgoing 8th graders. The camp will be at Camp Kulaqua July 16 -20.



It is with sad hearts we say “good-bye” to long-time friend of SPC, Bill Alboth. Bill went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, May 15. He graced many a church event with his music, and no church picnic could really be complete without seeing one of his model airplanes flying in the sky. Bill will certainly be missed by all of us here at SPC. Please keep his wife of 51 years, Ruth, in your prayers through this difficult time. *(More details regarding Bill's funeral will be coming soon.)*



Costa Rica Mission

Our session is actively involved in implementing our vision to every aspect of this church, including missions. Our vision states that we exist to build Biblical, vital, and relevant relationships with God, one another, and the world for a lifetime and for eternity. Therefore, every ministry and outreach of our church should reflect this purpose.



In the area of missions our session is looking to partner with a work that:

- (1) involves a team of missionaries,
- (2) has a high level of national (indigenous) ownership and leadership,
- (3) is fairly accessible,
- (4) will allow for long-term relational involvement with both the team of missionaries and nationals, and
- (5) will allow for multiple levels of involvement from our congregation (e.g., youth teams, construction teams, leadership training teams, medical teams, men's, women's, and children's ministry teams).

At this point our session has narrowed the search to a new Mission to the World (MTW) work in Costa Rica. The goal of this work is to plant reformed, gospel-centered churches all over Costa Rica and beyond. The work began at a church named ICRICEN. It is a 12-year old church in San Jose, the capital of Costa Rica. It is pastored by Moises Campos, who initiated the vision and contacted MTW for help. Icricen has already planted two other churches and Moises has spent much time training men to plant churches. He mentors these young pastors, preparing them theologically and developing character. There is a great need for male leaders.

We like the fact that the vision is driven by the Costa Rican church and that MTW sees itself as a partner coming to assist the indigenous church. This naturally causes Costa Rican national's to have ownership and enables MTW to be worked out of a job, rather than creating long-term dependency on foreign funds, training and leadership.

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Costa Rica Mission, *Cont.*

This work appears to be a good match for our church. As you may have heard, the session has commissioned pastor Danny Dalton and ruling elder Randy Johnson to travel to Costa Rica for a Vision Trip on May 17-21, 2012. The purpose of this trip is to pray, seek God, put feet on the ground in Costa Rica in order to see the mission work, meet the missionaries and the Costa Rican people involved in this work. The goal is to discern whether or not to move forward in partnership with this work.

Therefore, we ask for you to pray for Danny and Randy. Pray, not only for safety, but for wisdom and discernment so that we may fully live our church vision.

Note: To learn more about this work in Costa Rica, there is an 8 minute video on YouTube. You can follow this link to view it:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=THORokMr2Dc>



Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

Prayer/Praise:

- Danny Dalton & Randy Johnson – travel mercies
- Ruth Alboth
- Jean Glaze – health issues/cancer
- Kim Dostal (DIL of Judy Dostal) - meningioma/brain mass; surgery recovery
- Servy & Raquel Fernandez' parents – health issues
- *Praise* – for Elaine Crescent's new position!

Pray for those seeking employment or better employment:

- Amarnath Boodoosingh

Pray for our missionaries:

- Don & Judy Vander Ploeg, Wycliffe/JAARS; on furlough
- Dave Hawes, Navigators – training and development
- Jeff Lee, Reformed University Ministries @ USF

E-mail: prayer-list@lists.seminolepca.org

Christian Education – Adults, Youth, & Children

Class/Grade	Class Teacher(s)	Class Room
Ages 2-3 / Toddlers	Bev Thomson	#115
Ages 4-6 / K4–1 st Grade	Jamie Dalton & Jane Lambers	#109
Ages 7-8 / 2 nd –3 rd Grade	Laura Strickland & Lisa Johnson	#111
Ages 9-10 / 4 th –5 th Grade	Alex & Kelly Fernandez	#105
Jr. High / 6 th –8 th Grade	Brian Waugh	#107
Sr. High / 9 th –12 th Grade	Danny Dalton	#101
Adult – Walden Class	Bill Earnest	#108
Adult – Sermon on the Mount	Joe DeNitto	Church Office
Adult – 1&2 Peter	Randy Johnson	#102

Current Adult Classes

Walden Class – Update - Room 108

Teacher: Elder Bill Earnest

The Walden class is made up of folks of all ages, from young adult to those in their late eighties. From a group such as that you may well imagine the range of perspective the discussions take. This class is a Bible study class, open to class discussion, questions, and comments. We study Old Testament as well as New testament books. The length of time (weeks) to complete a Study depends on the class participation and the discussion level generated by a particular text. We do keep a schedule, but are open to the leading of God's Holy Spirit and follow where scripture leads. If this sounds like your kind of Bible study then by all means come and join us. Our worship service is conducive to the study of solid spiritual food, the encouragement to practice what we learn and to follow the leading of Micah 6:8: "To act justly, To love mercy, To walk humbly with our God". The Walden class meets in each Sunday morning from 10:45 to 11:45 with greetings, prayer for the needs of God's people, and Bible study. Come join us, you are most welcome!

The Sermon on the Mount - Church Office

Teacher: Joe DeNitto

The Sermon on the Mount is probably the best known section of the entire Bible. Yet it is also one of the least understood parts of the teaching of Jesus Christ. 'It is not a sermon about an ideal life in an ideal world' writes Sinclair B. Ferguson, 'but about the kingdom life in a fallen world'. It answers some of the most pressing questions that every Christian encounters: What is a Christian? Does the Law of God still have a place in the Christian life? How can I learn to pray? How can I learn self-discipline? Why am I a prisoner to anxiety? Come join elder Joe DeNitto in the church office for this truly valuable study.

1&2 Peter – Room #102

Teacher: Randy Johnson

Without hesitation, Peter boldly declared that Jesus was the Messiah. Yet moments later, for speaking impulsively, he was rebuked as a stumbling block and servant of Satan. Bold and impulsive, yet courageous and fearful, these were the raw materials that God used to build up and sanctify the man Simon-Peter into an Apostle of God. It was this same Peter who, when filled by the Holy Spirit, stood up and boldly preached to the large crowd at Pentecost. It was this same Peter who, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, wrote two books in the New Testament. Join RE Randy Johnson as we study Peter's epistles, reminding us that we were once not a people and that we are now His people, a chosen people. Let us learn from Peter as he further describes a living hope, godly living and warnings against false teaching that we may, "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

This Week at SPC ~ May 20 - 26

SUNDAY:

Morning Worship, 9:00 am
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am

MS/HS Youth Small Groups
Lambers' Home; 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY:

Choir Practice, 7:30 pm

FRIDAY:

Seniors' Covenant Group, 10 am

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May 28:

Memorial Day; *Church Office Closed*

Swim Party @ the Pothoven's Home

May 31:

Deacons' Meeting, 7 pm

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SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 143

Last Sunday's Offering: \$5,788.99

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

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>	<u>Banner Bearer</u>
<i>Today:</i>	<i>Therese McKenzie</i>	<i>John McKenzie</i>	<i>Sammy Fernandez</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Laura Strickland</i>	<i>Rachel Strickland</i>	<i>Peter Chang</i>
<i>June 3:</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>

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

Coffee Volunteers

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<i>Today:</i>	<i>Larry Dickey</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Rob Edwards</i>
<i>June 3:</i>	<i>TBA</i>

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Bill Earnest 5/4	Peter Chang 5/26
Raquel Fernandez 5/10	Dominick Zak 5/27
Judy Kneeshaw 5/20	Josh Fernandez 5/30
Kelly Fernandez 5/22	
Olivia White 5/22	
Elaine Crescent 5/25	
Kaela Dalton 5/25	

Anniversaries

David & Nancy Gardner 5/6	Jack & Jean Glaze 5/14
Todd & Cathy Gartman 5/8	Ben & Jane Lambers 5/30
Alex & Kelly Fernandez 5/12	