

Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM
September 2, 2012
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Sonata II - Handel

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 #297

**** 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

¹³ The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men. ¹⁴ Therefore once more I will astound these people with wonder upon wonder; the wisdom of the wise will perish, the intelligence of the intelligent will vanish." ¹⁵ Woe to those who go to great depths to hide their plans from the LORD, who do their work in darkness and think, "Who sees us? Who will know?" ¹⁶ You turn things upside down, as if the potter were thought to be like the clay! Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, "He did not make me"? Can the pot say of the potter, "He knows nothing"? ¹⁷ In a very short time, will not Lebanon be turned into a fertile field and the fertile field seem like a forest? ¹⁸ In that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll, and out of gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see. ¹⁹ Once more the humble will rejoice in the LORD; the needy will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. ²⁰ The ruthless will vanish, the mockers will disappear, and all who have an eye for evil will be cut down— ²¹ those who with a word make a man out to be guilty, who ensnare the defender in court and with false testimony deprive the innocent of justice. ²² Therefore this is what the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, says to the house of Jacob: "No longer will Jacob be ashamed; no longer will their faces grow pale. ²³ When they see among them their children, the work of my hands, they will keep my name holy; they will acknowledge the holiness of the Holy One of Jacob, and will stand in awe of the God of Israel. ²⁴ Those who are wayward in spirit will gain understanding; those who complain will accept instruction."

Isaiah 29:13-24

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

Musical Offering

The Confession of Our Sins

“Almighty God, father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men; we acknowledge and confess our many sins; which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed; by thought, word, and deed; against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent; and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings—the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us; have mercy upon us, most merciful father; for thy son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake; forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life; to the honor and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Musical Offering

The Second Scripture Lesson

¹⁹My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰for man’s anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. ²¹Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. ²²Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does. ²⁶If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

James 1:19-27

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

What Grace Is Mine - Kristyn Lennox Getty; arr. Tom Fettke

What grace is mine that He who dwells in endless light,
Called through the night to find my distant soul.
And from His scars poured mercy that would plead for me,
That I might live and in His name be known.

Verse:

So I will go wherever He is calling me.
I lose my life to find my life in Him.
I give my all to gain the hope that never, never dies.
I bow my heart, take up my cross and follow Him.

What grace is mine to know His breath alive in me.
Beneath His wings my wakened soul may soar, my wakened soul may soar.
All fear can flee for death's dark night is overcome.
My Savior lives and reigns forever more!

Verse

I bow my heart, and follow Him, follow Him.
I'll follow Him.

The Third Scripture Lesson

¹The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and ²saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were “unclean,” that is, unwashed. ³(The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with ‘unclean’ hands?” ⁶He replied, “‘Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: “‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁷They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.’ ⁸You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men.” ⁹And he said to them: “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! ¹⁰For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.’ ¹¹But you say that if a man says to his father or mother: ‘Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is Corban’ (that is, a gift devoted to God), ¹²then you no longer let him do anything for his father or mother. ¹³Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.” ¹⁴Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵Nothing outside a man can make him ‘unclean’ by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him ‘unclean.’” ¹⁷After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. ¹⁸“Are you so dull?” he asked. “Don’t you see that nothing that enters a man from the outside can make him ‘unclean’? ¹⁹For it doesn’t go into his heart but into his stomach, and then out of his body.” (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods “clean.”) ²⁰He went on: “What comes out of a man is what makes him ‘unclean.’ ²¹For from within, out of men’s hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³All these evils come from inside and make a man ‘unclean.’”

Mark 7:1-23

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

**** Offertory Hymn**
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
Hymn #345

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

⁸ Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. ⁹ Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. ¹⁰ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. ¹¹ Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. ¹² Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, ¹³ O descendants of Israel his servant, O sons of Jacob, his chosen ones.

I Chronicles 16:8-13

The Offertory
Beneath the Cross - arr. Phillips

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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**
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Hymn #252
(v. 1-2)

**The Words of Institution
&
The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper**

**** Glorifying God in Song**
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Hymn #252
(v. 3-4)

**** Benediction**

Postlude
Now Thank We All – Karg-Elert

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



On the Move! Please note that the following Sunday School classes are relocating to new rooms:

Class	OLD Room	NEW Room
K4/K5	Room #111	Room #109
Upper Elementary 3 rd – 5 th Grade	Room #109	Room #107
Middle School Youth	Room #107	Luther Tower

New Youth Space: Luther Tower -

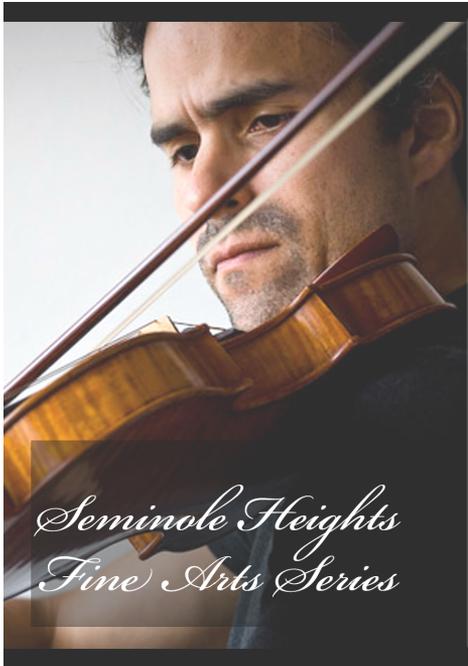
We are happy to announce that the youth have a new, dedicated space - the recently renovated "Luther Tower." This is a huge Praise to the Lord as both St. Paul Lutheran and Seminole Church congregations helped to make the renovations possible through contributions and volunteer labor.

With the opening of Luther Tower, we must put in place a few "house rules" to ensure the safety and security of all:



1.) Youth will not be allowed to congregate unsupervised in the Tower; they will only be permitted to enter into the area when their adult leader/teacher arrives, and 2.) while waiting for the youth leader/teacher to arrive, please refrain from congregating on the stairs to the Luther Tower, instead remaining at the base of the stairs.

The Lopez-Tabor Duo will be performing at Seminole on **Saturday, September 22nd at 7:00 pm**. This will be a wonderful evening of classical and Spanish music presented on both violin and piano. Make plans now to join in this event (there is no charge for admission).



*Seminole Heights
Fine Arts Series*

*Seminole Church
Presents
Lopez-Tabor Duo
in Concert*



*Enjoy a Romantic Evening of
Spanish and Classical Music
with Alfonso Lopez & Michelle Tabor*

Saturday, September 22 ~ 7:00 PM

Call for Volunteers- Family Early Intervention Program

Proverbs 14:31 *“He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.”*

Children and homelessness, those two words do not belong together! But, did you know that children are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population? Did you know that Tampa has the highest homeless rate in the nation? According to the 2011 Homeless Coalition there are 17,775 homeless people in Hillsborough County.



Sacred Scripture is replete with commands to care for the poor and needy. We, as a church, are already active in doing this. However, a door has just opened for us to do this on a larger scale and in a practical and relational manner that completely fits within our church vision. After prayerful consideration and dialogue, our session and diaconate have entered our church into a two-year partnership with Metropolitan Ministries (MM).

Through funding from the Children’s Board of Hillsborough County, MM is being awarded a \$1.5 million grant to help homeless families with children ages 0-8. Statistically, if a child can finish the third grade, the cycle of homelessness is drastically reduced, especially if that family has a church connection. This is where we come in.

MM identifies homeless families who are currently staying in the vicinity of our church. They will pass these contacts to us. Please take note that these families are likely doubling up with neighbors or family members, and not living under bridges. Then, as the church, we get to be the church. These families will be expecting us to make contact with them.

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Therefore, we are making a call for volunteers at SPC to participate in this partnership.

Each volunteer from our church will work directly with one assigned family, assisting them as needed to help strengthen the family spiritually, invite them to church and help lead them to self-sufficiency (which may include emergency food/meals, clothing, school supplies, transportation, information, support, prayer, discipleship etc.). There is no financial obligation on behalf of the volunteer as the program will cover all expenses. But each volunteer is required to attend a training session. (Since the path to self-sufficiency looks different for each family, helping volunteers understand the mindset of poverty is crucial, thus the training is mandatory.) Several sessions are coming up at locations around Tampa; volunteers only need to attend one session:

Location: **Bethel Church** – *1510 W. Hillsborough Ave. Tampa, FL 33603*

1. Thursday, September 6th – 6:30-8:30pm
2. Saturday, September 8th – 9:30- 11:30am

Location: **Shekinah Glory** – *1301 S. 78th St. Tampa, FL 33619 (Palm River)*

3. Thursday, September 13th – 7:00-9:00pm
4. Saturday, September 15th – 9:30 – 11:30am

This is a wonderful way to put our faith into action; using the gifts God has blessed each of us with to assist a family in getting back on their feet. Please prayerfully consider your participation in this program. All volunteers must RSVP (including the training session they will attend) to Jackie Toenes, who will be serving as the Coordinator for the MM/SPC partnership: 813-220-4095 or jtoenes@seminolepca.org. Metropolitan Ministries needs to know who will attend each session so that the proper amount of materials will be available.



Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

Prayer/Praise:

- Larry Dickey – pray for continual healing and recovery
- Kim Dostal (DIL of Judy Dostal) - ongoing rehabilitation
- Servy & Raquel Fernandez’ parents – health issues
- Amarnath Boodoosingh – better employment

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 4-5 / K4-K5	Jane Lambers & Cathy Gartman	#109
Ages 6-7 / 1 st - 2 nd Grade	Raquel Fernandez & Liz Hickerson	#105
Ages 8-10 / 3 rd -5 th Grade	Therese McKenzie & Diane Keen	#107
Jr. High / 6 th -8 th Grade	Danny Dalton & Richard Zak	The Tower
Sr. High / 9 th -12 th Grade	Ben Lambers	#101
Adult – Walden Class	Matthew McKenzie	#108
Adult – Gospel of Mark	Bryan Toenes	#102
Adult – How to Study the Bible	Joe DeNitto	Church Office

Current Adult Classes

Walden Class – Update - Room 108

Teacher: Matthew McKenzie

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!

Gospel of Mark – Room 102

Teacher: Bryan Toenes

This fall Bryan Toenes will be leading a study of the Gospel of Mark. This class is not a verse-by-verse study of the entire book. Rather it is an overview of the shortest of the four gospels. Our goal is to understand this account of the ministry of Jesus Christ within the context of this particular writer and his intended audience. We will also devote some time to the question surrounding the last twelve verses of Mark, which are a contested part of our canon. Join us as we explore this action-oriented account of the Lord's ministry beginning with John the Baptist and concluding with the triumphant resurrection of Christ.

How to Study the Bible – Church Office

Teacher: Joe DeNitto

Have you ever had problems understanding God's Word? When you come to a passage in the Bible that confuses you, do you tend to read past it? Would you like to have more tools to assist you in your Bible study? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then this class is for you. Together we will learn many ways to faithfully study the scriptures and apply these techniques to scripture passages, so that very practical methods will be developed for your study. Come join Elder Joe DeNitto in the church office for this class. It could change the way you read, think about and understand the Bible.

This Week at SPC ~ September 2 - 8

- SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 9:00 am
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am
- MONDAY:** Labor Day/*Church Office Closed*
- TUESDAY:** Session Meeting, 7pm
- WEDNESDAY:** Choir Practice, 7:30 pm



- September 22:** Seminole Heights Fine Arts Series:
Lopez-Tabor Duo, 7 pm
- September 27:** Deacons' Meeting, 7 pm



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 156

Last Sunday's Offering: \$4,364.92

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>
Today:	<i>Cathy Armstrong</i>	<i>Ross Edwards</i>	<i>Nora Fernandez</i>
Next Week:	<i>Gail Chang</i>	<i>Emily Johnson</i>	<i>Kathryn White</i>
Sept. 16:	<i>Donna Waugh</i>	<i>Alex Johnson</i>	<i>Julia White</i>

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

Coffee Volunteers

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Today:	<i>Bill Cutler</i>
Next Week:	<i>Ron & Marilyn Quick</i>
Sept. 16:	<i>Larry Dickey</i>

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Rachel Strickland 9/1
Jamie Dalton 9/5
Andrew Johnson 9/6
Meredith Gartman 9/8
Frank Frail 9/10
Cameron Pothoven 9/11
Jonathan Keen 9/14
Chloe Cawley 9/15

Sally Quick 9/22
Kate Melendi 9/23
Glee Hamilton 9/24
Mary Earnest 9/25
Ross Edwards 9/26
Cathy Armstrong 9/27
John McKenzie 9/30
Paul McKenzie 9/30

Anniversaries

Servy & Raquel Fernandez 9/13
Ronald & Marilyn Quick 9/15
Bill & Mary Earnest 9/29