

Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM
September 30, 2012
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 135:1-3

- Leader:** Praise the LORD. Praise the name of the LORD; praise him,
you servants of the LORD,
- People:** **you who minister in the house of the LORD, in the courts of
the house of our God.**
- ALL:** **Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing praise to his
name, for that is pleasant.**

**** Glorifying God in Song**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Hymn #167

**** 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

⁸ The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. ⁹ Moses said to Joshua, “Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands.” ¹⁰ So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. ¹¹ As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. ¹² When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. ¹³ So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword. ¹⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered and make sure that Joshua hears it, because I will completely blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.” ¹⁵ Moses built an altar and called it The LORD is my Banner. ¹⁶ He said, “For hands were lifted up to the throne of the LORD. The LORD will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation.”

Exodus 17:8-16

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

The Confession of Our Sins

“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

Musical Offering

The Second Scripture Lesson

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

Ephesians 6:10-18

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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.

The Anthem

Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me - by Howard Helvey

Lord, thou hast searched me and dost know
where'er I rest, where'er I go;
Thou knowest all that I have planned,
and all my ways are in thy hand.

My words from thee I cannot hide;
I feel thy pow'r on every side;
O wondrous knowledge, awful might,
unfathomed depth, unmeasured height!

Where can I go apart from thee,
or whither from thy presence flee?
In heaven? It is thy dwelling fair;
in death's abode? Lo, thou art there.

If I the wings of morning take,
and far away my dwelling make,
The hand that leadeth me is thine,
and my support thy pow'r divine.

If deepest darkness cover me,
the darkness hideth not from thee;
To thee both night and day are bright,
the darkness shineth as the light.

The Third Scripture Lesson

¹⁴ When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. ¹⁵ As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him. ¹⁶ “What are you arguing with them about?” he asked. ¹⁷ A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. ¹⁸ Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.” ¹⁹ “O unbelieving generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.” ²⁰ So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ Jesus asked the boy’s father, “How long has he been like this?” “From childhood,” he answered. ²² “It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.” ²³ “If you can?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for him who believes.” ²⁴ Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!” ²⁵ When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the evil spirit. “You deaf and mute spirit,” he said, “I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” ²⁶ The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, “He’s dead.” ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up. ²⁸ After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?” ²⁹ He replied, “This kind can come out only by prayer.”

Mark 9:14-29

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

** Offertory Hymn

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

Hymn #535

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

²⁴ One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. ²⁵ A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:24-25

The Offertory

It is Well With My Soul - Michael Larkin

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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**
Like a River Glorious
Hymn #699

**** Benediction**

Postlude
Prelude and Fugue in e minor - J.S. Bach

*** 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



Fall Fellowship

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We are planning our Fifth Annual Fall Fellowship for **Sunday evening (5 – 8 pm), October 28**. The church will provide hamburgers/hotdogs (and the fixings) and drinks.

Please bring a picnic side dish or dessert to share. ***And don't forget your already carved pumpkin for the jack-o-lantern competition!***

Help is needed to make this event a success. Areas where you can be of service:

- Grilling
- Food/Condiment Prep
- Table Set up
- Event Decoration
- Table Breakdown
- Clean up

To volunteer or to RSVP,
please contact Jackie Toenes:
jtoenes@seminolepca.org or
220.4095.



Fall Women's Bible Study – Come and join Diane Keen on Monday nights as she leads us through the book of Ephesians. Study kickoff is October 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Diane's home (15832 Glenarn Drive, Tampa 33618). All ladies interested in participating in this study are welcome to attend. Call Diane at 813-758-7177 for more information.

Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

Prayer/Praise:

- Kim Dostal (DIL of Judy Dostal) & Alan Dostal (Judy's husband)
- Servy & Raquel Fernandez – parents' health issues; Servy's new business
- Amarnath Boodoosingh – better employment

Pray for our missionaries:

- Scott & Kathy Craig, MTW/Short-term Team Coordinators in Costa Rica
- Don & Judy Vander Ploeg, Wycliffe/JAARS; Papua New Guinea
- 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 is leading a study of the Gospel of Mark. Today we are looking at several miracles that Jesus did in Galilee. What do calming a violent storm, healing a demon possessed man, healing an anemic woman, and raising a little girl from the dead all have in common? What do they say about God's love and compassion for people? What implications do these miracles have for our faith? And what might they say about the way the Church approaches ministry? Join us this morning as we answer these questions and more in our study of the Gospel of Mark.

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 30 – October 6

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

MS/HS Youth Group, 5:30 pm
@ Luther Tower (on campus)

WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm



October 9: Session Meeting, 7 pm

October 28: Fall Fellowship, 5 – 8 pm



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 165

Last Sunday's Offering: \$8,229.65

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><i>Teacher</i></u>	<u><i>Helper</i></u>	<u><i>Banner Bearer</i></u>
<i>Today:</i>	<i>Tami Pothoven</i>	<i>Shannon Pothoven</i>	<i>Dominick Zak</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Eva White</i>	<i>Nicholas Lambers</i>	<i>Kathryn White</i>
<i>Oct. 14:</i>	<i>Kelly Melendi</i>	<i>Kate Melendi</i>	<i>Julia White</i>

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

Coffee Volunteers

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<i>Today:</i>	<i>Brian Waugh</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Andy Thomson</i>
<i>Oct. 14:</i>	<i>Steve Strickland</i>

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

<i>Marilyn Quick 10/4</i>	<i>Adrienne Lambers 10/23</i>
<i>Kerri Connolly 10/4</i>	<i>Amanda Waugh 10/23</i>
<i>Allen "Johnny" Fellows 10/5</i>	<i>Casey Waugh 10/24</i>
<i>Allene Cawley 10/5</i>	<i>Amarnath Boodoosingh 10/28</i>
<i>Randa Gravanti 10/6</i>	<i>Deana Johnson 10/29</i>
<i>Brian Waugh 10/21</i>	
<i>Cindy Kladakis 10/22</i>	

Anniversaries

<i>Bryan & Jackie Toenes 10/17</i>
<i>Ralph & Sheila Colbert 10/19</i>
<i>Rick & Rebekah Brownlee 10/24</i>