

Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM
December 30, 2012
First Sunday After Christmas

*Please adjust all electronic communication devices so as not to disrupt the service.
If you need to leave the Sanctuary, please use the exits at the back.*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Good Christian Men Rejoice
Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Ephesians 1:3-6

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

People: **For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.**

Leader: In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

ALL: **to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.**

**** Glorifying God in Song**
God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen
Hymn #211

**** 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

¹ Now the LORD was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what he had promised. ² Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. ³ Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him. ⁴ When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God commanded him. ⁵ Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶ Sarah said, “God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me.” ⁷ And she added, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

Genesis 21:1-7

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

The Confession of Our Sins

Mighty God, you came in weakness:

forgive our grasping for power.

Prince of Peace, you came in humility:

forgive us for exalting ourselves.

Everlasting Father, you came in poverty:

forgive us for wanting more than others.

Wonderful Counselor, you came in gentleness:

forgive us for the anger we speak and the pain we cause.

Child of Bethlehem, be born in us today:

forgive us, heal us, make us new;

We join the angels in singing your praises this Christmas and all the days to come, Amen.

(based on Isaiah 9:6)

Assurance of Pardon

Musical Offering

The Second Scripture Lesson

¹³ When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, ¹⁴ saying, “I will surely bless you and give you many descendants.” ¹⁵ And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised. ¹⁶ Men swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument. ¹⁷ Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. ¹⁸ God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. ¹⁹ We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, ²⁰ where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 6:13-20

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

¹⁵ Brothers, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or add to a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case. ¹⁶The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say “and to seeds,” meaning many people, but “and to your seed,” meaning one person, who is Christ.

Galatians 3:15-16

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

**** Offertory Hymn** *How Firm a Foundation* Hymn #94

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

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” ¹⁵ Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶ And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’” ¹⁸ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’” ²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’” ²¹ “This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.”

Luke 12:13-21

The Offertory
We Three Kings - arr. Mark Hayes

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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. Danny Dalton
Associate Pastor

**** Glorifying God in Song**
Now Thank We All Our God
Hymn #98

**** Benediction**

Postlude
Allegro (from Pastorale) - J.S. Bach

*** All who are able, please stand*

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Stand Upon the Promise!

Genesis 21:1-7

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I. God doesn't make _____ promises! (vv.1-2)

1. God's Word is _____.
2. God directly _____ to fulfill his promise.
3. God is _____ to fulfill His promises.

II. True faith responds with _____. (vv. 3-4)

III. True faith also responds with _____. (vv.5-7)

Welcome to Our Visitors

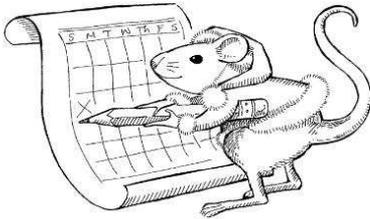
We welcome you in the name of Christ! You can find more information about us on our website at www.seminolepca.org. For questions or to share a prayer concern, call the office at 774-3881, ext. 700 or email us at: church@seminolepca.org.

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

Programming Note – Please be advised that Sunday School will be suspended today, Sunday, December 30 for the New Year holiday. However, please join us for a time of fellowship immediately after worship.



Church Office Schedule – Please note that the church office will be closed through January 1; the office will reopen Wednesday, January 2. If you have contributions for the 2012 tax year, please simply mail them on or before the 31st of December (versus hand delivering to the office).

End of Year Contributions - This is a reminder that for any contributions to count for the 2012 tax year, they must be postmarked to the church by December 31, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Toenes (813-220-4095).



Removing of the Greens

Saturday, January 12 @ 9 am – Unhanging of the Green & General Grounds Workday We'll need a bit of help taking down the decorations. Also, there are some projects for the grounds that need to be tended to such as weeding flower beds. Save the date and join in!

Costa Rica Mission Trip
(For High School Students)
Information Meeting



If you are a high school student or a parent of a high school student (rising 9th graders-outgoing 12th graders), and you have an interest or are just curious about the upcoming Costa Rica Missions Trip, this information meeting is for you! Questions, questions, questions will be answered ...

Cost? Safety? Purpose? Expectations? Preparations? Cross-Cultural Ministry? Language? Food? Et cetera... This brief meeting will present the basic purpose and expectations of this trip and answer any questions you may have. Come one, come all:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2013
12:00 NOON; LUTHER TOWER



Middle School/High School Youth Group – will resume on Sunday, January 20 in Luther Tower from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm.

Boxed Offering Envelope Sets - Boxed offering envelope sets will be made available upon request. **Envelopes are NOT required or needed.** Only request a set if they assist you in keeping up with your tithes and contributions. Contact Jackie if you would like a set: jtoenes@seminolepca.org or leave a message at (813-220-4095).



The SPC Seniors Covenant Group will resume weekly meetings in room 108 of the Snyder Building from 10:00 am to 11:30 am beginning on **Friday, January 4, 2013.** All current members are encouraged to join, as well as any other senior adults

who may be interested in studying God's Word. At our last meeting in May we completed Job, Chapter 16; we will pick up with Chapter 17 on Jan. 4. If you have any questions or for more info, call Larry Dickey at 813-695-3173.

*The beautiful poinsettias gracing our platform
were given by the following:*

† *John & Marilyn Horst*

In gratitude for John & Diane Keen

In gratitude for Danny & Jamie Dalton

† *Tami Pothoven*

With thanks to God for Steve Pothoven

† *Steve Pothoven*

In honor of my lovely wife, Tami, and

wonderful children Shannon, Cameron, and Bryson

† *Brian & Donna Waugh*

For the glory of God

† *Jake & Mary Beckel*

In memory of Beatrice Friesner, a loving mom,

mother-in-law, grandma, and great-grandma.

† *Chip & Sara Royer*

Dedicated to the life of our Uncle Carlo

Dedicated to the life of our Grandmother Kojl

† *And by the Congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church*

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 & supported ministries:

- Scott & Kathy Craig, MTW/Short-term Team Coordinators (Costa Rica)
- Costa Rica Mission Project: Birth of a New Presbyterian Church
- Don & Judy Vander Ploeg, Wycliffe/JAARS (Papua New Guinea)
- Dave Hawes, Navigators – training and development nationwide
- Jeff Lee, Reformed University Ministries @ USF
- Joel DeVictoria, Berea Presbyterian Church (Winter Haven)
- Steve Light, Sojourner Presbyterian Church (USF Area)

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

**NOTE: Sunday School is on hiatus today
for the New Year's Day Holiday**

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 & Liz Hickerson	#109
Ages 6-7 / 1 st - 2 nd Grade	Lisa Johnson & Laura Strickland	#105
Ages 8-10 / 3 rd -5 th Grade	Therese McKenzie & Cathy Armstrong	#107
Jr. High / 6 th -8 th Grade	Steve Pothoven & Brian Waugh	The Tower
Sr. High / 9 th -12 th Grade	Danny Dalton	#101
Adult – Walden Class	Matthew McKenzie	#108
Adult – Church & Sacraments	Ben Lambers	#102
Adult – Esther	Joe DeNitto	Church Office

Current Adult Classes

Walden Class – 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!

Theology 401: The Church and Sacraments - Room 102

Teacher: Ben Lambers

This is the fourth of four classes as we study the Westminster Confession of Faith. We will cover chapters #25-33 discussing topics such as, "What does it mean to be a member of the church?" "What are the Sacraments?" "How do the Sacraments effect my faith?" "What is church discipline?" "What happens to Christians when they die?" and "What exactly is the Last Judgment?" Do you have a biblically informed answer to these questions? Come join us as we conclude our study of the best summary of Sacred Scriptures teachings. *(Please note, attendance at prior Westminster Confession classes is not required to benefit from this session.)*

Esther – Church Office

Teacher: Joe DeNitto

Come and join Joe DeNitto as he leads us through the book of Esther. This book tells the story of a Jewish woman who became queen of Persia and thwarted a plan to commit genocide against her people. Though God is not mentioned specifically even once, his providential care and covenantal presence saturates the entire book. This teaches us that the hand of God is active in all our circumstances. Nothing is merely a coincidence. God is the sovereign Ruler of the universe and we can be assured and comforted that His plans will not be moved by the actions of mere men.

Volunteers

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>	<u>Banner Bearer</u>
Today:	Therese McKenzie	John McKenzie	Dominick Zak
Next Week:	Kelly Fernandez	Sadie Edwards	Nora Fernandez
Jan. 13:	Gail Chang	Nicholas Lambers	Kathryn White

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

Coffee Volunteers

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Today:	Andrea Cawley
Next Week:	Bill Cutler
Jan. 13:	Ron & Marilyn Quick

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Anna Claire Lambers 12/3	Lesley McKenzie 12/20
Alex Fernandez 12/10	Bryson Pothoven 12/22
Jared Frail 12/12	Joey Hickerson 12/23
Abby Johnson 12/15	Eva White 12/24
Pat Bardin 12/16	Grace Morton 12/26
Dave Bardin 12/17	Hannah Johnson 12/27
Chris Kladakis 12/17	Rainey Hoopes 12/29
Jane Lambers 12/20	Andrea Cawley 12/31
Judy Wildeboer 12/20	

Anniversaries

Tom & Andrea Cawley 12/20

Dave & Pat Bardin 12/29