

Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM
April 14, 2013
Third Sunday of Easter

*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

All Things Bright and Beautiful
Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Silent Reflection

Q1: What is your only comfort in life and death?

A1: That I am not my own,
 but belong –
 body and soul,
 in life and in death –
 to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

 He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
 and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
 he also watches over me in such a way
 that not a hair can fall from my head
 without the will of my Father in heaven:
 in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

 Because I belong to him,
 Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
 assures me of eternal life
 and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
 from now on to live for him.

~ from *The Heidelberg Catechism*

Call to Worship

Psalm 86:8-13

Leader: Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.

People: **All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name.**

Leader: For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.

People: **Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.**

Leader: I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.

ALL: **For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths of the grave.**

**** Glorifying God in Song**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn #53

**** 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 child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast. 9 But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, 10 and she said to Abraham, "Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac." 11 The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son. 12 But God said to him, "Do not be so distressed about the boy and your maidservant. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned. 13 I will make the son of the maidservant into a nation also, because he is your offspring." 14 Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the desert of Beersheba. 15 When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes. 16 Then she went off and sat down nearby, about a bowshot away, for she thought, "I cannot watch the boy die." And as she sat there nearby, she began to sob. 17 God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. 18 Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation." 19 Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. 20 God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer. 21 While he was living in the Desert of Paran, his mother got a wife for him from Egypt.

Genesis 21:8-21

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

The Confession of Our Sins

Gracious Father, I am not worthy of blessings and mercies. My depraved nature reveals itself in disobedience and rebellion. I am often discontented, prideful, envious, and revengeful. As I have confessed my guilt, help me to feel it deeply, to hate my sin, yet to remember there is hope in You. Help me to see the Lamb that takes away sin. Through Him may I return to You, listen to You, Trust in You, delight in Your law, obey You, and be upheld by You, for Your glory and the good of my fellow-men.

- Adapted from The Valley of Vision p.145

Assurance of Pardon

Musical Offering

Now the Green Blade Riseth - Raymond Hahn

The Second Scripture Lesson

21 Tell me, you who want to be under the law, are you not aware of what the law says? 22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman. 23 His son by the slave woman was born in the ordinary way; but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a promise. 24 These things may be taken figuratively, for the women represent two covenants. One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be slaves: This is Hagar. 25 Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children. 26 But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother. 27 For it is written: "Be glad, O barren woman, who bears no children; break forth and cry aloud, you who have no labor pains; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband." 28 Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. 29 At that time the son born in the ordinary way persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now. 30 But what does the Scripture say? "Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman's son." 31 Therefore, brothers, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.

Galatians 4:21-31

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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.

Anthem

How Deep the Father's Love For Us - arr. Mark Brymer

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain.
Free to all, a healing stream flows from Calvary's mountain.
In the cross, in the cross!

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away;
As wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river. In the cross!

The Third Scripture Lesson

32 "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. 33 But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.

Matthew 10:32-33

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People: Thanks be to God

**** Offertory Hymn**

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

Hymn #86

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

7 If there is a poor man among your brothers in any of the towns of the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward your poor brother. 8 Rather be openhanded and freely lend him whatever he needs. 9 Be careful not to harbor this wicked thought: "The seventh year, the year for canceling debts, is near," so that you do not show ill will toward your needy brother and give him nothing. He may then appeal to the LORD against you, and you will be found guilty of sin. 10 Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. 11 There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy in your land.

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

The Offertory

Wherever I May Wander - Anna Laura Page

*Please fill out the connection card in the bulletin
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**
Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord
Hymn #465

**** Benediction**

Postlude
Pasticcio - Jean Langlais

*** All who are able, please stand*

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God's Protecting Grace

Genesis 21:8-21

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1. **Salvation comes not by birthright or by works, but by grace through _____ in God's promises. (v.8-9)**
2. **Those who reject God's grace are to be _____ from the covenant community. (v.9-14)**
3. **God graciously _____ and _____ even for those outside the covenant community. (v.15-21)**

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

Church Yard Work Day

Everything's coming up...weeds! Help us pull them **THIS Saturday, April 20 from 8 am to 11 am**. There are more than enough to go around so the more help, the faster the project will go. Men, women and children of all ages welcome to participate! Bring your work gloves and hand rakes. See or contact any one of our deacons for more information.



Missions Trip Fundraiser Yard Sale



Come out **THIS Saturday, April 20 from 8 am to 2 pm** for a fundraiser yard sale here on the church campus. Proceeds will go to support the Costa Rica Missions Trip.

If you have some items you'd like to donate for the sale, please drop them off (preferably already priced for the sale) the week of April 14 – 18 at the church office during office hours or on Saturday before the sale begins. Please contact Stephanie Williams (mother of team member, Ryan Williams) for more info: 813-962-0638 or stephwtampa@yahoo.com.

Canoe Trip – Saturday, April 27

We are officially full! However, if you have your own canoe/kayak, you are more than welcome to join the SPC Flotilla (just let Jackie know you're interested in being a part)! **Contact Jackie Toenes with questions, for reservations, and/or directions: 220-4095 or jtoenes@seminolepca.org.**



Sylvia Chai Organ Recital



On **May 19, 2013 at 3pm**, our own Sylvia Chai will play an organ recital at Sacred Heart Church, in downtown Tampa (Florida Ave. and Twiggs St.). The program will feature well-loved works by J.S. Bach, Jean Langlais, and Charles-Marie Widor, as well as feature the American premier of *Mala Suita*, a work by Slovak composer Jozef Podprocky. The program will also depict the message of Pentecost and the Holy Spirit's gifts of love, joy, peace, and patience going out into all the world. So spend an afternoon indulging in beautiful music and sights (if you have never been to Sacred Heart Church, it is worth a trip just to see this historic sanctuary built in 1905.) See you there!

Memorial Garden



Memorial Garden

St. Paul Church has brought to our attention that some of our children and youth are playing in and running through their Memorial Garden (located between the Sanctuary and Snyder Building). The Memorial Garden was designed to be a place of prayer and quiet reflection, so we obviously need instruct our children to stay away from this particular area. Let's all do our best to maintain respect for our good friends at St. Paul Church by ***instructing our youth and children to refrain from any kind of play activities in the Memorial Garden.*** St. Paul has shown us great kindness over the past four years by welcoming our use of their facilities, so it's incumbent upon us to maintain respect for our Christian friends by seeking to take care of this area sacred to them.



Costa Rica Mission Team

Join with us as we seek to fulfill the foreign missions thrust of SPC's vision by sending our very first missions team to our mission partners in Costa Rica!

You can help us! As we work hard at preparing over the next three and a half months through prayer, Bible study, research, language learning, and reading, *you can come along side us and send us out with prayer, encouragement and financial support!* Did you know that it will cost almost \$14,000 to send our team of eleven people to Costa Rica for eight days? **We are asking that Seminole Church contribute one third of this cost (roughly \$4,500) by supporting our fundraising efforts. Are you with us?**



Date Night Childcare Fundraiser – Need a night out? Need childcare? Perfect, as we need to raise some money to get us to Costa Rica! On

Friday, April 26 anytime from 5:00 PM – 9:30 PM (location TBA) we will be providing child care so you may enjoy an evening out. Dinner will be provided for the children. **Sign up is required!** We are requesting a flat fee per family of \$25/one child; \$40/two children; \$50/three. Reserve your spot via the tan insert in this bulletin or by contacting Medora Hoopes at 813-968-6765 or Loginlol@yahoo.com.

Here are some of the other ways you can help us reach this goal:

Fundraising Lunch – Food and Fellowship! What could be better? Actually helping us get to Costa Rica! Make plans to stay for a fundraising lunch on **Sunday, May 5.**

Money Tree – it will be making its 2013 debut soon. When it appears, grab a tag from the branches and make a donation to our team's fundraising efforts.

Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

Prayer/Praise:

- Judy Kneeshaw
- Lois Callen
- Kim Dostal (DIL of Judy Dostal) & Alan Dostal (Judy's husband)
- Richard & Lois Gainer

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

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	Gregg Quick	The Tower
Sr. High / 9 th -12 th Grade	Joe DeNitto	#101
Adult – Walden Class	Danny Dalton	#108
Adult – Genesis	Brian Waugh	#102
Adult – Spiritual Disciplines	Randy Johnson	Church Office

Current Adult Classes

Walden Class – Room 108

Teacher: Danny Dalton

The Walden offers a combination of bible study and social interaction, as participants share their lives with one another through prayer requests, praise reports, brief devotionals, and a thirty-minute bible lesson each Sunday. The class offers a greater degree of flexibility for those desiring to engage in a study of a particular book of the bible, which may exceed the quarterly limitations of other classes, *e.g. a four or five month study through The Gospel of Matthew or the book of Revelation, etc.* This relaxing pace of the Walden Class allows for a comprehensive study of Sacred Scripture in the context of thoughtful dialog, question and answer, and practical application of God's Word in connection to personal and cultural situation and circumstances.

Spiritual Disciplines – Church Office

Teacher: Randy Johnson

“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.” (1 Cor 9:24-25) Our class on Spiritual Disciplines will explore how we can better train ourselves to grow in spiritual health and maintain our relationship with Christ and His Church. Join RE Randy Johnson as we explore spiritual disciplines and encourage each other on to win the race. We will explore how to pursue spiritual health and to do so with purpose. “Therefore, I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.” (v 26-27). Let us take seriously Paul’s call to work diligently on our spiritual growth.

Genesis – Room 102

Teacher: Brian Waugh

Genesis shows us patterns where God moves his people from places of turmoil and sin to places of goodness and joy. In this process, He chooses to use people who are flawed and weak to fulfill his plan. Throughout this book we see His salvation and provision shine forth over and over again. Join RE Brian Waugh as we look at these patterns and see how they apply to our lives today and propel us toward His heavenly kingdom.

This Week at SPC ~ April 14 - 20

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

WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm

FRIDAY: Seniors Covenant Group, 10 am

SATURDAY: Church Yard Work Day, 8 – 11 am
Yard Sale Fundraiser, 8 am – 2 pm



April 25: Deacons' Meeting, 7 pm

April 27: Canoe Trip, 9:30 am

May 5: Fundraiser Lunch for CR Team

July 15 – 19: Middle School Camp @ Kulaqua



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 118

Last Sunday's Offering: \$4,908.80

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>Kelly Fernandez</i>	<i>Sadie Edwards</i>	<i>Nora Fernandez</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Lisa Johnson</i>	<i>Emily Johnson</i>	<i>Dominic Zak</i>
<i>April 28:</i>	<i>Eva White</i>	<i>Ross Edwards</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>Steve Strickland</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Randa Gravanti</i>
<i>April 28:</i>	<i>Andrea Cawley</i>

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Ameilia Boodoosingh 4/2
Joyce Guth 4/4
Kendall Melendi 4/5
Ben Lambers 4/6
Holly Edwards 4/7
Nikolas Royer 4/7
AJ Johnson 4/8
Steve Strickland 4/8
Matthew McKenzie 4/13
Bill Cutler 4/14

Donna Waugh 4/16
Ruth Alboth 4/17
John Horst 4/17
Alynn Cawley 4/17
Shannon Pothoven 4/20
Kelly Melendi 4/23
Therese McKenzie 4/23
Christopher Waugh 4/25
Jack Glaze 4/25
Gregg Quick 4/28

Anniversaries

Ken & Susan Smith 4/3
Andy & Kim Thomson 4/6
Brian & Donna Waugh 4/9

Richard & Lois Gainer 4/16
Stan & Judy Wildeboer 4/21