

Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM
December 1, 2013
First Sunday of Advent

*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

O Come, O Come Emmanuel - Rudolf Moser

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Silent Reflection

Advent means “coming.” It is a time to prepare our hearts to celebrate Christ’s second coming as well as his first. The glowing flames of the candle remind us of the star of Bethlehem, and most of all, the Light of the World Jesus Christ. The lighting of the candles calls us to worship and sets this time apart as holy.

Of the five candles, three are blue, one is rose, and one is white. The blue candles represent the attitude of hope and expectation with which we anticipate His coming. The rose candle, the Shepherd’s candle, stands for God’s love and faithfulness. The white candle in the center represents Christ’s holiness and perfection.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

McKenzie Family

The First Candle is the **prophecy candle**. It reminds us that Christ's coming was revealed by God through the prophets hundreds of years before Christ was born.

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Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. *Isaiah 7:14*

### **\*\* Glorifying God in Song**

#### *Angels, From The Realms Of Glory*

Choir and Congregation

#### **Verse 1 – Congregation**

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.

#### **Verses 2 – Congregation**

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing; Yoder shines the infant light:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.

#### **Verse 3 - Choir**

#### **Verses 4 & 5 – Congregation**

Saints before the alter bending, watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.

Though an infant now we view him; he shall fill his Father's throne,  
Gather all the nations to him; every knee shall then bow down.  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.

## **\*\* 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."*

## **Presentation of New Members**

*Ines Biedronski*

*Denny Michael Biedronski*

## **The First Scripture Lesson**

1 This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: 2 In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. 3 Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 4 He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. 5 Come, O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Isaiah 2:1-5

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

## **The Confession of Our Sins**

*"Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

### **The First Anthem**

*Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming*

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung.  
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,  
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;  
with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior,  
when half spent was the night.

## **Musical Offering**

## The Second Scripture Lesson

8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. 11 And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. 12 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. 14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Romans 13:8-14

**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

29 "Immediately after the distress of those days "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' 30 "At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. 31 And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. 32 "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. 33 Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. 34 I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. 36 "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. 42 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. 43 But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Matthew 24:29-44

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

## **The Second Anthem**

*How Great Our Joy!*

While by the sheep we watched at night,  
Glad tidings brought an angel bright.

*Refrain*

How great our joy! Great our joy!  
Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!  
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!  
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

There shall be born, so He did say,  
In Bethlehem a Child today.

*Refrain*

There shall the Child lie in a stall,  
This Child who shall redeem us all.

*Refrain*

This gift of God we'll cherish well,  
That ever joy our hearts shall fill.

*Refrain*

## **\*\* Glorifying God in Song**

### *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Choir and Congregation

#### **Verses 1 & 2 – Congregation**

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lowly exile here, until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

#### **Verse 3 – Choir**

#### **Verses 4 & 5 – Congregation**

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
in ancient times didst give law in cloud and majesty, and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

## **\*\* Offertory Statement & Prayer of Dedication**

7 But just as you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving. 8 I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. 9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

II Corinthians 8:7-9

## **The Offertory**

*Sing We Now of Christmas - arr. Mark Hayes*

*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. John K. Keen  
Senior Pastor*

## **\*\* Glorifying God in Song**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Hymn #193

(v. 1-2)

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

*Wine is served in the outer ring;  
Grape juice in the inner rings.*

**\*\* Glorifying God in Song**  
*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*  
Hymn #193  
(v. 3-4)

**\*\* Benediction**

**Postlude**  
*Wake, Awake* - Charles Callahan

## *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](http://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](mailto: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

### **Program Note Reminder**

*No Sunday School TODAY, December 1*

Just a reminder that we will not have Sunday School today (December 1) due to the Thanksgiving holiday. However, please do join us for our Fellowship Time immediately after the service.



### **Congregational Meeting**

*Sunday, December 8*



Please make plans to attend our annual congregational meeting on **Sunday, December 8, immediately after the morning worship service.** The purpose of this meeting is: 1) present the 2014 Church Budget to the congregation and entertain and address any questions not already answered previously; and, 2) to elect and seat/reseat trustees of the corporation. No other business will be discussed at this meeting (per our *Book of Church Order*).

### **Christian Education Committee**

*New Members Welcome*



The Christian Education Committee is looking to add a few members beginning in January 2014. If you have an interest in serving or would like to know more about what the committee does and what the responsibilities are, please contact the committee chair Bryan Toenes at 813-732-1175 or [btoenes@seminolepca.org](mailto:btoenes@seminolepca.org).

# MS/HS Youth Progressive Dinner Christmas Party!

Sunday, December 8, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM



*Progressive  
Dinner*

Middle and High School students don't miss out on this awesome party. We will meet at the church at 5 pm. Then we will travel to three different church member's homes enjoying a different course of a yummy dinner at each house. As we journey together on our established route of homes, we will eat an appetizer, a main course, and dessert, along with having some great fun along the way. At our final house we will have a crazy gift exchange. Have your parents pick you up at the Dalton's home at 9:00 pm (5903 N Tampa St.). Please invite a friend and **sign-up by Tuesday, December 3. Required:** 1.) Notarized Medical Release for 2013-14 school year (required for invited friends too; the form can be downloaded from the church's website [www.seminolepca.org] under the Student Ministries section of the Ministries tab.); 2.) A new wrapped gift valued at \$5 or less.



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## Order Your Poinsettia

It's time to place your orders for poinsettias to beautify the Sanctuary for Christmas. The cost of each plant is **\$7.00**.

If you would like to place an order please complete this form, tear it out of the bulletin, and place it along with your payment check (made payable to SPC; marked poinsettias) in the offering plate:

1. Quantity Desired \_\_\_\_\_

2. How the plant(s) is to be dedicated:

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The deadline for ordering is **Sunday, December 8.**

Plants may be taken home following the Christmas Eve service.



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## Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

### 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 & Page 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](mailto:prayer-list@lists.seminolepca.org)

***NOTE: Sunday School is on hiatus today and will resume December 8, 2013.***

## Christian Education – Adults, Youth, & Children

| Class/Grade                                        | Class Teacher(s)              | Class Room    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Ages 2-3 / Toddlers                                | Bev Thomson                   | #115          |
| Ages 4-5 / K4-K5                                   | Cathy Gartman & Tami Lang     | #109          |
| Ages 6-7 / 1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade | Rainey Hoopes & Lucas Lambers | #105          |
| Ages 8-10 / 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade | Diane Keen & Sara Royer       | #107          |
| Jr. High / 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade  | Danny Dalton                  | #101          |
| Sr. High / 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade | Ben Lambers                   | The Tower     |
| Adult – Walden Class                               | Matthew McKenzie              | #108          |
| Adult – Life of David                              | Gregg Quick                   | #102          |
| Adult – TULIP                                      | Joe DeNitto                   | Church Office |

## Youth School Classes – Starting December 8

### *High School*

#### **Theology 101: God and Man**

*Teacher: Ben Lambers*

This is the first of four classes as we study the Westminster Confession of Faith (WCF). They do not have to be taken in order. This class covers chapters 1-6 of the WCF. Elder Ben Lambers will help our students to understand the doctrines of Holy Scripture, God and the Trinity, God's Eternal Decree, Creation, Providence, and the Fall. This class will be a rich feast of enjoying God's awesomeness.

- During this quarter we will study WCF Chapters # 1-7
- We will have 10 lessons. No Class on December 1, 22, or 29.
- Students will be challenged to complete weekly homework.

### *Middle School*

#### **Promises, Promises (all about the Covenant)**

*Teacher: Danny Dalton*

Have you ever made a promise and kept it? Have you ever broke a promise? In this course we will see that God made a promise to save His people. He calls this promise a covenant. A covenant is like an agreement between two or more people. However, the good news is that even when we broke our end of the covenant, God didn't break his part. In fact, through Jesus Christ, he kept both his part and our part! Salvation is all of God and Jesus is the ultimate covenant keeper. Come and learn the story of God working out this Good News in history as we make our way through this Great Commission curriculum!



## **Adult Sunday School Classes – Starting December 8**

### **Walden Class – Room 108**

*Teacher: Matthew McKenzie*

The Walden Class, which is currently studying Galatians, 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.

### **The Life of David – Room 102**

*Teacher: Gregg Quick*

Shepherd, hymn-writer and murderer - God chose a man who would fill each of these roles to sit on the throne of Israel. And it was through his family that the great king of the Jews would come. In this Dr. R.C. Sproul adapted series, we will examine the life of David and his character as revealed in Scripture. In honestly evaluating this flawed leader, we will be reminded that David's repentance is what made him a man after God's own heart.

### **TULIP – Church Office**

*Teacher: Joe DeNitto*

#### **The Five Points of Calvinism**



**T**his class will explore the history and meaning of Calvinism.

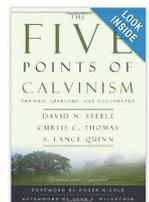
**U**nder no circumstances will we try to force anyone to accept this view.

**L**ots of scripture will be studied to support each part of the ideas presented.

**I**n our studies, we will examine both the details as well as the overview of the materials.

**P**lease consider taking this important and informative class.

Come join Elder Joe DeNitto in the church office. Our intention is for us all to better understand Reformed thought in the Bible and how it applies to our everyday lives.



**This Week at SPC ~ Dec. 1 - 7**

**SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 9:00 am  
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am

**TUESDAY:** Deacons' Meeting, 7 pm  
Session Meeting, 7 pm

**FRIDAY:** Seniors Covenant Group, 10 am



**December 8:** Congregational Meeting, following worship  
MS/HS Progressive Dinner

**December 24:** Christmas Eve / *Church Offices Closed*  
Christmas Eve Service, 5pm

**December 25:** Christmas Day / *Church Offices Closed*



**SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP**

Last Sunday's Attendance: 132

Last Sunday's Offering: \$6,081.64

*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

## ***Greeters / Ordained Officer***

|                                            | <u><i><b>December</b></i></u>                | <u><i><b>January</b></i></u> |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <u><i><b>Greeters:</b></i></u>             | Bryan Toenes<br>Rick Brownlee<br>Jared Frail | TBA                          |
| <u><i><b>Ordained<br/>Officer:</b></i></u> | Servy Fernandez                              | TBA                          |

## ***Children's Worship Volunteers***

|                   | <u><i><b>Teacher</b></i></u> | <u><i><b>Helper</b></i></u> | <u><i><b>Banner Bearer</b></i></u> |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <i>Today:</i>     | Randa Gravanti               | Rachel Strickland           | Nikolas Royer                      |
| <i>Next Week:</i> | Therese McKenzie             | Paul McKenzie               | Nikolas Royer                      |
| <i>Dec. 15:</i>   | Laura Strickland             | Emily Strickland            | Dominick Zak                       |

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

## ***Coffee Volunteers***

|                   |                  |
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| <i>Today:</i>     | Steve Strickland |
| <i>Next Week:</i> | Andrea Cawley    |
| <i>Dec. 15:</i>   | Karen Collins    |

## ***Nursery Volunteers***

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Today:</i>     | Deana Johnson           |
| <i>Next Week:</i> | Adrienne / Jane Lambers |
| <i>Dec. 15:</i>   | Therese McKenzie        |

**WE**   
**VOLUNTEERS**

# December Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Birthdays

Anna Claire Lambers 12/3

Alex Fernandez 12/10

Jared Frail 12/12

Abby Johnson 12/15

Pat Bardin 12/16

Dave Bardin 12/17

Chris Kladakis 12/17

Jane Lambers 12/20

Judy Wildeboer 12/20

Lesley McKenzie 12/20

Bryson Pothoven 12/22

Joey Hickerson 12/23

Eva White 12/24

Grace Morton 12/26

Hannah Johnson 12/27

Rainey Hoopes 12/29

Andrea Cawley 12/31

## Anniversaries

Tom & Andrea Cawley 12/20

Jay & Marissa Fontanini 12/28

Dave & Pat Bardin 12/29



Anniversaries  
and Birthdays