

Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM

December 22, 2013

Fourth 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

Away in a Manger

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.

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.

The Second Candle is the **Bethlehem candle**, which points to the Christ becoming man in Bethlehem.

The Third Candle is the **shepherd’s candle**. We must recognize that we, like the shepherds, must come to Christ, believe in Him, and tell this good news to others.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Randy Johnson Family

The Fourth Candle is the **angel's candle**. It anticipates Christ's second coming and focuses on His finished work of salvation.

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26 In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." 29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. 31 You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." 34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" 35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. 37 For nothing is impossible with God." 38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

*Luke 1:26-38*

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

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

Congregation and Choir

### **Verse 1 – Congregation**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him born the King of Angels: O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

*Continued...*

## Verse 2 – Choir

### Verses 3 & 4 – Congregation

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all you citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God in the highest: O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, of the Father, now in flesh appearing:  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

## \*\* The Invocation

## \*\* The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## The First Scripture Lesson

10 Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, 11 "Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights." 12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test." 13 Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of men? Will you try the patience of my God also? 14 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. 15 He will eat curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right. 16 But before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste. 17 The LORD will bring on you and on your people and on the house of your father a time unlike any since Ephraim broke away from Judah-- he will bring the king of Assyria."

Isaiah 7:10-17

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

## The First Anthem

*All is Well*

All is well, all is well.  
Angels and men rejoice!  
For tonight darkness fell  
Into the dawn of love's light.  
Sing Alleluia

All is well, all is well.  
Let there be peace on earth.  
Christ is come, go and tell  
That He is in the manger.  
Sing Alleluia

*Continued...*

All is well, all is well.  
Lift up your voice and sing.  
Born is now Emmanuel.  
Born is our Lord and Savior.  
Sing Alleluia! Sing Alleluia!  
All is well.

Born is now Emmanuel.  
Born is our Lord and Savior.  
Sing Alleluia! Sing Alleluia!  
All is well. All is well.

## **The Confession of Our Sins**

*"O Lord, full of mercy and grace, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone: give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love, to adore you Lord, a heart to delight in you, to follow, to rejoice in you, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen"*

-St. Ambrose

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**Musical Offering**  
*Silent Night*

## The Second Scripture Lesson

1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God-- 2 the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures 3 regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, 4 and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. 5 Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith. 6 And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. 7 To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:1-7

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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 Second Anthem**  
*Go, Tell It On The Mountain*

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere.  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light.

Chorus

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo, above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth!

Chorus

Down in a lonely manger  
The humble Christ was born,  
And God sent our salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn.

Chorus

## **The Third Scripture Lesson**

18 This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. 20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"--which means, "God with us." 24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25 But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Matthew 1:18-25

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

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

*Joy to the World! The Lord is Come*

Hymn # 195

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

7 Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. 8 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts. 9 Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

Psalm 96:7-9

### **The Offertory**

*Joy to the World* - 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**

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Hymn # 203

**\*\* Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Joy to the World - Handel / Frank Ritter*

*\*\* 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](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 29*

Just a reminder that we will not have Sunday School today or next week, December 29 due to the Christmas and New Year holidays. However, please do join us for our Fellowship Time immediately after the service.



**Christmas Eve Worship Service**

*Tuesday, December 24, 5:00 PM*

Please join us at **5:00 pm** on **Tuesday, December 24** for our annual candle light Christmas Eve Service.

**End of Year Contributions** - This is a reminder that for any contributions to count for the 2013 tax year, they must be postmarked to the church by December 31, 2013. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Toenes (813-220-4095).





**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 tithe and contributions. Contact Jackie if you would like a set: [jtoenes@seminolepca.org](mailto:jtoenes@seminolepca.org) or leave a message at (813-220-4095).

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

† *Chip & Sara Royer*

*Dedicated to our precious Rebekah who is in God's loving care*

† *Ralph & Sheila Colbert*

*In loving memory of Fred & Adelaide Tietjen*

† *Brian & Donna Waugh*

*To the glory of God*

† *Alan & Judy Dostal*

*To the glory of God*

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

## 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  
for the Christmas 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                                   | 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 | Kelly Fernandez & 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 |

## Adult Sunday School Classes

### 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

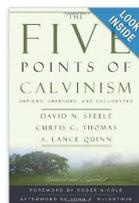
*Teacher: Joe DeNitto*

#### 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. 22 - 28**

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

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

**WEDNESDAY:** Christmas Day / *Church Offices Closed*



**January 1:** New Year's Day/ *Church Offices Closed*

**January 10-12:** Communicants Class

**January 11:** Removal of the Green



**SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP**

Last Sunday's Attendance: 166

Last Sunday's Offering: \$9,711.50

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

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

|            | <u><b>Teacher</b></u> | <u><b>Helper</b></u> | <u><b>Banner Bearer</b></u> |
|------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Today:     | Donna Waugh           | Sadie Edwards        | Nikolas Royer               |
| Next Week: | Lisa Johnson          | Marcy Edwards        | Dominick Zak                |
| Jan. 5:    | Andrea Cawley         | Chloe Cawley         | Nikolas Royer               |

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

## ***Coffee Volunteers***

|            |               |
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| Today:     | Karen Collins |
| Next Week: | Bill Cutler   |
| Jan. 5:    | Rob Edwards   |

**WE**   
**VOLUNTEERS**

## ***Nursery Volunteers***

|            |                 |
|------------|-----------------|
| Today:     | Kelly Fernandez |
| Next Week: | Sara Royer      |
| Jan. 5:    | TBA             |

## ***Fellowship Snacks***

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| <u><b>Next Week – Dec. 29:</b></u><br>Holly Edwards<br>Laura Strickland<br>Donna Waugh | <u><b>Jan. 5:</b></u><br>Kelly Fernandez<br>Lisa Johnson<br>Cathy Armstrong<br>Raquel Fernandez |
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# 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