

Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM
March 2, 2014
Last Sunday After the Epiphany

*Please adjust all electronic communication devices so as not to disrupt the service.
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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Be Still My Soul - Sibelius

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 99:1-5

Leader: The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

People: **Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.**

Leader: Let them praise your great and awesome name – he is holy.

People: **The King is mighty, he loves justice – you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right.**

All: **Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.**

**** Glorifying God in Song**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Hymn # 297

**** 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."

****Gloria Patri**

Musical Offering

The First Scripture Lesson

1 Then he said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. You are to worship at a distance, 2 but Moses alone is to approach the LORD; the others must not come near. And the people may not come up with him." 3 When Moses went and told the people all the LORD's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the LORD has said we will do." 4 Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said. He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. 5 Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD. 6 Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he sprinkled on the altar. 7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, "We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey." 8 Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

(Continued...)

9 Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up 10 and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of sapphire, clear as the sky itself. 11 But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank. 12 The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and commands I have written for their instruction." 13 Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. 14 He said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them." 15 When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, 16 and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. 17 To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. 18 Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Exodus 24:1-18

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

The Confession of Our Sins

(If you are able, we invite you to kneel so that our outward posture reflects our inward attitude)

“Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men; we acknowledge and confess our many sins; which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed; by thought, word, and deed; against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent; and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings—the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us; have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake; forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life; to the honor and glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

“My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2 and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.”

1 John 2:1-2

The Second Scripture Lesson

7 But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ-- the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. 15 All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. 16 Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

Philippians 3:7-16

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.

Anthem
Rejoice, Sing and Praise
by G. F. Handel

(A joyful round of praises to our Lord.)

The Third Scripture Lesson

1 After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. 3 Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. 4 Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters-- one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." 5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. 7 But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." 8 When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. 9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Matthew 17:1-9

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

**** Glorifying God in Song**
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Hymn # 32

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

7 One man pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth. 8 A man's riches may ransom his life, but a poor man hears no threat.

Proverbs 13:7-8

The Offertory

Great is Thy Faithfulness arr. Jay Rouse

*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**

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

Hymn # 247
(v. 1-2, only)

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

*Wine is served in the outer ring;
Grape juice in the inner rings.
Communion bread is allergen-free.*

**** Glorifying God in Song**
O Sacred Head Now Wounded
Hymn # 247
(v.3-4, only)

**** Benediction**

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee - Beethoven/Innes

** 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

****THERE WILL BE NO YOUTH GROUP OR ADULT BIBLE STUDY
ACTIVITIES TONIGHT ****

New Ladies' Bible Study starting March 18th!

What: "Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins We Tolerate" by Jerry Bridges

When: Tuesday mornings at 9:30

Where: The Dalton home

If you want to join us, please contact Kelly Fernandez at 813.420.8662 or kellyfernandez@hotmail.com to order a copy of the book *by March 11th!*

Spring Picnic!

Please make plans to join us **Saturday, March 29 at 11am-2pm** for SPC's Church Picnic at Gidden's Park here in Seminole Heights (5202 N 12th St.). Features of the park include: a splash pad for the kids (so bring suits and towels), a playground, fields for games, and a basketball court. SPC has reserved the covered pavilion, but there is limited seating. Therefore, we ask families that have camp chairs to bring them. *SPC will provide hamburgers/hotdogs (and the trimmings) and drinks; you are asked to bring a side-dish or dessert to share.*

We need volunteers to make this event a success! Help is needed to set up. If you can help in this area, contact the church office. **RSVP to church@seminolepca.org by Sunday March 23.**



Vacation Bible School

SAVE THE DATE

June 16 – 20, 2014

Please mark your calendars for VBS Week!

We are looking forward to another wonderful week of fun, fellowship and sharing the truth of the gospel with our children.

Also, consider volunteering this year! More details on how you can help will be coming soon. Contact Sara Royer for more information **813-453-3221 or sara.royer@iconnectgreen.com.**

Youth Sunday School Classes – Starting Today!

High School - The Five Points of Calvinism

Teacher: Randy Johnson

This title can be misleading because John Calvin is not the direct author of these five points, nor is Calvinism summed up in five points. Through careful study of sacred Scripture the Synod of Dort offered five counter points to Armenian opposition which came to be known as The Five Points of Calvinism. The specific area of theology covered in these points can be more aptly called God's Sovereignty in Salvation. In this class we will carefully study these five points with the aim to inspire awe, gratitude and new obedience as we realize all the more that salvation is of God.

Middle School - The Ten Commandments

Teacher: Danny Dalton

This is the third of four classes as we proceed through the Westminster Shorter Catechism. (Don't worry! They do not have to be taken in order.) The first two classes asked the question, "What are we to believe?" These final two classes ask, "What does God require of us?" Specifically, this class looks at one of the best known summaries of God's Law, the Ten Commandments. We will study questions #41, 42, 46 50, 54, 58, 61, 64, 68, 71, 74, 77, 80 and 82. Students will be challenged to memorize four of these questions (41, 42, 61, and 82).

Adult Sunday School Classes – Starting Today!

Walden Class – Room 108

Teacher: Jay Fontanini

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 Gospel and the Book of Galatians – Room 102

Galatians is all about the gospel, the free grace of God which only comes through trusting in Jesus Christ! That is why the apostle Paul is agitated, even alarmed as he writes, because those who had enthusiastically embraced the gospel at first, were in danger of turning away from it by adding works to faith. Like the Galatians, we too can easily fall into the trap to justify ourselves by adding works to our faith. In this class we will study together the gracious gospel answering questions such as: What is the Gospel? Does it mean we are free to sin? How do the Ten Commandments fit into our lives? What does it mean to be legalistic? Come join Elder Joe DeNitto in the fellowship room of the Snyder building for this informative Bible study.

Church History: The First 1,500 Years – Church Office

This quarter we will go on a sweeping adventure through a millennium and a half of Christian history starting with the day that a group of devout followers of Jesus were gathered in an upper room waiting patiently for the promised Comforter. Our itinerary includes twelve stops allowing us a closer look at the men and women whose lives shaped the trajectory of the Christian faith up to the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. Along the way we will encounter martyrs and heretics, emperors and slaves, warriors and monks, scholastics and mystics – people who did their best to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. Bryan Toenes will lead this study in the church office.

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

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 st - 2 nd Grade	Rainey Hoopes & Lucas Lambers	#105
Ages 8-10 / 3 rd –5 th Grade	Kelly Fernandez & Sara Royer	#107
Middle School / 6 th –8 th Grade	Danny Dalton	#101
High School / 9 th –12 th Grade	Randy Johnson	The Tower
Adult – Walden Class	Jay Fontanini	#108
Adult – Galatians	Joe DeNitto	#102
Adult – Church History: The First 1500 Years	Bryan Toenes	Church Office

This Week at SPC ~ Mar. 2 -Mar. 9

SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:00 am
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am
NO YOUTH GROUP/ADULT STUDY

WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm

FRIDAY: Senior's Group, 10:00 am



March 11 Session Meeting, 7:00 pm

March 27 Deacon Meeting, 7:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE!

June 27-July 2, 2014 High School Camp Elevate

July 14-18, 2014 Middle School Camp Kulaqua



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 152

Last Sunday's Offering: \$8,914.61

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>March</u>	<u>April</u>
<u>Greeters:</u>	<i>Hoopes Family</i>	<i>Andy Thomson Brian Armstrong</i>
<u>Ordained Officer:</u>	<i>Duncan Hoopes</i>	<i>Bill Cutler</i>

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>	<u>Banner Bearer</u>
<i>Today:</i>	<i>Kelly Fernandez</i>	<i>Abby Johnson</i>	<i>Nora Fernandez</i>
<i>Mar. 9:</i>	<i>Therese McKenzie</i>	<i>Paul McKenzie</i>	<i>Nora Fernandez</i>
<i>Mar.16:</i>	<i>Randa Gravanti</i>	<i>Rachel Strickland</i>	<i>Nicholas Royer</i>

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

Coffee Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Steve Strickland</i>
<i>Mar. 9:</i>	<i>Andrea Cawley</i>
<i>Mar.16:</i>	<i>Karen Collins</i>

WE 
VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Adrienne Lambers/ Deana Johnson</i>
<i>Mar.9 :</i>	<i>Liz Hickerson</i>
<i>Mar. 16:</i>	<i>Laura Strickland</i>

Fellowship Snacks

<u>Next Week – Mar. 9:</u>	<u>Mar.16:</u>
<i>Andrea Cawley</i>	<i>Beverly Thomson</i>
<i>Diane Keen</i>	<i>Sheila Colbert</i>
<i>Allene Cawley</i>	<i>Judy Wildeboer</i>
<i>Pam Bergen</i>	<i>Ines Lopez de Lara</i>

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Lisa Johnson 3/3
Alina Sanchez 3/6
Becca Armstrong 3/11
Susan Smith 3/12
Marilyn Horst 3/13

Dan Fernandez 3/19
Kit Rackham 3/22
Ralph Colbert 3/27
Diane Keen 3/29

Anniversaries

Gregg & Sally Quick 3/18



Anniversaries
and Birthdays