

Morning Worship Service
August 31, 2014 - 9:00 AM
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude

Hallelujah! Staneslow
Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 24:7-10

- Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- People: **Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.**
- Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- All: **Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty-- he is the King of glory.**

**** Glorifying God in Song**

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Hymn # 310

**** 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 Gloria Patri**

Hymn # 734

The First Scripture Lesson

23 "Am I only a God nearby," declares the LORD, "and not a God far away?
24 Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him?" declares the LORD. "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the LORD. 25 "I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, 'I had a dream! I had a dream!'" 26 How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? 27 They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their fathers forgot my name through Baal worship. 28 Let the prophet who has a dream tell his dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?" declares the LORD. 29 "Is not my word like fire," declares the LORD, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces? 30 "Therefore," declares the LORD, "I am against the prophets who steal from one another words supposedly from me. 31 Yes," declares the LORD, "I am against the prophets who wag their own tongues and yet declare, 'The LORD declares.' 32 Indeed, I am against those who prophesy false dreams," declares the LORD. "They tell them and lead my people astray with their reckless lies, yet I did not send or appoint them. They do not benefit these people in the least," declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 23:23-32

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

Musical Offering

Kol Rinah

The Confession of Our Sins

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

“Jesus, for your name sake, do that which your name proclaims. Jesus, pardon the pride that pains you and look upon the unhappy one that calls upon your tender name—name of comfort, name of delight, and to sinners, name of blessed hope. For what does your name mean, Jesus, but Savior? Therefore, for your name's sake, be to me, Jesus, a merciful Savior.”

--Prayer of St. Augustine

Assurance of Pardon

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

The Second Scripture Lesson

5 If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you, to some extent-- not to put it too severely. 6 The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient for him. 7 Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. 8 I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him. 9 The reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything. 10 If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And what I have forgiven-- if there was anything to forgive-- I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, 11 in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes. 12 Now when I went to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ and found that the Lord had opened a door for me, 13 I still had no peace of mind, because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I said good-by to them and went on to Macedonia. 14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. 15 For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. 16 To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life. And who is equal to such a task? 17 Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, like men sent from God.

2 Corinthians 2:5-17

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

My Great Redeemer's Praise

Charles Wesley and Charles McCartha

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.
He speaks, and listening to His voice, new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

In Jesus Christ you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven;
Anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.
O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise!

The Third Scripture Lesson

15 "If you love me, you will obey what I command. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-- 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. 21 Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

(Continued...)

22 Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?" 23 Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. 24 He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. 25 "All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 14:15-26

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

**** Glorifying God in Song**
Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee
Hymn # 645

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

15 Be very careful, then, how you live-- not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. 18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. 19 Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, 20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:15-20

The Offertory

When in Our Music God is Glorified arr. Mark Hayes

*Please fill out the connection card in the bulletin
to indicate your attendance.*

**** The Doxology**

(Hymn # 731)

Children K4 – 2nd Grades may be dismissed to Children's Church.

The Message

*Rev. John K. Keen
Senior Pastor*

**** Glorifying God in Song**

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

Hymn # 688

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Postlude in G minor - Walczynski

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



We will be offering an **Exploring Church Membership Class**. Please mark the tan insert in your bulletin if you would like to attend or learn more. Once we know who is interested, we will set the dates and times. Note: attending this class is required for membership at SPC. However, taking this class does not obligate anyone towards membership. It's a great way to learn more about the gospel, our church and the specific vision we are working to accomplish.

Women of SPC

There will be a training workshop entitled, "Loving Well, Leading Well" for the women in our presbytery on September 20th, from 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM, at Covenant PCA in Lakeland.

Themes include:

Thinking Biblically:

- Who God Is
- Church and Womanhood

Living Covenantally:

- What God is Calling Me to Be
- Kingdom Discipleship and Women's Ministry



**Middle School / High School
Large Group Meeting**

**Sundays 5:30 - 7:30 PM
September 7 – December 7
Luther Tower**

***No Meeting:**

- October 26 due to Fall Fellowship
- November 2 due to Reformation Service
- November 30 due to Thanksgiving

An Opportunity to Serve RUF

This year RUF at USF will be having Sunday night dinner fellowships. Most of these dinners are intended to reach first year/freshmen students.

The goal of these dinners is to provide a home-cooked meal for students who have moved away from home. This is also a great opportunity for fellowship and a chance for students to connect with each other. SPC has been invited to provide a meal on **October 5th** for a group of 20-30 college students.

If you would like to share in this opportunity to serve Jeff Lee and the RUF ministry at USF please indicate on the tan insert or contact Lisa Johnson at church@seminolepca.org or (813)-624-8397.



Save the Date

Fall Fellowship - We are planning our annual Fall Fellowship for **Sunday evening (5 – 8 pm), October 26**. More details will be coming.

Reformation Service – Tampa Bay area PCA churches will gather at Westtown Church in Westchase at **6 pm on November 2**.

New Youth Sunday School Classes Beginning Next Sunday, September 7th

Middle School: **Worshipping God Today**

Teacher: Steve Pothoven

Did you know that God created you for worship? Worship is the center of our existence. It is one of the things we will do forever. Yet, many of us worship the wrong thing or at least don't worship God how He has commanded that we worship him. This quarter we will be studying the hows and whys of worship. This is a foundational course, as well as very practical, to help you fully participate in the worship of God on Sunday mornings as we gather as the church. We will be using a great curriculum produced by Great Commission Publications.

High School: **Treasuring God's Word**

Teacher: Danny Dalton

There are millions of books in the world, but only one can rightfully claim to be the inspired Word of God. What makes Sacred Scripture so unique? Is it really true and trustworthy? In this course we will learn all about Sacred Scripture, it's history, structure, reliability, accuracy, understandability (is that a real word?). We will also overview the main storyline of the Bible and discuss how that shapes our interpretation. This course will help you to pick up your Bible and read it with more clarity and understanding as you seek to mature in your walk with Jesus Christ.

New Adult Sunday School Classes Beginning Next Sunday, September 7th

Walden Class – Room 108

Teacher: Matthew McKenzie

Join us in the Walden Class for a study of Ephesians, **starting September 14th**. We'll maintain the same format for the class, which uses a mixture of Bible study, social interaction, prayer requests, and praise reports as we share what God is doing in our lives.

Christ and Salvation (WCF chapter 8-15) – Room 102

Teacher: Ben Lambers

This is the second of four classes as we study the Westminster Confession of Faith. They do not have to be taken in order. This document is the best summary of what Scripture teaches. Therefore, this class is a great way to get a concise and precise summary of Sacred Scripture, especially pertaining to the person and work of Jesus Christ and how he accomplished salvation for His people. This class covers chapters 8-15, and attendees will be challenged to complete weekly homework. Let us all remember, the goal of teaching theology is maturity, not simply knowledge. Maturity always leads to application of this knowledge to life (from the head to the heart to the hands). Come join us!

The Seven Deadly Sins – Church Office

Teacher: Joe DeNitto

Can you name the seven deadly sins? Where did they originate? Are they right out of the Bible, or the 10 commandments? What are the seven lively or cardinal virtues? How can we relate these old ideas to our modern lives and pursue a better examination of conscience? Even if you knew these sins and virtues, how could they help you in your walk with Christ? The Christian faith has been teaching believers to avoid these seven sins, and practice these seven virtues for a long time. Even after the Protestant Reformation, teachings of one form or another about them continued.

If you would like to explore this subject further, come join Elder Joe DeNitto for this timeless study.

Current Adult Sunday School Classes

Walden Class – Room 108

Teacher: Jay Fontanini

The Walden Class, which is currently completing a survey of the Minor Prophets, 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.

Gospel of John – Room 102

Teacher: Bryan Toenes

Another study of John? Is there really anything new to be learned from the Fourth Evangelist? If you are asking these questions, have you ever taken in John's Gospel as a whole to see the symphonic tapestry the apostle has woven to convince Diaspora Jews – and all who read it – that Jesus is the promised Messiah? Have you ever considered how Jesus presented Himself to His own people as their Messiah and the true meaning behind the traditions observed in His day? This summer Bryan Toenes will lead a study of the one Gospel primarily written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

Walking with God – Church Office

Teacher: Steve Strickland

The Christian life is a journey. Jesus tells his disciples and us to follow him. But what does that look like? Where are we going? This class will examine various doctrines of the Christian life (sanctification, holiness, discipleship, etc.) as we seek to understand and live out the Christian life.

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	Raquel Fernandez	#109
Ages 6-7 / 1 st - 2 nd Grade	Liz Hickerson and Jane Lambers	#105
Ages 8-10 / 3 rd –5 th Grade	Matthew and Therese McKenzie	#107
Middle School / 6 th –8 th Grade	Gregg Quick and Lisa Johnson	#101
High School / 9 th –12 th Grade	Danny Dalton	The Tower
Adult – Walden Class	Jay Fontanini	#108
Adult – Gospel of John	Bryan Toenes	#102
Adult – Walking with God	Steve Strickland	Church Office

This Week at SPC ~ August 25 – August 30

SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:00 am
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am

WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm

FRIDAY: Senior's Group, 10:00 am



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 114

Last Sunday's Offering: \$7,702.78

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>August</u>	<u>September</u>
<u>Greeters:</u>	<i>The McKenzie Family</i>	<i>The Alex Fernandez Family</i>
<u>Ordained Officer:</u>	<i>Matthew McKenzie</i>	<i>Alex Fernandez</i>

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>	<u>Banner Bearer</u>
<i>Today:</i>	<i>Randa Gravanti</i>	<i>Chloe Cawley</i>	<i>Nikolas Royer</i>
<i>Sept. 7:</i>	<i>Therese McKenzie</i>	<i>John McKenzie</i>	<i>Nora Fernandez</i>
<i>Sept. 14:</i>	<i>Andrea Cawley</i>	<i>Alynn Cawley</i>	<i>Olivia White</i>

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

Coffee Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Brian Waugh</i>
<i>Sept. 7:</i>	<i>Andy Thomson</i>
<i>Sept. 14:</i>	<i>Larry Dickey</i>

WE 
VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Tami Pothoven</i>
<i>Sept. 7:</i>	<i>Lisa Johnson</i>
<i>Sept. 14:</i>	<i>Laura Strickland</i>

Fellowship Snacks

<u><i>Next Week – Sept. 7:</i></u> <i>Kelly Fernandez</i> <i>Lisa Johnson</i> <i>Cathy Armstrong</i> <i>Raquel Fernandez</i>	<u><i>Sept. 14:</i></u> <i>Holly Edwards</i> <i>Laura Strickland</i> <i>Donna Waugh</i> <i>Glee Hamilton</i>
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August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Tami Pothoven 8/4
Ken Smith, Jr. 8/6
Adriana Fontanini 8/7
Bill Bergen 8/8
Josie Hoopes 8/10
Tori Hoopes 8/10
Carolyn Keen 8/12

Steve Pothoven 8/17
Servy Fernandez 8/19
Brittany Connolly 8/19
Judy Vander Ploeg 8/22
Don Vander Ploeg 8/26
Larry Dickey 8/29

Anniversaries

Duncan & Debbie Hoopes 8/3
Richard & Sarah Zak 8/7
Matthew & Therese McKenzie 8/7
Scott & Liz Hickerson 8/12
Frank & Connie Frail 8/16
Al & Debbie Vincent 8/26



Anniversaries
and Birthdays

SERMON NOTES