

Morning Worship Service
December 7, 2014 - 9:00 AM
Second 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 in the narthex.*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Pastorale in F Major - J.S. Bach
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.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Pothoven Family

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



"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." *Micah 5:2*

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. *Isaiah 9:6*

**** Glorifying God in Song**

The First Noel

Choir and Congregation

Verse 1 – Congregation

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep:
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

Verse 2 – Choir

Verse 3 – Congregation

And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from the country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went:
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

Verse 4 – Choir

Verse 5 – Congregation

Then entered in those wise men three,
Fell reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense:
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the king of Israel.

Verse 6 – Congregation

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind has bought:
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

**** 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 Gloria Patri**

Hymn # 734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

The First Scripture Lesson

1 Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! 2 As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! 3 For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. 4 Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. 5 You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? 6 All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. 7 No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and made us waste away because of our sins. 8 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. 9 Do not be angry beyond measure, O LORD; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look upon us, we pray, for we are all your people.

Isaiah 64:1-9

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

1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

Musical Offering

The Second Scripture Lesson

1 In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. 3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Hebrews 1:1-3

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

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head,
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus a sleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my side and the morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

The Third Scripture Lesson

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. 6 There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. 9 The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

(Continued...)

12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:1-14

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

**** Glorifying God in Song**
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Choir and Congregation

Verse 1 – Congregation

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around, And glory shone around.

Verse 2 – Congregation

Fear not, said he for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind, To you and all mankind.

Verse 3 – Choir

Verse 4 - Congregation

The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid, And in a manger laid.

Verse 5 - Congregation

“All glory be to God on high,
And to the Earth be peace;
Good will henceforth from Heaven to men
Begin and never cease, Begin and never cease!”

Offertory Statement & Prayer of Dedication

16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:16-18

The Offertory

Once in Royal David's City - arr. Mark Hayes

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

**** The Doxology**

Hymn # 731

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here
below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost. Amen.*

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

The Message

Rev. John K. Keen

Senior Pastor

**** Glorifying God in Song**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymn # 201

(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.
Communion bread is gluten-free.*

**** Glorifying God in Song**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymn # 201

(3-4)

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Hark The Herald Angel's Sing - Mendelssohn/Lani Smith

***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

Sunday Evening Activities for TONIGHT:

MS/HS Youth Progressive Dinner Christmas Party

5:00-8:30 PM

- **Meet at the church.** Get picked up at the Pothovens' (10274 Oasis Palm Dr.). Sign-up required. Bring notarized Medical/Release form and a wrapped gift (\$5 or less).

Children's Art Program Christmas Party

5:00-8:00 PM (early pick up available at 7pm)

- **Meet in the Church office.** Pizza dinner will be provided.

Adult Bible Study Christmas Social

5ish-8:00 PM

- **Meeting at the Dalton's** (5903 N. Tampa St.). Bring a favorite cheese or dessert to share.

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 respond on the tan slip or email the following information to church@seminolepca.org:

1. Quantity Desired
2. How the plant(s) is to be dedicated.

Please make your checks payable to SPC (marked Poinsettias), and place them in the offering plate. The deadline for ordering is **TODAY!** Plants may be taken home following the Christmas Eve service.





Make-And-Take: Parents Night Out

Friday December 12, 6:30-9:30 PM

A Christmas Make-and-Take will be held **Friday, December 12**. Drop off your children at the Lang's home (31127 Whinsenton Dr. Wesley Chapel FL 33543) anytime after **6:30 PM**. While at the house, your children will make several Christmas gifts and wrapping items. Meanwhile, parents will be free to shop, have dinner, or go to a movie. The Langs are centrally located to a variety of shops and malls, including Wiregrass. Then, return to pick up your happy and exhausted children at **9:30 PM**. **All we ask is that they're fed dinner before drop-off.** Snacks will be provided. Please contact Tami

Lang at tamilang@verizon.net to secure your child(ren)'s spot.



Ladies,

Plan to join us for a time of relaxation and renewal at our Spring Women's Retreat on February 27-28, 2015. Our guest speaker, Sharon Johnson will be speaking on how to walk in Contentment. Don't miss out on this precious

time to draw closer to the Lord and one another! The cost of the retreat is \$85. (Full/partial scholarships are available if needed.) Extra registration forms are available from the hymnal carts and due back to the church office no later than **TODAY**. Contact Kelly Fernandez at [\(813\)969-3610](tel:8139693610) or kellyfernandez@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

Congregational Meeting



Please make plans to attend our annual congregational meeting on **Sunday, December 14, immediately after the morning worship service**. The purpose of this meeting is: 1) present the 2015 Church Budget to the congregation and entertain and address any questions not already answered previously; 2) elect new officers; and, 3) to elect and seat/reseat trustees of the corporation. No other business will be discussed at this meeting (per our *Book of Church Order*).



Church Fellowship Directory Update

Our church fellowship directory is long over due for an update. *This directory is for members and regular attendees alike.* Please stop by one of the clipboards in the fellowship hall, review and update your information as necessary. If no changes are needed, then please initial your entry.

Contact **Lisa Johnson** for any questions.

New Youth Sunday School Classes Beginning TODAY

High School

Theology 201 Christ and Salvation (WCF chapter 8-15)

Teacher: Ben Lambers (10 classes)

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 students 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!

Middle School

Living the Christian Life:

Teachers: Danny Dalton (10 classes)

This is the fourth and final installment in our journey through the Westminster Shorter Catechism (WSC), though they don't have to be taken in order. The first two classes on the WSC look at "what man is to believe concerning God." The final two classes study, "what duty God requires of man." Though we may be able to separate these in a classroom setting, these two aspects are never to be separated in one's life. They always go together. There is no true faith without obedience. And there is no real obedience without faith. In this course we study twenty questions, #84-88, 90, 92, 94-96, 98-107. Students are challenged to memorize seven of these questions (86, 87, 92, 94, 95, 96, and 98).

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGINNING TODAY

Walden Class – Room 108

Teacher: Matthew McKenzie

The Walden Class, which is currently studying the book of Ephesians, 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.

The Letters of John – Room 102

Teacher: Bryan Toenes

Which is most important for the Christian: right belief, right practice, or love? Perhaps this is a loaded question. How can we love and obey one in whom we do not really believe? How can we say we love and believe in one whom we do not obey? And how can we truly believe in and obey one whom we do not love? Do you feel as if you are spinning around on a carousel as you read this? Then why not join us this winter quarter as we sort out these questions together in our study of the three letters of the Apostle John.

Outreach - Church Office

Teacher: Elder Randy Johnson

As Christians we are called to reach out in word and deed, both in our culture and cross-culturally. Jesus commands us, not only to love our neighbor as ourselves, but to be His witnesses to those culturally close to us and to those culturally distant (Acts 1:8). The apostle Peter also wrote that we are to always be prepared to give a gentle account for the hope that is in us. So, join us as we study the basic foundations of Outreach: mercy, evangelism and missions. Why evangelize? How and when do I show mercy? How can I be part of missions? These questions and more will be discussed as elder Randy Johnson provides an overview of the subject of Outreach as it relates to our personal Christian walk and the work of the Church.

Supported Missionaries and Ministries

Below are missionaries and ministries that SPC supports financially. We encourage you to pray for them and consider supporting them yourself.

- Scott & Kathy Craig, MTW/Short-term Team Coordinators (Costa Rica), (#11130); Mission to the World, PO Box 116284, Atlanta, GA 30368-6284
- Costa Rica Mission Project: Birth of a New Presbyterian Church, (Project #92760); Mission to the World, PO Box 116284, Atlanta, GA 30368-6284
- Don & Judy Vander Ploeg, Wycliffe/JAARS (Papua New Guinea), (Member Account #222590), Wycliffe Bible Translators, PO Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862-8200
- Dave & Page Hawes, Navigators – training and development nationwide (Member Account 35857), PO Box 6079, Albert Lea, MN 56007-6679
- Jeff Lee, Reformed University Ministries @ USF
Reformed University Ministries, PO Box 890004, Charlotte, NC 28289-0004
(Please include the name of campus, or individual you would like us to allocate the gift to)
- Steve Light, Sojourner Presbyterian Church (USF Area)
Sojourner Presbyterian Church, 350 South Hyde Park Avenue,
Tampa, Florida 33606

Christian Education – Adults, Youth, & Children

Class/Grade	Class Teacher(s)	Class Room
Ages 2-3 / Toddlers	Bev Thomson	#115
Ages 4-7 / K4/K5 - 2 nd Grade	Tami Lang & Stephanie Williams	#109
Ages 8-10 / 3 rd -5 th Grade	Kelly Fernandez & Gail Chang	#107
Middle School / 6 th -8 th Grade	Steve Pothoven	#101
High School / 9 th -12 th Grade	Danny Dalton	The Tower
Adult – Walden Class	Matthew McKenzie	#108
Adult – The Letters of John	Bryan Toenes	#102
Adult – Outreach	Randy Johnson	Church Office

This Week at SPC ~ December 7 – December 13

SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:00 am
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am
MS/HS Progressive Dinner, 5:00 pm
Children’s Christmas Party, 5:00 pm
Adult Bible Study Social, 5:00 pm

TUESDAY: Ladies’ Bible Study, 9:30 am

WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm

FRIDAY: Senior Group, 10:00 am



Parents: Save the Date!

HS Mission Project: Hope for Inner City – Chattanooga June 20-27, 2015

MS Camp Kalaqua July 13-17. 2015

SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday’s Attendance: 102

Last Sunday’s Offering: \$4,066.25

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>December</i></u>	<u><i>January</i></u>
<u><i>Greeters:</i></u>	<i>Bryan Toenes</i>	<i>Fernandez Family</i>
<u><i>Ordained Officer:</i></u>	<i>Servy Fernandez</i>	<i>Alex Fernandez</i>

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u><i>Teacher</i></u>	<u><i>Helper</i></u>	<u><i>Banner Bearer</i></u>
<i>Today:</i>	<i>Sara Royer</i>	<i>Abby Johnson</i>	<i>Nikolas Royer</i>
<i>Dec. 14:</i>	<i>Andrea Cawley</i>	<i>Chloe Cawley</i>	<i>Olivia White</i>
<i>Dec. 21:</i>	<i>Cathy Armstrong</i>	<i>Rebecca Armstrong</i>	<i>Julia White</i>

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

Coffee Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Karen Collins</i>
<i>Dec. 14:</i>	<i>Randa Gravanti</i>
<i>Dec. 21:</i>	<i>Bill Cutler</i>

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Therese McKenzie</i>
<i>Dec. 14:</i>	<i>Randa Gravanti</i>
<i>Dec. 21:</i>	<i>Gail Chang</i>

WE 
VOLUNTEERS

Fellowship Snacks

<u><i>Next Week – Dec. 14:</i></u> <i>Therese McKenzie</i> <i>Tami Pothoven</i> <i>Karen Collins</i> <i>Randa Gravanti</i>	<u><i>Dec. 21:</i></u> <i>Kelly Fernandez</i> <i>Lisa Johnson</i> <i>Cathy Armstrong</i> <i>Raquel Fernandez</i>
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*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*