

Morning Worship Service

December 21, 2014 - 9:00 AM

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 in the narthex.*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Two French Carols

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 Candle

Quick Family

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



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 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 After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, 2 he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a palace of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent." 3 Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you." 4 That night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying: 5 "Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? 6 I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. 7 Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ' 8 "Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture and from following the flock to be ruler over my people Israel. 9 I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men of the earth. 10 And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning 11 and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies. ' 'The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: 12 When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with the rod of men, with floggings inflicted by men. 15 But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.' " 17 Nathan reported to David all the words of this entire revelation.

2 Samuel 7:1-17

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)

O God our heavenly Father, who in fire and lightning gave the ancient Law to Moses on Mount Sinai, and who made the presence of our glorious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, manifestly known by the pouring out of your Holy Spirit; grant that we, your people, may repent of our sins, and be filled afresh and anew with Your good and gracious Spirit, so that we may live out the glorious gospel of grace with all the power you alone can provide. We humbly offer our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

8 The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love... 10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103:8, 10-12

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

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.

**** Glorifying God in Song**

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Hymn # 195

Offertory Statement & Prayer of Dedication

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

1 Timothy 6:6-8

The Offertory

Noel - Balbastre

*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.*

"To Us A Child Is Given" (Bach Cantata #142)

The Message

Rev. John K. Keen

Senior Pastor

**** Glorifying God in Song**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymn # 203

* **Benediction**

Postlude

O Come All Ye Faithful - Sigvart Hoflund

***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



Christmas Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, December 24th 6:00 PM

Please join us at **6:00 pm** on **Wednesday, December 24** for our annual candlelight Christmas Eve Service.

Program Note Reminder

No Sunday School December 28 & January 4

Just a reminder that we will not have Sunday School next week, December 28, or January 4 due to the Christmas and New Year holidays. However, please do join us for our Fellowship Time immediately after the service.



End of Year Contributions - This is a reminder that for any contributions to count for the 2014 tax year, they must be postmarked to the church by December 31, 2014. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

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.



Our Condolences Go To:

The Dalton Family – in the loss of Danny's father, Dr. Bernard Dalton, who passed away on Monday, December 8. Please continue to lift up the Daltons as they grieve the loss of a beloved father and grandfather, respectively.



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

† *Ralph and Shelia Colbert*
Happy Birthday, Jesus!

† *The Dostal Family*
In loving memory of Fred and Adelaide Tietjen

† *Randa Gravanti*
In loving memory of those who have gone before us

† *Carol Moberg & Family*
In memory of Allan Moberg - a loving husband, father, and grandfather

† *Chip, Sara, and Nikolas Royer*
In memory of our beloved Mother, Carol Royer
and
In celebration of God's unending love for his children!
Blessed are those who believe in the Lord!

† *Don and Judy Vander Ploeg*
Dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of Buddy and Gladys Mayo

† *Brian and Donna Waugh*
Dedicated to Richard Klebe

† *Ryan, Kaleigh, and Courtney Williams*
Given in memory of our grandfathers, Allan Moberg and Richard Williams
and
In honor of our grandmothers, Carol Moberg and Janet Williams

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

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 21 – December 27

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

WEDNESDAY: Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 pm

THURSDAY: Christmas Day/Church Office Closed



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: 125

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ TBD

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>Brianna Connolly</i>	<i>Alynn Cawley</i>	<i>Nora Fernandez</i>
<i>Dec. 28:</i>	<i>Gail Chang</i>	<i>Patrick Chang</i>	<i>Nikolas Royer</i>
<i>Jan 4:</i>	<i>Randa Gravanti</i>	<i>Abby Johnson</i>	<i>Nora Fernandez</i>

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

Coffee Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Bill Cutler</i>
<i>Dec. 28:</i>	<i>Rob Edwards</i>
<i>Jan 4:</i>	<i>Brian Waugh</i>

WE 
VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Laura Strickland</i>
<i>Dec. 21:</i>	<i>Tami Pothoven</i>
<i>Jan 4:</i>	<i>Kerri Connolly</i>

Fellowship Snacks

<u><i>Next Week – Dec. 28:</i></u> <i>Judy Dostal</i> <i>Andy Thomson</i> <i>Pat Bardin</i> <i>Ananta Rivera</i>	<u><i>Jan 4:</i></u> <i>Andrea Cawley</i> <i>Diane Keen</i> <i>Marsha Craig</i> <i>Pam Bergen</i>
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*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*

SERMON NOTES