

Morning Worship Service
July 26, 2015 - 9:00 AM
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 97:1-6

Leader: The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.

People: **Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

Leader: Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side.

People: **His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

Leader: The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.

All: **The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.**

****Glorifying God in Song**

For All the Saints

Hymn # 358

**** 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

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 Now the men and their wives raised a great outcry against their Jewish brothers. 2 Some were saying, "We and our sons and daughters are numerous; in order for us to eat and stay alive, we must get grain." 3 Others were saying, "We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards and our homes to get grain during the famine." 4 Still others were saying, "We have had to borrow money to pay the king's tax on our fields and vineyards. 5 Although we are of the same flesh and blood as our countrymen and though our sons are as good as theirs, yet we have to subject our sons and daughters to slavery. Some of our daughters have already been enslaved, but we are powerless, because our fields and our vineyards belong to others." 6 When I heard their outcry and these charges, I was very angry. 7 I pondered them in my mind and then accused the nobles and officials. I told them, "You are exacting usury from your own countrymen!" So I called together a large meeting to deal with them 8 and said: "As far as possible, we have bought back our Jewish brothers who were sold to the Gentiles. Now you are selling your brothers, only for them to be sold back to us!" They kept quiet, because they could find nothing to say. 9 So I continued, "What you are doing is not right. Shouldn't you walk in the fear of our God to avoid the reproach of our Gentile enemies? 10 I and my brothers and my men are also lending the people money and grain. But let the exacting of usury stop!

(Continued...)

11 Give back to them immediately their fields, vineyards, olive groves and houses, and also the usury you are charging them-- the hundredth part of the money, grain, new wine and oil." 12 "We will give it back," they said. "And we will not demand anything more from them. We will do as you say." Then I summoned the priests and made the nobles and officials take an oath to do what they had promised. 13 I also shook out the folds of my robe and said, "In this way may God shake out of his house and possessions every man who does not keep this promise. So may such a man be shaken out and emptied!" At this the whole assembly said, "Amen," and praised the LORD. And the people did as they had promised. 14 Moreover, from the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, until his thirty-second year-- twelve years-- neither I nor my brothers ate the food allotted to the governor. 15 But the earlier governors-- those preceding me-- placed a heavy burden on the people and took forty shekels of silver from them in addition to food and wine. Their assistants also lorded it over the people. But out of reverence for God I did not act like that. 16 Instead, I devoted myself to the work on this wall. All my men were assembled there for the work; we did not acquire any land. 17 Furthermore, a hundred and fifty Jews and officials ate at my table, as well as those who came to us from the surrounding nations. 18 Each day one ox, six choice sheep and some poultry were prepared for me, and every ten days an abundant supply of wine of all kinds. In spite of all this, I never demanded the food allotted to the governor, because the demands were heavy on these people. 19 Remember me with favor, O my God, for all I have done for these people.

Nehemiah 5

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)

Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before Thee; our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good; and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned; in wandering from Your ways; in wasting Your gifts; in forgetting Your love. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us; who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased Thee. Teach us to hate our sins; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins for the sake of Thy dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father; help us, we ask Thee; to live in Thy light and walk in Thy ways; according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Book of Common Worship, p. 12

Assurance of Pardon

"Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

Isaiah 1:18

Musical Offering

The Second Scripture Lesson

1 We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. 2 Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. 3 For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." 4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. 5 May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, 6 so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. 8 For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs 9 so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy, as it is written: "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing hymns to your name." 10 Again, it says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." 11 And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and sing praises to him, all you peoples." 12 And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him." 13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:1-13

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.

The Third Scripture Lesson

20 Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. 21 "What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom." 22 "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" "We can," they answered. 23 Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father." 24 When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. 25 Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 26 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave-- 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Matthew 20:20-28

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

****Glorifying God in Song**

More about Jesus Would I Know

Hymn # 538

****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

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**

We Are God's People

Hymn # 355

*** Benediction**

Postlude

***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

TEACHERS NEEDED FOR FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TEACH CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT JAMIE DALTON AT

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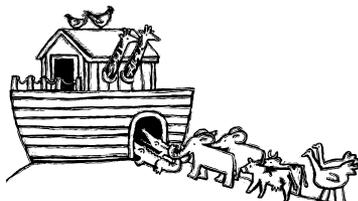
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BULLETIN INDICATING YOUR WILLINGNESS TO VOLUNTEER & POSITION YOU ARE INTERESTED IN, AND PUT IT INTO THE OFFERING PLATE. **WE**

ARE STILL IN NEED OF A TEACHER AND

TEACHER ASSISTANT FOR LOWER

ELEMENTARY (K4-2ND GRADE).



Sunday School Recruitment



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.



Adult & Youth Culture Tap Movie Night (7:00pm-10:00pm)

Women & Youth Girls Middle School and above:

Meet at Vaughn's (1020 Wisper Run Ct., Tampa;

Phone: 813-956-7551)

Men & Youth Guys Middle School and above- Meet at McKenzies(316 Savannah Oaks Place, Seffner, FL; Phone: 813-315-8089)

Though guys and girls may be gathering at separate locations we will be joined together in merriment! Each location will watch a movie and then discuss its themes and implications for engaging our culture. This is a great opportunity for our church family to spend some quality time together.

Student Ministry News

Wednesday, JULY 29TH YOUTH GAME NIGHT (6:00 PM-9:30 PM)

\$FREE

It's time relax, eat some food, laugh, and play a little Apples to Apples, Catchphrase, Scum, Pictionary and maybe even a little Settlers of Catan, among many others. Oh, the pool will be open too, so bring a modest bathing suit if you desire to swim! Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share, and come on over to the Pothoven's for a good ole Game Night!



- **Location:** Pothoven's (10274 Oasis Palm Dr.; Phone: 813-886-4611)
- **Required:** Notarized Med/Release Form
- **Bring:** Appetizer or dessert to share.
- **Optional:** modest swimsuit & towel



**Friday, August 7th Midnight Madness
(7:00 PM-12:00 AM) \$10**

Where we go and what we do is always a mystery (unless you're a parent, then call Danny for the details), but extreme madness until midnight is a guarantee. Will you need to think? run? hide? race? (hint...Fugitive may be involved...) One thing is certain, there will be food and a lot of fun. Invite a friend!

- **Sign-up by Sunday, August 2nd**
- **Required:** \$10 and a notarized Med/Release form

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Walden Class - Study of Hebrews

Room 108

Teacher: John Keen

The Walden Class, which will continue its study of the book of Hebrews, 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.

Economics for Everybody with R.C. Sproul, Jr.

Church Office

Teacher: Gregg Quick

From government policy to household budgets, economics is everywhere. Yet few people have a proper understanding of economic principles, and how Christians should think about them. Economics for Everybody is a twelve-part video series and curriculum tailor-made for families, churches, and individuals who want to understand this important topic. Thoroughly unconventional, it links entrepreneurship with lemonade, cartoons with markets, and Charlie Chaplin with supply and demand.

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.

***This same information can be found on the Missions tab of our website.**

- 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 (North Carolina), (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)
- Joel De Victoria
Seminary Fund c/o Covenant Presbyterian, 210 Poppel Dr., Lakeland, FL 33813
- 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	Connie Trim & Raquel Fernandez	#109
Ages 8-10 / 3 rd -5 th Grade	Laura Strickland & Randa Gravanti	#107
Middle School / 6 th -8 th Grade	Randy Johnson & Jamie Dalton	#101
High School / 9 th -12 th Grade	Danny Dalton & Steve Pothoven	The Tower
Adult – Walden Class	John Keen	#108

This Week at SPC ~ July 26 – August 1

- SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 9:00 am
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am
- WEDNESDAY:** Youth Game Night, 6:00 pm
- THURSDAY:** Deacon Meeting, 7:00 pm
- FRIDAY:** Adult Covenant Group, 10:00 am



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 132

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/ Communion Set-up

	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
<u>Greeters:</u>	Scott Hickerson	Strickland Family
<u>Ordained Officer:</u>	Bryan Toenes	Steve Strickland
<u>Communion Set-up:</u>	Therese McKenzie	Marsha Craig

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>	<u>Banner Bearer</u>
Today:	Lisa Johnson	Emily Strickland	Nikolas Royer
Aug. 2:	Andrea Cawley	Chloe Cawley	Eleanor Fernandez
Aug. 9:	Emily Johnson	Kaleigh Williams	Nikolas Royer

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

Coffee Volunteers

Today:	Larry Dickey
Aug. 2:	Steve Strickland
Aug. 9:	Andrea Cawley

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VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Volunteers

Today:	Kelly Fernandez/Andrea Cawley
Aug. 2:	Cathy Armstrong/ Holly Edwards
Aug. 9:	Randa Gravanti/ Stephanie Williams

Fellowship Snacks

Next Week – Aug. 2:

Beverly Thomson
Sheila Colbert
Judy Wildeboer
Jamie Dalton

Aug. 9:

Gail Chang
Eva White
Kelly Melendi
Ruth Adsit

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Jaclyn Biedronski 7/3

Ken Jackson 7/4

Loretta Jackson 7/4

John Keen 7/4

Johnny Hickerson 7/7

Ellenor Dalton 7/9

Lea Zambon 7/9

Mark Adsit 7/14

Bill Adsit 7/16

Bev Thomson 7/16

Richard Zak 7/16

Keegan Melendi 7/18

Marjorie Peak 7/19

Patrick Chang 7/20

Dave Hawes 7/23

Connie Frail 7/25

Anniversaries

Randy & Lisa Johnson 7/6

Danny & Jamie Dalton 7/12

Bob & Stephanie Williams 7/13

Steve & Tami Pothoven 7/24

Don & Glee Hamilton 7/27

Jon & Pam Irwin 7/29



Anniversaries
and Birthdays

Sermon Notes