

Morning Worship Service
August 2, 2015 - 9:00 AM
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

*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

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You - Cruger/Busarow
Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 87:1-3

Leader: He has set his foundation on the holy mountain;

People: **the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.**

All: **Glorious things are said of you, O city of God:**

****Glorifying God in Song**
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
Hymn # 345

**** 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 When word came to Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies that I had rebuilt the wall and not a gap was left in it-- though up to that time I had not set the doors in the gates-- 2 Sanballat and Geshem sent me this message: "Come, let us meet together in one of the villages on the plain of Ono." But they were scheming to harm me; 3 so I sent messengers to them with this reply: "I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you?" 4 Four times they sent me the same message, and each time I gave them the same answer. 5 Then, the fifth time, Sanballat sent his aide to me with the same message, and in his hand was an unsealed letter 6 in which was written: "It is reported among the nations-- and Geshem says it is true-- that you and the Jews are plotting to revolt, and therefore you are building the wall. Moreover, according to these reports you are about to become their king 7 and have even appointed prophets to make this proclamation about you in Jerusalem: 'There is a king in Judah!' Now this report will get back to the king; so come, let us confer together." 8 I sent him this reply: "Nothing like what you are saying is happening; you are just making it up out of your head." 9 They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, "Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed." *But I prayed, "Now strengthen my hands."*

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10 One day I went to the house of Shemaiah son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabel, who was shut in at his home. He said, "Let us meet in the house of God, inside the temple, and let us close the temple doors, because men are coming to kill you-- by night they are coming to kill you." 11 But I said, "Should a man like me run away? Or should one like me go into the temple to save his life? I will not go!" 12 I realized that God had not sent him, but that he had prophesied against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. 13 He had been hired to intimidate me so that I would commit a sin by doing this, and then they would give me a bad name to discredit me. 14 Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, O my God, because of what they have done; remember also the prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets who have been trying to intimidate me.

Nehemiah 6:1-14

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)

Gracious Father, I am not worthy of blessings and mercies. My depraved nature reveals itself in disobedience and rebellion. I am often discontented, prideful, envious, and revengeful. As I have confessed my guilt, help me to feel it deeply, to hate my sin, yet to remember there is hope in You. Help me to see the Lamb that takes away sin. Through Him may I return to You, listen to You, Trust in You, delight in Your law, obey You, and be upheld by You, for Your glory and the good of my fellow-men.

-Adapted from The Valley of Vision p.145

Assurance of Pardon

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2:24

Musical Offering *A Sonnet - Granados*

The Second Scripture Lesson

18 Slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. 19 For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. 20 But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. 21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. 22 "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." 23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. 25 For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

1 Peter 2:18-25

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

1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." 4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

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8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." 10 Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" 11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Matthew 4:1-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

****Glorifying God in Song**

Nothing but the Blood

Hymn # 307

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

But just as you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

2 Corinthians 8:7

The Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

Duet by Holly Edwards and Maureen Thomson

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**
Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed
Hymn # 254
(v. 1-3)

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**
Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed
Hymn # 254
(v. 4-5)

*** Benediction**

Postlude
In Thee is Gladness - J.S. Bach

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 offer our sincere and loving condolences to Andrea Cawley in the loss of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Renelle, who died early Tuesday morning, July 28. Please continue to pray for the Cawley family as they mourn the loss of a beloved mother and grandmother.

Student Ministry News



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 and madness until midnight! Invite a friend!

- **Sign-up by TODAY**
- 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
Adult – Economics for Everybody	Gregg Quick	Church Office

This Week at SPC ~ August 2 – August 8

SUNDAY:

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

FRIDAY:

Adult Covenant Group, 10:00 am
Midnight Madness, 7:00 pm



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 111

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 7,541.00

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>August</u>	<u>September</u>
<u>Greeters:</u>	<i>Strickland Family</i>	<i>Darby White</i> <i>Brian Armstrong</i>
<u>Ordained Officer:</u>	<i>Steve Strickland</i>	<i>Brian Waugh</i>
<u>Communion Set-up:</u>	<i>Marsha Craig</i>	<i>Judy Wildeboer</i>

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>	<u>Banner Bearer</u>
<i>Today:</i>	<i>Andrea Cawley</i>	<i>Chloe Cawley</i>	<i>Eleanor Fernandez</i>
<i>Aug. 9:</i>	<i>Emily Johnson</i>	<i>Kaleigh Williams</i>	<i>Nikolas Royer</i>
<i>Aug. 16:</i>	<i>Kelly Fernandez</i>	<i>John McKenzie</i>	<i>Eleanor Fernandez</i>

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

Coffee Volunteers

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

WE 
VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Cathy Armstrong/ Holly Edwards</i>
<i>Aug. 9:</i>	<i>Randa Gravanti/ Stephanie Williams</i>
<i>Aug. 16:</i>	<i>Raquel Fernandez/ Geena Allen</i>

Fellowship Snacks

<u><i>Next Week – Aug. 9:</i></u>	<u><i>Aug. 16:</i></u>
<i>Gail Chang</i>	<i>Therese McKenzie</i>
<i>Eva White</i>	<i>Tami Pothoven</i>
<i>Kelly Melendi</i>	<i>Karen Collins</i>
<i>Ruth Adsit</i>	<i>Randa Gravanti</i>



*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*