

Morning Worship Service
September 13, 2015 - 9:00 AM
Sixteenth 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

On Eagle's Wings - Michael Joncas/Kiyo Watanabe
Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 150:1-6

Leader: Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

People: Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Leader: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

People: praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute,

Leader: praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

All: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

****Glorifying God in Song**
Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Hymn # 302

**** 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

7 "You are the LORD God, who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and named him Abraham. 8 You found his heart faithful to you, and you made a covenant with him to give to his descendants the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Jebusites and Girgashites. You have kept your promise because you are righteous. 9 "You saw the suffering of our forefathers in Egypt; you heard their cry at the Red Sea. 10 You sent miraculous signs and wonders against Pharaoh, against all his officials and all the people of his land, for you knew how arrogantly the Egyptians treated them. You made a name for yourself, which remains to this day. 11 You divided the sea before them, so that they passed through it on dry ground, but you hurled their pursuers into the depths, like a stone into mighty waters. 12 By day you led them with a pillar of cloud, and by night with a pillar of fire to give them light on the way they were to take. 13 "You came down on Mount Sinai; you spoke to them from heaven. You gave them regulations and laws that are just and right, and decrees and commands that are good. 14 You made known to them your holy Sabbath and gave them commands, decrees and laws through your servant Moses. 15 In their hunger you gave them bread from heaven and in their thirst you brought them water from the rock; you told them to go in and take possession of the land you had sworn with uplifted hand to give them.

Nehemiah 9:7-15

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)

"Receive my confession, O most loving and gracious Heavenly Father, through the Lord Jesus Christ, the only hope for the salvation of my soul. Grant to me true contrition, so that day and night I may be sorry from the heart for my sins. Savior of the world, O good Jesus, who gave yourself to the death of the cross to save sinners, look upon me, most wretched of all sinners; have pity on me, and give me the light to know my sins, true sorrow for them, and a firm purpose of never committing them again. Amen."

Assurance of Pardon

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Romans 5:1

The Second Scripture Lesson

16 "But they, our forefathers, became arrogant and stiff-necked, and did not obey your commands. 17 They refused to listen and failed to remember the miracles you performed among them. They became stiff-necked and in their rebellion appointed a leader in order to return to their slavery. But you are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Therefore you did not desert them, 18 even when they cast for themselves an image of a calf and said, 'This is your god, who brought you up out of Egypt,' or when they committed awful blasphemies. 19 "Because of your great compassion you did not abandon them in the desert. By day the pillar of cloud did not cease to guide them on their path, nor the pillar of fire by night to shine on the way they were to take. 20 You gave your good Spirit to instruct them. You did not withhold your manna from their mouths, and you gave them water for their thirst. 21 For forty years you sustained them in the desert; they lacked nothing, their clothes did not wear out nor did their feet become swollen. 22 "You gave them kingdoms and nations, allotting to them even the remotest frontiers. They took over the country of Sihon king of Heshbon and the country of Og king of Bashan. 23 You made their sons as numerous as the stars in the sky, and you brought them into the land that you told their fathers to enter and possess. 24 Their sons went in and took possession of the land. You subdued before them the Canaanites, who lived in the land; you handed the Canaanites over to them, along with their kings and the peoples of the land, to deal with them as they pleased. 25 They captured fortified cities and fertile land; they took possession of houses filled with all kinds of good things, wells already dug, vineyards, olive groves and fruit trees in abundance. They ate to the full and were well-nourished; they reveled in your great goodness.

Nehemiah 9:16-25

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Missions Moment – Rodney and Jana Davila

MTW missionaries and the team leaders in Costa Rica

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

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Eric Nelson

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Thru many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

The Third Scripture Lesson

26 "But they were disobedient and rebelled against you; they put your law behind their backs. They killed your prophets, who had admonished them in order to turn them back to you; they committed awful blasphemies. 27 So you handed them over to their enemies, who oppressed them. But when they were oppressed they cried out to you. From heaven you heard them, and in your great compassion you gave them deliverers, who rescued them from the hand of their enemies. 28 "But as soon as they were at rest, they again did what was evil in your sight. Then you abandoned them to the hand of their enemies so that they ruled over them. And when they cried out to you again, you heard from heaven, and in your compassion you delivered them time after time. 29 "You warned them to return to your law, but they became arrogant and disobeyed your commands. They sinned against your ordinances, by which a man will live if he obeys them. Stubbornly they turned their backs on you, became stiff-necked and refused to listen. 30 For many years you were patient with them. By your Spirit you admonished them through your prophets. Yet they paid no attention, so you handed them over to the neighboring peoples. 31 But in your great mercy you did not put an end to them or abandon them, for you are a gracious and merciful God.

Nehemiah 9:26-31

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

****Glorifying God in Song**

What'er My God Ordains is Right

Hymn # 108

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

But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you.

1 Samuel 12:24

The Offertory

It is Well With My Soul 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**

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Hymn # 599

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Fugue in G Minor - (BWV 578) - J.S. Bach

***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

Welcome

Please welcome Rodney & Jana Davila, MTW missionaries and the team leaders in Costa Rica, who are here today to give a report about ministry in Costa Rica. They will be speaking to our whole church during the Sunday school hour.

Please make plans to stay for this very special occasion! We will be meeting in the Snyder building across from the fellowship hall (rooms 105, 107, 109, and 111).



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Per the Session's announcement in the church bulletin last week, there will be a Called Meeting of the Congregation **immediately after the worship service this morning**. The purpose of the meeting is to nominate and elect a fifth church trustee in fulfillment of the corresponding requirement of our corporate charter; no other business will be discussed.

Women's Book Study beginning September 15th!

Beginning **Tuesday, September 15th**, we will be reading through *Loving God* by Charles Colson. We will be meeting **Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11 a.m. in Room 108 of the Snyder Building**. Childcare will be provided in the nursery. If you'd like to sign up or need more information, contact Kelly Fernandez at (813) 969-3610 or kellyjfernandez@outlook.com.

SHARE YOUR FAITH WORKSHOP

Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church will be hosting a workshop entitled, "Share Your Faith". The workshop will be held on Friday, September 25th from 7-9 pm and will conclude on Saturday, September 26th from 9 am – 4 pm. The cost is \$8.00 to cover materials. Please RSVP by **TODAY** via the tan insert, or email Lisa Johnson at church@seminolepca.org.

Biblical Perspectives on Marriage & Singleness Seminar

Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church is hosting two-day conference! The seminars led by Dr. Iaian Duguid and Dr. Nelson Kloosterman will be held Friday, September 18th from 7-9 pm and Saturday, September 19th from 9-11:30 am. Tickets are \$10 for all four sessions! Nursery **will** be provided for pre-registered children for an additional charge.

Topics include:

- Our Homes as Our Witness: Biblical Contours of Christian Marriage & Family
- The Song of Songs on Singleness
- The Song of Songs on Marriage
- Our Homes as God's Classroom: Divine Resources for Serving & Suffering

*For more information or to register on line, visit holytrinitypca.org.



SAVE THE DATE!

Fall Fellowship

Our annual Fall Fellowship will be **Sunday evening, October 25th (5:30 pm – 8 pm)**. More details will be coming.

Presbytery-wide Worship Concert

A concert featuring Matthew Smith and Indelible Grace will be coming to Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Riverview on **November 13th at 7:00 pm**. All Tampa Bay area PCA churches are invited to attend this worship concert. (Note: This will take the place of our annual Reformation service.) Tickets are not being sold, however, a Love Offering will be taken to offset the costs. (Address: 12404 Boyette Road, Riverview, FL 33569)

Adult Sunday School Classes

Walden Class - Study of Ephesians

Room 108

Teacher: Matthew McKenzie

The Walden Class, which is continuing its study of 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 New Testament Canon

Church Office

Teacher: Joe DeNitto

How did the church get the books of the New Testament? Why were certain books and gospels accepted and others rejected? Are we sure we have the right books and haven't left any out? What criteria were used to test the books possessed by early believers that ultimately formed our current New Testament? If these questions interest you, then this class is for you. Come join Joe DeNitto for this 11-week study, and we'll answer these and other questions together.

Selections from Numbers

Room 102

Teacher: Randy Johnson

The book of Numbers tells the story of God's guidance of his covenant people from the land of slavery to the edge of the Promised Land. Though we see many of Israel's failures in their journey, we also see God's faithfulness in spite of these human failings. According to 1 Corinthians 10:6, "these things happened as examples for us, that we should not crave evil things, as they also craved." Therefore, these events reveal much about man and much about God.

We see that we can have hope because God gives second chances! Join us as we study selected events from the book of Numbers seeking to apply them to our lives and grow in Christ.

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	Tami Lang & Stephanie Williams	#105
Ages 8-10 /3 rd – 5 th Grade	Kelly Fernandez & Gail Chang	#107
Middle School / 6 th -8 th Grade	Danny Dalton	#109
High School / 9 th -12 th Grade	Steve Pothoven	The Tower
Adult – Walden Class	Matthew McKenzie	#108
Adult – The NT Canon	Joe DeNitto	Church Office
Adult – Selections from Numbers	Randy Johnson	#102

This Week at SPC ~ September 13 – September 19

SUNDAY:

Morning Worship, 9:00 am
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am
MS/HS Youth Meeting, 5:30 pm
Kid Builders, 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY:

Choir Practice, 7:30 pm



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 123

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 10,554.90

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>September</u>	<u>October</u>
<u>Greeters:</u>	Darby White Brian Armstrong	Dave Bardin Andy Thomson
<u>Ordained Officer:</u>	Brian Waugh	Steve White
<u>Communion Set-up:</u>	Judy Wildeboer	Randy Johnson

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>	<u>Banner Bearer</u>
Today:	Eva White	John McKenzie	Nikolas Royer
Sept. 20:	Gail Chang	Patrick Chang	Eleanor Fernandez
Sept. 27:	Sara Royer	Kaleigh Williams	Nikolas Royer

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

Coffee Volunteers

Today:	Brian Waugh
Sept. 20:	Andy Thomson
Sept. 27:	Larry Dickey

WE 
VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Volunteers

Today:	Laura Strickland
Sept. 20:	Ananta Rivera
Sept. 27:	Liz Hickerson

Fellowship Snacks

<u>Next Week – Sept. 20:</u> Gail Chang Eva White Kelly Melendi Allene Cawley	<u>Sept. 27:</u> Therese McKenzie Tami Pothoven Karen Collins Randa Gravanti
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*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*