

Morning Worship Service
November 29, 2015 - 9:00 AM
First Day 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

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns - Powel
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 candles 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. Purple also represents the attitude of humility and repentance 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.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Deana Johnson Family

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.



Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. *Isaiah 7:14*

**** 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!

Verse 2 – Choir

Verses 3– Congregation

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 Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? 2 The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One. 3 "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters." 4 The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. 5 Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, 6 "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill." 7 I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father. 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. 9 You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery." 10 Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. 11 Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Psalm 2

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

**** Glorifying God in Song** *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* Choir and Congregation

Verse 1 – Choir

Verse 2 – Congregation

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne!

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, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"

Assurance of Pardon

18 "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. **19** If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land; **20** but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword." For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Isaiah 1:18-20

The Second Scripture Lesson

1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Romans 5:1-5

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Musical Offering

Jesu, Priceless Treasure - J.S. Bach

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

9 Going on from that place, he went into their synagogue, 10 and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, they asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" 11 He said to them, "If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out? 12 How much more valuable is a man than a sheep! Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." 13 Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." So he stretched it out and it was completely restored, just as sound as the other. 14 But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus. 15 Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. Many followed him, and he healed all their sick, 16 warning them not to tell who he was. 17 This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: 18 "Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. 19 He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets. 20 A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory. 21 In his name the nations will put their hope."

Matthew 12:9-21

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

**** Glorifying God in Song**
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Choir and Congregation

Verses 1 – Congregation

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lowly exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Verse 2 – Choir

Verses 3 – Congregation

O come, Desire of nations bind, all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease. Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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

9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

Matthew 2:9-11

The Offertory

Listen For His Coming 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**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

Hymn # 198

*** Benediction**

Postlude

O Come, O Come Emmanuel - Moser

***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

Program Note Reminder

No Sunday School TODAY

Just a reminder that we will not have Sunday School today due to the Thanksgiving holiday. However, please do join us for our Fellowship Time immediately after the service.



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 **Sunday, December 6**. Plants may be taken home following the Christmas Eve service.

Kid Builders Christmas Party

*December 6th
5:00-7:00 PM*

There will be fun Christmas activities and pizza will be provided.

Youth Ice Skating Christmas Party

December 6 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

***Sign up deadline is this Tuesday, December 1st!**

A few tips for those already signed up:

- Wear long pants (or at least long socks) as the ice skates will rub your shins
- If you are a beginner at ice skating, wear long pants and prepare to get wet.



Afterwards, we will recuperate with dinner, cocoa, and desserts at the Williams' home. We'll also sing a few Christmas carols and conclude with our annual Christmas gift exchange game.

Cost: \$15 due by December 1

Required: Notarized Medical/Release form (pick forms up from church office, Luther Tower, or download from website. Note: Church member Andy Thomson is a notary and can notarize these forms at no charge!)

Bring: A wrapped gift (no more than \$5 in value)

Details:

- Meet at the church office by 5:00 PM. We will provide transportation to ice rink and then to the Williams' home for dinner and gift exchange.
- Parents pick up your son/daughter at the Williams' home at 9:00 PM (3901 Willowtree Place, Tampa. 33624)



Congregational Meeting

Please make plans to attend our annual congregational meeting on **Sunday, December 13, 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*).

New Adult Sunday School Classes

Beginning December 6th

Walden Class - Knowing The God Who Is

Room 108

Teacher: John Keen

Sacred Scripture has much to say about the character and actions of the Triune God, as well as the believer's response to as much. This class will explore many aspects of our relationship to God, as outlined in the Old and New Testament. We'll first look at the obstacles people experience in knowing God, then we'll examine the origin and maintenance of an authentic relationship to God, and finally we'll study the character of God. In every lesson, we will focus on knowing God personally and responding to him appropriately in every aspect of our lives.

Worldviews in Conflict

Church Office

Teacher: Joe DeNitto

This world is a battlefield in the arena of ideas. The prize is the heart and mind of humankind. In this class, we will outline the Christian way of looking at God, self, and the world. We will hold the Christian worldview up against the tests of reason, logic, and experience, particularly discussing the problems of evil and the alleged "nonsense" of the historic Christian doctrines, and of Jesus' incarnation and resurrection. We will attempt to equip you intellectually to defend the faith on that battlefield.

We will examine the attractions to our generation of naturalism and the New Age movement, pointing out their weaknesses and pitfalls as well as those of older worldviews, including secularism, hedonism, existentialism, and pragmatism.

Colossians

Room 102

Teacher: Steve Strickland

At times, Christians can become discontented with the Christian life. Is this all there is? We desire a deeper experience of God, and the church at Colossae was no different. Join us as we study Paul's letter to this young church and are reminded that we are complete in Christ. As we seek Christ in all His glory, we are able to "walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Col. 1:10).

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 ~ November 29 – December 5

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

TUESDAY: Ladies' Bible Study, 9:30 am

WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice, 7:30 pm

FRIDAY: Senior Group, 10:00 am



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 113

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 7,595.80

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>November</u>	<u>December</u>
<u>Greeters:</u>	McKenzie Family	Bryan Toenes
<u>Ordained Officer:</u>	Matthew McKenzie	Servy Fernandez
<u>Communion Set-up:</u>	Randa Gravanti	Ken Jackson

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>	<u>Banner Bearer</u>
Today:	Kelly Melendi	Andrew Johnson	Eleanor Fernandez
Dec. 6:	Gail Chang	Patrick Chang	Nikolas Royer
Dec. 13:	Sara Royer	Marcy Edwards	Eleanor Fernandez

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

Coffee Volunteers

Today:	Larry Dickey
Dec. 6:	Brian Waugh
Dec. 13:	Andy Thomson

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VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Volunteers

Today:	Cathy Armstrong
Dec. 6:	Tami Lang
Dec. 13:	Laura Strickland

Fellowship Snacks

<u>Next Week – Dec. 6:</u> Andrea Cawley Diane Keen Stephanie Williams Pam Bergen	<u>Dec. 13:</u> Beverly Thomson Sheila Colbert Judy Wildeboer Jamie Dalton
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November Birthdays & Anniversaries



Anniversaries
and Birthdays