

**Morning Worship Service**  
**March 27, 2016 - 9:00 AM**  
**Easter Sunday**

*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**

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*  
*Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.*

**Call to Worship**

*Psalm 118:19-24*

**Leader:** Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

**People:** **This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.**

**Leader:** I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

**People:** **The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;**

**Leader:** The LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**All:** **This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**\*\* Glorifying God in Song**  
Worship Christ, the Risen King!  
Hymn # 286

**\*\*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**

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. 2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. 5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." 8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Matthew 28:1-10

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

## **The Musical Offering**

### **The Second Scripture Lesson**

While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. 12 When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, 13 telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.' 14 If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." 15 So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

Matthew 28:11-15

**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.*

## **Anthem**

### **Hymn # 290**

#### ***Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise***

*by Robert Williams*

Hail, the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!  
To his throne above the skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Alleluia!  
Enters now the highest heav'n. Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!  
Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!  
He hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia!  
Take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

See, he lifts his hands above! Alleluia!  
See, he shows the prints of love! Alleluia!  
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!  
Blessings on his church below, Alleluia!

Lord, beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!  
Raise our hearts to reach thy height; Alleluia!  
There thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!  
Find our heav'n of heavens in thee! Alleluia!

Find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee! Alleluia! Amen!

## **The Third Scripture Lesson**

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:16-20

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** **Thanks be to God**

**\*\* Glorifying God in Song**  
**Crown Him with Many Crowns**  
**Hymn # 295**

## **\*\* Offertory Statement & Prayer of Dedication**

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Luke 6:38

### **Offertory**

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today* 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.*

### **The Message**

*Rev. John K. Keen  
Senior Pastor*

### **\*\* Glorifying God in Song**

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Hymn # 277

### **\*\* Benediction**

### **Postlude**

*Toccata from Symphony V - Widor*

*\*\*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](http://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](mailto: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



**Jesus is Alive! Death could not hold Him!**

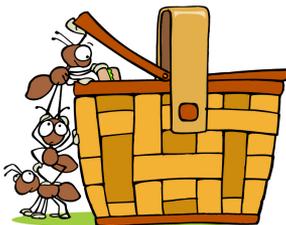
Thank you for joining us this morning to celebrate and praise our resurrected Lord. Sunday School will be suspended for this morning, but please join us for an extended time of fellowship and snacks in the Snyder Building (directly behind the Sanctuary building).

**Easter Egg Hunt** - Children are welcome to join us for an Easter egg hunt immediately after our worship service today. The hunt, which will be held in the church office backyard (the house to the left of the Sanctuary building if you are facing east), is for all children up to and including the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We will begin with children up through 1st grade and then have another egg hunt for the 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders.



### **DON'T FORGET!**

- Sunday evening activities are suspended tonight due to the observance of Easter.
- **Youth Beach Retreat:** Early registration and fee of \$125 deadline is Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. After April 4<sup>th</sup> fee increases to \$150. Registration closes April 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Our organist, Sylvia Chai will be performing at the **Bach Birthday Bash** Thursday, March 31 at 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church (corner of Florida and Twiggs in downtown Tampa).



## Spring Picnic!

Our annual spring picnic will be held **next Sunday evening, April 3** from **5:00 – 7:30 pm**. There will be a bounce house for the kids and SPC will provide hamburgers/hotdogs (and the trimmings) and drinks; you are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

**RSVP by TODAY if you are attending:** Indicate your RSVP on the tan slip or via email at [church@seminolepca.org](mailto:church@seminolepca.org).

### **Volunteers are needed in the following areas:**

- Grilling – 2 volunteers needed
- Food Preparation (Start at 4:00 pm) Need 1 more volunteer
- Table Set-up (Start at 4:00 pm) – Need fulfilled!
- Bounce House Attendants (Need 4 more helpers, 20 min. shifts)
- Table Breakdown/Clean up (post-event) – Need 4 more volunteers

If you can help, please contact Lisa Johnson.

### ***Easter Lilies Were Given By:***

- *Ruth Alboth and Elaine Crescent in loving memory of Grace Morton and Virginia Griffith*
- *Ralph and Sheila Colbert to the Glory of God. Thank you, God!*
- *Elaine Crescent in loving memory of my parents, Harold and Deedee Crescent*
- *Alan and Judy Dostal in loving memory of Fred and Adelaide Tietjen*
- *Carol Moberg in loving memory of Allan Moberg - husband, father, and grandfather*
- *The Royer Family in gratitude for our Lord and Savior and in remembrance of our loved ones who have joined Him in heaven.*
- *Ryan, Kaleigh, and Courtney Williams in loving memory of our grandparents, Allan Moberg, Robert and Janet Williams. We miss you!*



## **Adult Sunday School Classes**

### **Gospel of Matthew - Room 102**

*Teacher: Brian Toenes*

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.” Jesus gave this charge to His disciples on a mountain in Galilee, the unlikely home of Israel’s Messiah. Beginning with a humble birth in Bethlehem and continuing through an obscure upbringing in the insignificant town of Nazareth, this Prophet from Galilee revealed Himself to be the Son of Man, spoken of by the prophet Daniel, to Whom was given a kingdom that all nations might serve Him. Join us this quarter as we learn of this Messiah from Galilee as told in the Gospel According to Matthew.

### **Knowing God - Church Office**

*Teacher: Joe DeNitto*

Knowing God is a book by the British-born Christian theologian J.I. Packer, and is his best-known work, having sold over 1,000,000 copies in North America alone. Originally written as a series of articles for the Evangelical Magazine, it was first published as a book in 1973, and has been reprinted several times. In the book, Packer explores the character of God as revealed in the Bible, and correct Christian responses to it, with chapters on God’s love, grace, majesty, and wrath.

What does it mean to know God, not just about God?

Whether this is your first time reading this book, or a reread, please join us as we explore what it means to truly Know God.

### **The “I Am” Sayings of Jesus - Room 108**

*Teacher: Randy Johnson*

Stating “I Am” may only be an implication, yet all knew that Jesus was clearly claiming deity. In this class, we will study the “I Am” statements of Jesus and His position as Savior and Lord. Join us as we study Jesus’ claim to be God and how His noted personal attributes apply to our lives.

### **Exploring Mark - Room 101**

*Teacher: Ben Lambers*

Ben Lambers and fellow class attendees will have fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. For the Bible study portion, we will proceed at a more introductory pace. In other words, if some of the other class options seem a little too “heady” or advanced, then this is the class for you. Class attendees are encouraged to comment and raise their own questions, as Ben guides the discussion. The goals are to enjoy the Bible, apply its truth to our lives, and improve our relationship with Christ and each other.

## 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.**

- Rodney & Jana Davila, Costa Rica MTW Team Leaders, (#11704); Mission to the World, PO Box 2589, Suwanee, GA 30024-0982
- 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 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Tami Lang & Jane Lambers	#105
Ages 8-10 /3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Kelly Fernandez & Gail Chang	#107
Middle School / 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Danny Dalton	#109
High School / 9th -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Steve Strickland	The Tower
Adult – Gospel of Matthew	Bryan Toenes	#102
Adult – Knowing God	Joe DeNitto	Church Office
Adult – The “I Am” Sayings of Jesus	Randy Johnson	#108
Adult – Exploring Mark	Ben Lambers	#101

**This Week at SPC ~ March 20 – March 27**

- SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 9:00 am  
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am
- TUESDAY:** Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am
- WEDNESDAY:** Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
- FRIDAY:** Adult Covenant Group, 10:00 am



**July 11-15**  
Middle School Camp at Kulaqua

**July 25-29**  
Local High School Mission Project  
partnering with Habitat for Humanity

**SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP**

Last Sunday's Attendance: 124

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 8,706.00

*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*

	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
<u>Greeters:</u>	Darby White Servy Fernandez	Andy Thomson Brian Armstrong
<u>Ordained Officer:</u>	Brian Waugh	Bill Cutler
<u>Communion Set-up:</u>	Judy Wildeboer	Randy Johnson

## *Coffee Volunteers*

Today:	Rob Edwards
Apr. 3:	Brian Waugh
Apr. 10:	Andy Thomson

**WE**   
**VOLUNTEERS**

## *Nursery Volunteers*

Today:	Laura Strickland
Apr. 3:	Molly Colhouer
Apr. 10:	Liz Hickerson

## *Fellowship Snacks*

<u>Next Week – Apr. 3:</u> Gail Chang Eva White Kelly Melendi Carol Moberg	<u>Apr. 10:</u> Molly Colhouer Tami Pothoven Karen Collins Randa Gravanti
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March Birthdays & Anniversaries



*Anniversaries  
and Birthdays*