

Morning Worship Service 11 a.m.
November 23, 2008
Last Sunday after Pentecost

*Please adjust all electronic communication devices so as not to disrupt the service.
Also, if you need to leave the Sanctuary for any reason, please use the exits at the
back of the Sanctuary.*

*We appreciate your assistance as we seek to maintain a proper worship
environment for everyone present.*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Let Us Break Bread Together
Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

People: **Worship the LORD with gladness; come before
him with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us,
and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his
pasture.

People: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts
with praise; give thanks to him and praise his
name.**

ALL: **For the LORD is good and his love endures
forever; his faithfulness continues through all
generations.**

**** Glorifying God in Song**
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Hymn #529

**** 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 First Scripture Lesson

You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance. I will come to your temple with burnt offerings and fulfill my vows to you—vows my lips promised and my mouth spoke when I was in trouble. I will sacrifice fat animals to you and an offering of rams; I will offer bulls and goats. Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me. I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue. If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

Psalm 66:12-18

The Confession of Our Sins

“Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my peace I leave with you:” Forgive us all our sins and strengthen the faith of your children, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly city, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and forever. Amen.”

The Second Scripture Lesson

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have. If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Philippians 1:27—2:4

The Pastoral Prayer

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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 Anthem

Seminole Sanctuary Choir

I Will Live My Thanks – Martin & Schram

I will live my thanks, O Lord;
In ev'ry day, in ev'ry way, I will live my thanks to you.
I will share your gifts of love in all I say and do.
With songs of praise and acts of grace,
I will live my thanks to you.

I will live my thanks, O Lord, with my willing hands and feet.
In ev'ry day, in ev'ry way, I will spread your joy and peace.
I will share your gifts of love in all I say and do.
With songs of praise and acts of grace,
I will live my thanks to you.

You have blessed me that I may be a blessing,
Filled my heart that love might overflow.
You have given that I might give to others;
You have touched me that I might be an instrument of hope,
And I will live my thanks, O Lord; I will show my gratitude.
In ev'ry day, in ev'ry way, I will live my thanks to you.
I will share your gifts of love in all I say and do.
With songs of praise and acts of grace,
I will live my thanks to you.
With songs of praise, songs of praise
and acts of grace, live my thanks to you.

**** Offertory Hymn**
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Hymn# 715

**** Offertory Statement & Prayer of Dedication**
Deacon Frank Frail

I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving. This will please the Lord more than an ox or a bull with horns and hoofs. When the humble see it they will be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive. For the Lord hears the needy and does not despise his own people who are prisoners.

Psalm 69:30-33

The Offertory
We Gather Together – J. Innes
PLEASE FILL OUT THE CONNECTION CARD IN THE BULLETIN
TO INDICATE YOUR ATTENDANCE.

**** The Doxology**
(Hymn # 731)
Children K4 – K5 may be dismissed to Children's Church.

The Message
Rev. John K. Keen,
Senior Pastor

**** Glorifying God in Song**
O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!
Hymn #535

**** Benediction**

Postlude
Fanfare on St. George's Windsor – C. Callahan

*** 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 877-6783, ext. 222 or email us at: church@seminolepca.org.

Emergency Contact Number For Fridays

If you have any urgent or emergency needs on Fridays, please feel free to contact Ruling Elder Chip Johnson at (813) 857-3915.

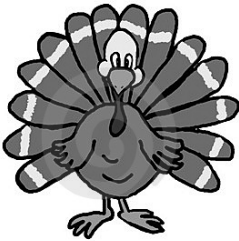
Deacons' Mercy Line (813) 877-6783, Ext. 245

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please call this church phone extension; a deacon generally checks the line daily.

Hangin' of the Green

TODAY is "Hangin' of the Green" day. Join us after the morning Worship Service to decorate for the Advent Season.

Thanksgiving Eve Dinner & Time of Sharing



Please join us for our Thanksgiving Eve Dinner and Time of Sharing in the Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, November 26** beginning at **6:00 PM**. A light dinner will be served and then we will join in a time of sharing with one another. If you have not submitted an RSVP for this service, please RSVP by Tuesday morning via phone or email (jtoenes@seminolepca.org) so that appropriate plans for food can be made.

November 30

Please be advised that our normal Sunday School hour as well as our Sunday Night Programming will be suspended on Sunday, November 30 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Our Worship Service will be held at its regular time, 11:00 AM.

“C” is for Cookie!

Ladies! You are invited to a cookie exchange party on **December 5th at 7:00 pm** at the home of Diane Keen. A cookie exchange is no ordinary party! No one arrives or leaves a cookie exchange party empty handed. For this special occasion, you must bring:

1. Four (4) Dozen Home-Baked cookies: (Yes, you read that correctly!) This will ensure everyone leaves with a large assortment of cookies. Bring cookies that will hold their shape well.
2. Recipe Cards: If you care to share your recipe, make enough copies of your cookie recipe to give everyone in attendance a copy.
3. Containers: Bring containers to carry your collection of cookies home with you. We suggest airtight, freezable containers.
4. Story: Does this cookie have a special meaning to you? Share your cookie story if you would like. It could be a story about why you make that particular cookie at Christmas, or if it has a special meaning to you, or the cookie's origin, or where the cook learned the recipe. Give, phone or email Carol McFarland a copy of your story by December 2nd. Her phone number is 237-5450. Her email address is PeacefulHaven@aol.com.

Please RSVP to Diane Keen (960-1107) or Carol McFarland. Happy Baking!

Congregational Meeting

Please mark your calendars for our annual congregational meeting scheduled for **Sunday, December 7**, immediately after the morning worship service. The purpose of this meeting is: 1) The election of new officers, and; 2) Review of the proposed 2009 church budget, established by the Finance Committee, and approved by the Deacons and the Elders of our church. No other business will be discussed at this meeting.

Congregational Meeting



Copies of the 2009 church budget have been mailed. Church members are strongly encouraged to call any one (or all) of the members of the Finance Committee, the Deaconate, and/or the Session, in order to obtain answers satisfactory to your questions regarding the budget. If a question cannot be answered to your satisfaction, then please raise the question again during the congregational meeting. Thank You!

Sunday School Classrooms

A Study of the Psalms	High School Library
Officer's Training	Room 117A
Walden Class: Judges	Room 114
Infant Nursery and 1's	Room 113
2's – 3's	Room 110
K-4 & K-5	Room 108
1st – 3rd Grade	Room 117B
4th & 5th Grade	Room 116
6th – 8th Grade (Junior High)	Church Library
9th – 12th Grade (Senior High)	Youth Room

Adult Sunday School Classes

Transformed by Praise: A Study of the Psalms

John Calvin referred to the Book of Psalms as “an anatomy of all parts of the soul.” They appeal to the whole person: informing our intellect, arousing our emotions, directing our wills, and exciting our imaginations. The purpose of this class is to deepen our love for the Lord by increasing our understanding of the Psalms. We will discuss the major types of psalms and the nature of Hebrew poetry. Consideration will also be given to the theological, historical, and literary context of the Book of Psalms. Selected topics arising from the psalms are also covered. This class will be taught by **Steve Strickland** in the **High School Library**.



Walden Class: Judges

The Walden Adult Sunday School Class is studying the Old Testament book of Judges, which emphasizes character rather than Jewish history. Judges is a great place to examine God's interaction in the lives of sinful men and women and how He accomplishes His purposes through some very questionable characters. The relevance for today is the insight we receive for our own lives. All the intrigue of human nature is there for us to see, and be blessed by how our Saving Lord guides history through a rebellious people falling away from His loving hand. This Old Testament Book has up to date information for us to use in every day life. So come join this class for some exciting study, you will be glad you did! The Walden Class meets in **Room 114**.

This Week at SPC ~ November 23 – November 29

- SUNDAY:** Sunday School, 9:30 am
Fellowship Time, 10:30 am
Morning Worship, 11:00 am

Hanging of the Green, 12:30 pm

Sunday Night Programming, 5:30 pm
- TUESDAY:** Prayer Meeting (Church parlor), 8:00 am
- WEDNESDAY:** Thanksgiving Eve Dinner & Time of Sharing, Fellowship Hall, 6:00 pm
- THURSDAY:** Thanksgiving, *Church Office Closed*

Coming Events

- November 30:** Sunday School Break – No Sunday School
December 2: Session Meeting
December 5: Ladies Cookie Exchange @ Diane Keen's
December 7: Congregational Meeting
December 14: Choir Cantata
December 24: Christmas Eve Service
December 25: Christmas Day, *Church Offices Closed*



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 154
Last Sunday's Offering: \$7,599.98

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

Children's Worship

	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>	<u>Banner Bearer</u>
<i>This Week:</i>	<i>Eva White</i>	<i>Hannah Johnson</i>	<i>Emily Strickland</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Chip Johnson</i>	<i>A.J. Johnson</i>	<i>Andrew Johnson</i>
<i>December 7:</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>

Children's Church for children K4/K5 meets in Room 116.

Nursery Workers, Toddler (2's/3's) Room #110

This Week: Brittany Connolly
Next Week: Amanda Waugh
December 7: TBA

If you are unable to work your scheduled Sunday, please find someone to fill in for you prior to the date you are scheduled to work.

Coffee Volunteers

This Week: Bill Cutler
Next Week: Sunday School Break - No Coffee/Fellowship Time
December 7: Larry Dickey

Greeters

This Week: Bill & Mary Earnest
Next Week: John & Marilyn Horst
December 7: Johnny & Glenda Fellows

Prayer Requests

Pray for those who are sick or are recovering from illness:

- Martha Thompson (leukemia)
- Jon Irwin (MD)
- Eva McMillan (esophagus bleeding)
- Dot Smith (broken neck)
- Bruno Gravanti (back pain)
- Alice Bartilucci (internal bleeding/ulcers; sister of Jean Glaze)

Pray for those seeking employment or better employment:

- Amarnath Boodoosingh
- Servy Fernandez
- Elaine Crescent

Pray for our missionaries:

- Don & Judy Vander Ploeg, Wycliffe/JAARS in Papua New Guinea
- Marc & Aline Mailloux, Mission to the World - ministry to French speaking people in South Florida and the Caribbean
- Dave Hawes, Navigators – training and development

Praises!:

- Joe DeNitto passed his kidney stone!

Christian Sympathy

We wish to express our deepest Christian Sympathy to Richard and Sarah Zak, as well as Richard's entire family, in the loss of Richard's Grandfather, Mr. Donald R. Zak, Sr., who passed away this past Tuesday after suffering from a lengthy illness. A memorial service was held here at Seminole yesterday.