

**Morning Worship Service 11 a.m.**  
**November 30, 2008**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

*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**

*Angels We Have Heard on High – J. Sanborn*  
*Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.*

**Call to Worship**

**Leader:** I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

**People:** **Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.**

**Leader:** Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

**People:** **One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.**

**ALL:** **They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.**

**\*\* Glorifying God in Song**  
*Joy to the World! The Lord is Come*  
Hymn #195

**\*\* 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 First Scripture Lesson**

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

Isaiah 64:1-4

## **The Confession of Our Sins**

*“Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”*

- From Book of Common Prayer

## **The Second Scripture Lesson**

Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours: Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins. Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:1-11

## **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**  
*Amazing Grace! Amazing Love!* – E. Rentz

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.  
Amazing love, how can it be the Savior died for me?  
Amazing love and grace, God's wondrous gift to me.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.  
Amazing love, how can it be the Savior died for me?  
Amazing love and grace, God's wondrous gift to me.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.  
He will my portion be as life endures.  
Amazing love, how can it be?  
Amazing love, amazing grace, the Savior died for me.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.  
Amazing love, amazing joy!  
Amazing grace, amazing love, amazing, wondrous love.

**\*\* Offertory Hymn**  
*Good Christian Men, Rejoice*  
Hymn # 207

**\*\* Offertory Statement & Prayer of Dedication**  
Deacon Steve Strickland

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2

## **The Offertory**

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing - Turnquist*

*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**

Bill Schweitzer

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

*God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

Hymn # 211

## **\*\* Benediction**

## **Postlude**

*Joy to the World/ In Thee is Joy – Andrews/Dupre*

*\*\* 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 877-6783, ext. 222 or email us at: [church@seminolepca.org](mailto: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.*

## Our Guest

We are delighted to have Mr. Bill Schweitzer as our guest preacher today. Bill is a native of Tampa, a graduate of Chamberlain High School ('92), the Universities of Rochester (BA), Glasgow (BTh), and Edinburgh (MTh; PhD candidate). He is married to Pam, a native of Glens Falls NY, who homeschools their five children. After his service in the US Marine Corps (1992-2005), Bill was called to serve as a Mission to the World church planter in the Newcastle area of England. Lord willing, the new church there will begin services February 1, 2009.

## Today, November 30

Please be advised that our normal Sunday Night Programming will be suspended on this evening for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

## 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.



## “C” is for Cookie!

Ladies! You are invited to a cookie exchange party **THIS FRIDAY, December 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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!

## Choir News

The choir will not rehearse the Wednesday after Christmas (December 31) and will be on hiatus January 4. Rehearsals will resume January 7.

## Haitian Relief - Etienne Ministry Support

We are continuing to collect money to purchase French Bibles for Rev. Etienne's ministry in Haiti. To make a donation to the French Bible drive, please designate your donation for "French Bible." *Through your efforts, 200 Bibles have already shipped and we are working towards the next 200 on our way to the goal of 1000.*

## Thank you

Thank you to Julie Creighton who is substituting for Sylvia Chai today.

# Sunday School Classrooms

<b>A Study of the Psalms</b>	High School Library
<b>Officer Training / Leadership Class</b>	Room 117A
<b>Walden Class: Judges</b>	Room 114
<b>Infant Nursery and 1's</b>	Room 113
<b>2's – 3's</b>	Room 110
<b>K-4 &amp; K-5</b>	Room 108
<b>1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>	Room 117B
<b>4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	Room 116
<b>6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (Junior High)</b>	Church Library
<b>9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade (Senior High)</b>	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 30 – December 6

- SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 11:00 am
- TUESDAY:** Prayer Meeting (Church parlor), 8:00 am  
Session Meeting, 7:00 pm
- FRIDAY:** Senior's Covenant Group, 10:00 am  
Ladies' Cookie Exchange @ Diane Keen's,  
7:00 pm

## Coming Events

- December 7:** Congregational Meeting
- December 11:** Deacon's Meeting
- December 14:** Choir Cantata
- December 24:** Christmas Eve Service, *Church Offices Closed*
- December 25:** Christmas Day, *Church Offices Closed*



### SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 175  
Last Sunday's Offering: \$5,368.64

*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>Chip Johnson</i>	<i>A.J. Johnson</i>	<i>Andrew Johnson</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Andrea Cawley</i>	<i>Kourtney Melendi</i>	<i>Alynn Cawley</i>
<i>December 14:</i>	<i>Laura Strickland</i>	<i>Grace Keen</i>	<i>Emily Strickland</i>

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

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

*This Week: Amanda Waugh*  
*Next Week: Tara Carrillo*  
*December 14: Brianna Connolly*

## ***Coffee Volunteers***

*This Week: Sunday School Break - No Coffee/Fellowship Time*  
*Next Week: Larry Dickey*  
*December 14: Brian Waugh & DJ Koehler*

## ***Greeters***

*This Week: John & Marilyn Horst*  
*Next Week: Johnny & Glenda Fellows*  
*December 14: Mike & Allene Cawley*

*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.*

# Prayer Requests

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

- Martha Thompson (leukemia)
- Jon Irwin (MD)
- Dot Smith (broken neck)
- Bruno Gravanti (back pain)

## **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

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