

Morning Worship Service 11 a.m.
December 7, 2008
Second 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

*The First Noel - arr. D. Huntsinger
Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.*

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

People: **Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.**

Leader: Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.

People: **Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.**

ALL: **Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.**

**** Glorifying God in Song**
O Come, All Ye Faithful
Hymn #208

**** 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

Who is this coming from Edom, from Bozrah, with his garments stained crimson? Who is this, robed in splendor, striding forward in the greatness of his strength? "It is I, speaking in righteousness, mighty to save." Why are your garments red, like those of one treading the winepress? "I have trodden the winepress alone; from the nations no one was with me. I trampled them in my anger and trod them down in my wrath; their blood spattered my garments, and I stained all my clothing. For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and the year of my redemption has come. I looked, but there was no one to help, I was appalled that no one gave support; so my own arm worked salvation for me, and my own wrath sustained me. I trampled the nations in my anger; in my wrath I made them drunk and poured their blood on the ground." I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the LORD has done for us— yes, the many good things he has done for the house of Israel, according to his compassion and many kindnesses. He said, "Surely they are my people, sons who will not be false to me"; and so he became their Savior. In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Isaiah 63:1-9

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

Mary, How Could You Have Known? – Albrecht & Althouse

Mary, how could you have known
That an angel would come and proclaim the holy birth,
And you would be chosen to bring God's son to earth?
Mary how could you have known?

Mary, how could you have known
That your child would be the Savior just as the prophets said,
And that He would be born in a lowly manger bed?
Mary how could you have known?

Were you not bewildered, was it very strange?
Did you ever wonder how your life would change?
How could you be ready? How did you prepare?
How could you imagine? Did you say a prayer?

Mary, how could you have known
That your son would be Messiah, and all the world behold
That you would name Him Jesus as angels had foretold?
Mary, Mary, Mary, Mary, Mary, how could you have known?

The Second Scripture Lesson

Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. If we are out of our mind, it is for the sake of God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

II Corinthians 5:11-21

**** Offertory Hymn**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hymn #196

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

Deacon Stan Wildeboer

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old.”

Luke 1:68-70

The Offertory

Messiah Medley No. 1 - McKechnie

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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**
What Child Is This
Hymn #213

**The Words of Institution
&
The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper**

**** Glorifying God in Song**
All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Hymn #235

**** Benediction**

Postlude
Marcietta – T. Dubois

*** 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.

Congregational Meeting



TODAY is our annual congregational meeting, which will be held 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. No other business will be discussed at this meeting.

Christmas Cantata

Please join us for a very special worship service next **Sunday, December 14** as the Seminole Sanctuary Choir Presents *O Holy Night* by John Rutter.

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.*

Sunday School Classrooms

A Study of the Psalms	High School Library
Officer Training / Leadership Class	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
1 st – 3 rd Grade	Room 117B
4 th & 5 th Grade	Room 116
6 th – 8 th Grade (Junior High)	Church Library
9 th – 12 th 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 ~ December 7 - 13

- SUNDAY:** Sunday School, 9:30 am
Fellowship Time, 10:30 am
Morning Worship, 11:00 am
- Congregational Meeting, following worship
- Sunday Night Programming, 5:30 pm
- TUESDAY:** Prayer Meeting (Church parlor), 8:00 am
- THURSDAY:** Deacon's Meeting, 7:00 pm
- FRIDAY:** Senior's Covenant Group, 10:00 am

Coming Events

- December 14:** Choir Cantata
Poinsettia Order Deadline
- December 24:** Christmas Eve Service, *Church Offices Closed*
- December 25:** Christmas Day, *Church Offices Closed*



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 166
Last Sunday's Offering: \$9,967.18

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>
Today:	Andrea Cawley	Kourtney Melendi	Alynnne Cawley
Next Week:	Laura Strickland	Grace Keen	Emily Strickland
December 21:	Danielle Bolanos	Tommie Bolanos	Andrew Johnson

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

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

Today: Tara Carrillo
Next Week: Brianna Connolly
December 21: Shannon Pothoven

Coffee Volunteers

Today: Larry Dickey
Next Week: Brian Waugh & DJ Koehler
December 21: Andy Thomson

Greeters

Today: Johnny & Glenda Fellows
Next Week: Mike & Allene Cawley
December 21: Jake & Mary Beckel

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)
- Jean Mathis (leg)

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

E-mail: prayer-list@lists.seminolepca.org