

Morning Worship Service 11 a.m.
December 21, 2008
Fourth 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

*O Come All Ye Faithful - arr. McKechnie
Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.*

Call to Worship

- Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
- People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.**
- Leader: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.
- People: In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.**
- Leader: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.
- ALL: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

**** Glorifying God in Song**
It Came upon the Midnight Clear
Hymn #200

**** 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

We have heard with our ears, O God; our fathers have told us what you did in their days, in days long ago. With your hand you drove out the nations and planted our fathers; you crushed the peoples and made our fathers flourish. It was not by their sword that they won the land, nor did their arm bring them victory; it was your right hand, your arm, and the light of your face, for you loved them. You are my King and my God, who decrees victories for Jacob. Through you we push back our enemies; through your name we trample our foes. I do not trust in my bow, my sword does not bring me victory; but you give us victory over our enemies, you put our adversaries to shame. In God we make our boast all day long, and we will praise your name forever. But now you have rejected and humbled us; you no longer go out with our armies. You made us retreat before the enemy, and our adversaries have plundered us. You gave us up to be devoured like sheep and have scattered us among the nations. You sold your people for a pittance, gaining nothing from their sale. You have made us a reproach to our neighbors, the scorn and derision of those around us. You have made us a byword among the nations; the peoples shake their heads at us. My disgrace is before me all day long, and my face is covered with shame at the taunts of those who reproach and revile me, because of the enemy, who is bent on revenge. All this happened to us, though we had not forgotten you or been false to your covenant. Our hearts had not turned back; our feet had not strayed from your path. But you crushed us and made us a haunt for jackals and covered us over with deep darkness. If we had forgotten the name of our God or spread out our hands to a foreign god, would not God have discovered it, since he knows the secrets of the heart? Yet for your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered. Awake, O Lord! Why do you sleep? Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever. Why do you hide your face and forget our misery and oppression? We are brought down to the dust; our bodies cling to the ground. Rise up and help us; redeem us because of your unfailing love.

The First Anthem
Seminole Sanctuary Choir
All Is Well – M. Smith & W. Kirkpatrick

All is well, all is well, angels and men rejoice
For tonight darkness fell into the dawn of love's light
Sing A-le, sing Alleluia

All is well, all is well, let there be peace on earth
Christ is come, go and tell that He is in the manger
Sing A-le, sing Alleluia

All is well, all is well, lift up your voice and sing
Born is now Emmanuel, born is our Lord and Savior
Sing Alleluia, sing Alleluia, all is well
Born is now Emmanuel, born is our Lord and Savior
Sing Alleluia, sing Alleluia, all is well

The Second Scripture Lesson

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:28-39

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 Second Anthem **Seminole Sanctuary Choir**

He is Born – D. & J. Perry

He is born, the holy Child, play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!
He is born, the holy Child, sing we all of the Savior mild.
He is born, the holy Child, play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!
He is born, the holy Child, sing we all of the Savior mild.

Through the ages of long ago, prophets have foretold His coming;
Through the ages of long ago, now the time has come at last!
He is born, the holy Child, play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!
He is born, the holy Child, sing we all of the Savior mild.

O how lovely, O how pure is this perfect Child of heaven;
O how lovely, O how pure, gracious gift to human kind!
He is born, the holy Child, play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!
He is born, the holy Child, sing we all of the Savior mild.

**** Offertory Hymn**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymn #193

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

Deacon Frank Frail

But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you —see that you excel in this act of grace also. I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

II Corinthians 8:7-9

The Offertory

O Holy Night! - arr. McKechnie

*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 Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymn #201

**** Benediction**

Postlude

Joy to the World - arr. Gail Smith

*** 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.

Christmas Eve Service



Please join us at **6:30 pm** on **Wednesday, December 24** for our annual candlelight Christmas Eve Service.

Sunday School Break Notice

This year's Sunday School break for the holiday season will be Sunday, December 28 and Sunday, January 4, resuming on January 11. Also the Sunday Night Programming Break will be from December 28 through January 11, resuming on January 18.

Game Night

Please join hosts Tony & Donna Carrillo on **Monday, December 29** for a Game Night! The fun will start at **6:00 pm** with a light dinner followed by fellowship and games. Come one and all and find out if someone can sink your battleship...or solve a murder mystery...or conquer the real estate world...or whatever other game you like! To RSVP, ask questions, or get directions, call Tony and Donna at 932-0815.



Church Office Hours

Please note the church office will be closed December 29, 2008 through January 2, 2009. If you need immediate assistance during this time, please contact Jackie at 732-1508.

PCA Christmas Offering

If you would like to contribute to the annual PCA Christmas offering, please send your gifts directly to PCA Retirement and Benefits at 1700 North Brown Road, Suite 106, Lawrenceville, GA 30043-8143. **DO NOT SEND OR GIVE THESE GIFTS TO THE CHURCH.** Thank you.

End of Year Contributions



This is a reminder that for any contributions to count for the 2008 tax year, they must be postmarked to the church by December 31, 2008. *(Please note the church office will be closed December 29 – January 2.)* If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Toenes at 813-877-6783, ext. 238.

Boxed Offering Envelope Sets

Boxed offering envelope sets will be made available in the Sanctuary Narthex area on December 21 and December 28, 2008. Please be sure to sign your name next to the set number you take. **Also, please remember, envelope sets are NOT required or needed.** So, only take a set if they assist you in keeping up with your tithe and contributions. Pew envelopes or folded checks are also perfectly acceptable. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie at ext. 238.





The beautiful poinsettias gracing our platform were given by the following in honor of our Lord, Jesus Christ:

† Dave Hawes in loving memory of Janice Hawes.

† Ken & Susan Smith to the Glory of God.

† A Small Group Member in appreciation of Bill and Mary Earnest...for fine teaching, leadership, and hospitality.

† Gail Chang and Karen Gabbadon in honor of Enid & St. Claude McDonald's 43rd wedding anniversary on December 18.

† Danny & Lynne De La Rosa to the Glory of God.

† Johnny & Glenda Fellows dedicated to Jeanette & Henry Fellows and Hazel & B.T. Morris.

† Ralph & Sheila Colbert dedicated to Rose Newmarch.

† Bill & Mary Earnest to the Glory of God.

† Richard & Sarah Zak in memory of Addo Gonzalez and Donald R. Zak Sr.

† Ines Biedronski & family in memory of Emma Ahued.

† Marsha Craig in loving memory of her parents, Robert & Mildred Preisen and in celebration of Christmas.

† Grace Morton in memory of Jack Morton and their daughter Grace Lee.

† Jack & Jean Glaze dedicated to Jean's mother and father, sister Alice, Grandma Smoke, Jack's mother, and friends Peggy and Bea.

† Tom & Carol McFarland in honor of Tom's mother.

Sunday School Classrooms

A Study of the Psalms	High School Library
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 21 - 27

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

Sunday Night Programming, 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6:30 pm
Church Offices Closed

THURSDAY: Christmas Day, *Church Offices Closed*

Coming Events

December 28: Sunday School Break; No Classes

December 29: Game Night @ the Carrillo's, 6 pm

December 29 – January 2: *Church Offices Closed*

January 4: Sunday School Break; No Classes



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 199

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 10,151.41

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><i>Teacher</i></u>	<u><i>Helper</i></u>	<u><i>Banner Bearer</i></u>
<i>Today:</i>	<i>Danielle Bolanos</i>	<i>Tommie Bolanos</i>	<i>Andrew Johnson</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Delie Koehler</i>	<i>Brianna Connolly</i>	<i>Mikayla Koehler</i>
<i>January 4:</i>	<i>Cathy Armstrong</i>	<i>Cameron Pothoven</i>	<i>Rebecca Armstrong</i>

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

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

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Shannon Pothoven</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Amanda Waugh</i>
<i>January 4:</i>	<i>Hannah Johnson</i>

Coffee Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Andy Thomson</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>No Coffee / Fellowship Time; Sunday School Break</i>
<i>January 4:</i>	<i>No Coffee / Fellowship Time; Sunday School Break</i>

Greeters

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Jake & Mary Beckel</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Tony & Donna Carrillo</i>
<i>January 4:</i>	<i>Dave & Pat Bardin</i>

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)
- Mikayla Koehler (arm)
- Steve White (back)
- Judy Kneeshaw

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

