

Morning Worship Service 11 a.m.
March 22, 2009
Fourth Sunday in Lent

*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

Arioso - J.S. Bach

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

- Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us,
- People: that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.**
- Leader: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.
- People: May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.**
- Leader: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.
- People: Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.**
- ALL: God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

**** Glorifying God in Song**
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Hymn #164

**** 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

"A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If I am a father, where is the honor due me? If I am a master, where is the respect due me?" says the LORD Almighty. "It is you, O priests, who show contempt for my name. "But you ask, 'How have we shown contempt for your name?' You place defiled food on my altar. "But you ask, 'How have we defiled you?' "By saying that the LORD's table is contemptible. When you bring blind animals for sacrifice, is that not wrong? When you sacrifice crippled or diseased animals, is that not wrong? Try offering them to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you?" says the LORD Almighty. "Now implore God to be gracious to us. With such offerings from your hands, will he accept you?"-says the LORD Almighty. "Oh, that one of you would shut the temple doors, so that you would not light useless fires on my altar! I am not pleased with you," says the LORD Almighty, "and I will accept no offering from your hands. My name will be great among the nations, from the rising to the setting of the sun. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to my name, because my name will be great among the nations," says the LORD Almighty. "But you profane it by saying of the Lord's table, 'It is defiled,' and of its food, 'It is contemptible.' And you say, 'What a burden!' and you sniff at it contemptuously," says the LORD Almighty. "When you bring injured, crippled or diseased animals and offer them as sacrifices, should I accept them from your hands?" says the LORD. "Cursed is the cheat who has an acceptable male in his flock and vows to give it, but then sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord. For I am a great king," says the LORD Almighty, "and my name is to be feared among the nations.

Malachi 1:6-14

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

The Pharisees came and began to question Jesus. To test him, they asked him for a sign from heaven. He sighed deeply and said, "Why does this generation ask for a miraculous sign? I tell you the truth, no sign will be given to it." Then he left them, got back into the boat and crossed to the other side. The disciples had forgotten to bring bread, except for one loaf they had with them in the boat. "Be careful," Jesus warned them. "Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod." They discussed this with one another and said, "It is because we have no bread." Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked them: "Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear? And don't you remember? When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?" "Twelve," they replied. "And when I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?" They answered, "Seven." He said to them, "Do you still not understand?"

Mark 8:11-21

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

Soli Deo Gloria – Bryant/Hayes

Soli Deo Gloria. To God alone be the glory.

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From the watercolor sunset to the em'rald trees,

In the raging of the ocean, in the rustling of the leaves,
It's the heartbeat of the forest, it's the rhythm in the rain;
It's the song of all creation that will never be contained.

Soli Deo Gloria. To God alone be the glory.

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Let it thunder through the mountains, let it roar across the plain.

Let His mercy and His wonder be an anthem unrestrained.

It's the shout of ev'ry pilgrim, who's been shown the holy place.

It's the cry of ev'ry sinner who's been covered by His grace.

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Ev'ry woman, ev'ry man and ev'ry creature in the land,
Has been designed to understand there is a higher power.

Ev'ry woman, ev'ry man, and ev'ry creature in the land,
Has been created by His hand. He is a mighty tower.

Soli Deo Gloria. Soli Deo Gloria. Soli Deo Gloria.

Soli Deo Gloria. To God alone be the glory.

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Soli Deo Gloria!

**** Offertory Hymn**
All to Jesus I Surrender
Hymn #562

**** Offertory Statement & Prayer of Dedication**
Deacon Alex Fernandez

One pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth. The ransom of a man's life is his wealth, but a poor man hears no threat.

Proverbs 13:7-8

The Offertory
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing -
Wyeth/Smith/Hustad

*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**
Nothing But the Blood
Hymn #307

**** Benediction**

Postlude
Fugue in A - J.S. Bach

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.

Thank You

We welcome Blake harp students Caitlin Murphy and Brooke Yonke, who will be playing the prelude this morning. Caitlin is a junior and Brooke is a senior. Both are members of the Blake Harp Ensemble and active in many activities at Blake High School.

Easter Lilies

If you are interested in donating an Easter lily to decorate the Sanctuary this season, please pick up an order form at either of the doors. Fill this form out and drop it along with your attached payment into the offering plate.

SPC Directory Update

Seminole! We are in the process of updating our directory. Please take a few moments to look over your information and make updates to what we have as needed. If you are not listed, and you would like to be, please provide us with your information. Questions? Call or see Jackie.

SPC's 2nd Annual Canoe Trip & Picnic

Join us on Saturday, April 25 for SPC's 2nd Annual Canoe Trip and Picnic.

For the Adventurersome: The day will begin with a canoe launch at **9:30 AM** from **Wilderness Park – Morris Bridge**. We will canoe 4 miles downstream to **Wilderness Park – Trout Creek** where we will join in a time of food and fellowship around 12:00 PM.



CANOE & PICNIC

For All: Please join us at **Wilderness Park – Trout Creek** where we will enjoy a time of fellowship and food around **12:00 PM**. (We will be located in the **River Shelter**, the pavilion closest to the Hillsborough River.) The church will provide sandwiches and drinks; you are asked to provide a side dish and/or dessert. (*If you are canoeing, bring your dish with you in the canoe or drop it off before hand at the River Shelter in Trout Creek Park.*)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

****If you desire to participate in the canoe trip, please let Jackie Toenes know for planning purposes ASAP as CANOES ARE GOING FAST – SPACE IS LIMITED!** (If you have your own canoe and/or kayak and equipment, you are strongly encouraged to bring it along and join in the SPC Flotilla.) **

*****Also, for food planning purposes, please RSVP to Jackie Toenes if you are coming to the picnic.*****

DIRECTIONS:

Canoe Launch from Wilderness Park – Morris Bridge: Located near I-75 & Fletcher Avenue; Park is 3.5 miles northeast of I-75 on Morris Bridge Road (CR 579). Turn into the park entrance on the LEFT for the canoe launch area.

Picnic at Wilderness Park – Trout Creek: Located near I-75 & Fletcher Avenue; Park is 0.5 miles northeast of I-75 on Morris Bridge Road; Entrance on left, follow road 1 mile to parking area. The River Shelter is closest to the river.

See Jackie Toenes with questions or for reservations!

Save the Date ~ Spring Tea!



Calling all Grandmas, Moms,
Daughters, Sisters, and Friends.
Save the date of **Saturday, May 9** from
10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for the
Seminole Spring Tea,
“Planting Seeds of Kindness”

Have questions or want to volunteer to help?
Call Mary Earnest 933-8689 or Pat Bardin 932-6558

Bach Birthday Bash

The Tenth Annual Bach Birthday Bash will be held **Tuesday, March 24, 2009, 6:30 PM**. Join in an evening of celebration of history’s foremost pipe organ master and his music. This event will take place in Downtown Tampa in the following churches: St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church, and Sacred Heart Church; followed by Artists’ Reception at St. Andrew’s. See our organist, Sylvia Chai, for more details.

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, 320 Bibles have already shipped on our way to the goal of 1,000.*

Sunday School Classrooms

Following the Lord of Glory

Walden Class: Judges

Infant Nursery and 1's

2's – 3's

K-4 & K-5

1st – 3rd Grade

4th & 5th Grade

6th – 8th Grade (Junior High)

9th – 12th Grade (Senior High)

High School Library

Room 114

Room 113

Room 110

Room 108

Room 117B

Room 116

Room 117A

Youth Room

Adult Sunday School Classes

Following the Lord of Glory

In today's world, followers don't get much attention—only leaders do. In fact, the terms follow & follower have some bad connotations. "Don't follow the crowd," we urge. But in his Gospel, John unashamedly calls us to be good followers. In order to do this, we first must know whom we follow. John tells us this clearly: we follow Jesus, the Lord of glory. John also tells us where & why we follow. Our destination is the glory Jesus has prepared for us. We follow Christ, out of gratefulness, because of what He has done for us.

Come join Elder Joe DeNitto in the **High School Library** for this 12-week class, meeting at 9:30 a.m.

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 ~ March 22 - 28

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

Sunday Night Programming, 5:30 pm
- TUESDAY:** Prayer Group, 8 am
- WEDNESDAY:** Choir Practice, 7:45pm
- THURSDAY:** Deacons' Meeting, 7 pm
- FRIDAY:** Seniors Covenant Group, 10 am

Coming Events

- April 7:** Session Meeting, 7 pm
- April 9:** Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm
- April 12:** Easter Sunday
- April 25:** SPC Canoe Trip & Picnic



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 166

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 11,216.05

*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:	Cathy Armstrong	Grace Keen	Rebecca Armstrong
Next Week:	Jane Lambers	Brianna Connolly	Andrew Johnson
April 5:	Laura Strickland	Brittany Connolly	Patrick Chang

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

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

Today:	Adrienne Lambers
Next Week:	Amanda Waugh
April 5:	Kendall Melendi

Coffee Volunteers

Today:	Bill Cutler
Next Week:	Larry Dickey
April 5:	Brian Waugh & DJ Koehler

Greeters

Today:	Randy & Lisa Johnson
Next Week:	Servy & Raquel Fernandez
April 5:	John & Marilyn Horst

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)
- Elma Beckley (Connie Trim's mother)

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

Prayer / Praise:

- Prayer for the Dalton's home to be sold in Winter Haven

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

