

Morning Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
December 20, 2009
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

What Child is This – English Ballad/arr. K. Kosche
Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 150

Leader: Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

People: **Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.**

Leader: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

People: **praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute,**

Leader: praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

ALL: **Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.**

**** Glorifying God in Song**

O Come All Ye Faithful

Congregation and Choir

Verse 1 – Congregation

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him born the King of Angels: O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Verse 2 – Choir

Verse 3- Choir

Verses 4 & 5 – Congregation

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all you citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest: O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

**** 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 Pastoral Prayer & 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.

**** Glorifying God in Song Angels We Have Heard on High Hymn #214**

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

⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. ...

⁹Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; ¹⁰then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Matthew 2:9-11; Proverbs 3:9-10

The Offertory

Ding Dong Merrily on High

*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.

Joy to the Lord – John Rutter

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming
Choir

Joy To The World!
Choir

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear
Congregation and Choir

Verse 1 – Congregation

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, from heav'n's all gracious King!
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Verse 2 – Choir

Verse 3 – Congregation

For lo! The days are hast'ning on, by prophetbards foretold,
When, with the evercircling years, comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-7

¹In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to his own town to register. ⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Away In a Manger

Choir

Silent Night

Choir

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Congregation and Choir

Verses 1 & 2 – Congregation

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hope and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary; and, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.

Verse 3 – Choir

Verse 4 - Congregation

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Scripture Reading

Luke 2: 8-16

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." ¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

How Great Our Joy!

Choir

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Congregation and Choir

Verse 1 – Congregation

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around, and glory shone
around.

Verse 2 - Choir

Verse 3 – Choir

Verse 4 - Congregation

All glory be to God on high, and on the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth from heav'n to men begin and never cease,
begin and never cease.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-11

¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." ³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel." ⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." ⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

Three Kings of Orient

Choir

Scripture Reading

John 1: 1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. ⁶There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. ¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Message
Rev. John K. Keen,
Senior Pastor

**** Glorifying God in Song**

God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

Congregation and Choir

Verse 1 – Congregation

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Savior was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

Verse 2 – Choir

Verse 3 - Congregation

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace:
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

**** Benediction**

Postlude

Angels We Have Heard on High –
French Carol/arr. K. Kosche

*** 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 774-3881, ext. 700 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) 774-3881, Ext. 744

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 - New Service Time!!!

Please join us at **6:00 pm** on **Thursday, December 24** for our annual candlelight Christmas Eve Service. (Formally advertised at 7:00 pm.)

MS/HS Progressive Dinner - Tonight!

**The Middle School & High School
Progressive Dinner is TONIGHT!!!**

It's Christmas time and school is out, so let's celebrate! During this event we will travel to three different houses, eating one course at each house (appetizer, main course, and dessert). Eating, hanging out, and gifts, what could be better? **Meet at the church at 5:00 PM** and we will travel as a group to each destination. **Students can be picked up at the church at 9:00 PM.** Don't forget you will need to have a Notarized Med/Release form, and wrapped gift (new) with value of \$5 or less.

SPC Family Matters

- **Programming Note** – Please be advised that Sunday School and the MS/HS evening study will be suspended on Sunday, December 27 and Sunday, January 3 for the Christmas and New Year holidays. Our Worship Service will be held at its regular time, 9:00 AM, followed by a time of fellowship at 10:15 AM.
- **End of Year Contributions** - This is a reminder that for any contributions to count for the 2009 tax year, they must be postmarked to the church by December 31, 2009. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Toenes.
- **Church Office Schedule** – Please note that the church office will be closed from December 24 through January 1; the office will reopen Monday, January 4. If you have contributions for the 2009 tax year, please simply mail them on or before the 31st of December (versus hand delivering to the office).



- **Boxed Offering Envelope Sets** - Boxed offering envelope sets will be made available upon request. Envelopes are NOT required or needed. Only request a set if they assist you in keeping up with your tithe and contributions. Contact Jackie if you would like a set: jtoenes@seminolepca.org or leave a message at 813.774.3881, ext. 722.



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 church ministry and music staff.

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

† Jack & Jean Glaze dedicated to Jean's mother and father, Mr. & Mrs. Barbery, and for Jean's sister Alice Bartilucci.

† Preston & Judy Kneeshaw in memory of Dana Hammar, E.F. & Lorene Kneeshaw, and Elijah Kneeshaw.

† Brian & Donna Waugh in honor of the Christ Child.

† Larry Dickey in memory of Helen & Lawrence Dickey.

** Please note that the Poinsettias may be taken home following the December 27th Service. **

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Anna Claire Lambers 12/3
Tom McFarland 12/6
Alex Fernandez 12/10
Jared Frail 12/12
Abby Johnson 12/15
Pat Bardin 12/16
David Bardin 12/17
Jane Lambers 12/20
Judy Wildeboer 12/20

Bryson Pothoven 12/22
Eva White 12/24
Grace Morton 12/26
Hannah Johnson 12/27
Zach Bolanos 12/27
Carol McFarland 12/30
DJ Koehler 12/30
Andrea Cawley 12/31

Anniversaries

Tom and Andrea Cawley 12/20
David and Pat Bardin 12/29



Sunday School

Children & Youth Sunday School

Sunday School	Class Teacher(s)	Class Room
Ages 2-3 / Toddlers	Bev Thomson w/ Alina Sanchez	#115
Ages 4-5 / K4-K5	Tami Pothoven and Jane Lambers	#111
Ages 6-8 / 1 st – 3 rd Grade	Debbie Vincent w/ Jamie Dalton	#109
Ages 9-10 / 4 th -5 th Grade	Alex & Kelly Fernandez	#107
Jr. High / 6 th -8 th Grade	Danny Dalton & Richard Zak	#105
Sr. High / 9 th – 12 th Grade	Ben Lambers	#101

Adult Sunday School

Walden Class: Judges, Part III - Room 108

Teacher: Bill Earnest

A very Merry Christmas to our Church family from the Walden adult Sunday School class. This morning we invite each and everyone of you, who normally do not stay for the Sunday School hour, to join us in class today. This is a "Special Day" because once a year at Christmas time we do our Christmas Reading. Selective scriptures are read that tell the story of God's gift to His creation, "His Son". We start in the Old Testament with prophecy, the Kingship of God's Messiah, and His priesthood. From there we progress to the New Testament and the "Greatest Story Ever Told". Scriptures are arranged in chronological order for our enjoyment of this wonderful event. If you are having trouble, "Getting into the Christmas spirit", come join us on this special Sunday for the reading of the Christmas scriptures. You need to be here today, do not miss this opportunity! We guarantee your heart will be filled with Joy! The Walden class meets in room 108 of the Snyder Building immediately after fellowship time.

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Studying Scripture – Room 102

Teacher: Joe DeNitto

Have you ever had problems understanding God's Word? When you come to a passage in the Bible that confuses you, do you tend to read past it? Would you like to have more tools to assist you in your Bible study?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this class is for you. In this class we will learn many ways to faithfully study the scriptures. We will apply these techniques to scripture passages, so that very practical methods will be developed for your study. Easy, medium and difficult scripture passages will be studied throughout the class. Participating in this class could change the way you read, think about & understand the Bible. Please join us in **Room 102** each Sunday morning.

Exploring Church Membership Class – Room 100

Teacher: Randy Johnson

What is the church? What does it mean to be a member of a church, and specifically this church-Seminole PCA? Join Ruling Elder Randy Johnson in Room 100 where he will be answering these questions and many more about membership. Please note: attending this ten week class does not require that one become a member, but this class or its equivalent is required for membership.

This Week at SPC ~ December 20 – December 26

SUNDAY:

Morning Worship, 9:00 am
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am

MS/HS Study – Progressive Dinner,
5:00 pm

THURSDAY:

Christmas Eve Service, **6:00 pm**
Church Offices Closed

FRIDAY:

Christmas Day
Church Offices Closed



Monday, December 28 –

Friday, January 1: Church Offices Closed

January 12, 2010:

Session Meeting

January 28, 2010:

Deacons' Meeting

SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 131

Last Sunday's Offering: \$4,479.00

*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 Volunteers

	<u><i>Teacher</i></u>	<u><i>Helper</i></u>	<u><i>Banner Bearer</i></u>
<i>Today:</i>	<i>Gail Chang</i>	<i>Ross Edwards</i>	<i>Rebecca Armstrong</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Jamie Dalton</i>	<i>Adrienne Lambers</i>	<i>Kaela Dalton</i>
<i>Jan. 3</i>	<i>Donna Waugh</i>	<i>Amanda Waugh</i>	<i>Noah Koehler</i>

Children's Church for children in K4/K5 meets in Room 111.

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Jaclyn Biedronski</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Kate Melendi</i>
<i>Jan. 3</i>	<i>Kourtney Melendi</i>

Coffee Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Brian Waugh & DJ Koehler</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Andy Thomson</i>
<i>Jan. 3</i>	<i>Marsha Craig</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)
- Mercedes Fernandez (Servy Fernandez' mother; various health issues)
- Becky Groomes (ankle)

Pray for those seeking employment or better employment:

- Elaine Crescent
- Amarnath Boodoosingh
- Matthew Mattice

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:

- Praise! Tavin Groomes is back home!
- Pray for the Dalton's Winter Haven home to sell quickly

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