

**Morning Worship Service 9:00 a.m.**  
**December 27, 2009**  
**First Sunday After Christmas**

*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**

*Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.*

**Call to Worship**

*Psalm 105:1-3*

**Leader:** Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

**People:** Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

**ALL:** Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**\*\* Glorifying God in Song**  
*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*  
Hymn #302

## **\*\* 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**

<sup>1</sup> Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? <sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One. <sup>3</sup> "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters." <sup>4</sup> The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. <sup>5</sup> Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, <sup>6</sup> "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill." <sup>7</sup> I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father." <sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. <sup>9</sup> You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery." <sup>10</sup> Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. <sup>11</sup> Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling. <sup>12</sup> Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

## The Confession of Our Sins

“Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number,  
and been guilty of pride and unbelief,  
of failure to find thy mind in thy Word,  
of neglect to seek thee in my daily life.

My transgressions and short-comings

present me with a list of accusations,

But I bless thee that they will not stand against me,

for all have been laid on Christ:

Go on to subdue my corruptions, and grant me grace to live above them.

Purge me from every false desire, every base aspiration  
everything contrary to thy rule.

Deliver me from every evil habit

from everything that dims the brightness of thy grace in me,  
from everything that prevents me taking delight in thee.

Then I shall bless thee, God of Jeshurun\*, for helping me to be upright.”

-The Valley of Vision, p.77

*\* Jeshurun is a poetic variant of Israel and means “the upright one”*

## The Second Scripture Lesson

<sup>1</sup>In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. <sup>3</sup>The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. <sup>4</sup>So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

Hebrews 1:1-4

# **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.*

## **\*\* Offertory Hymn** *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* Hymn #647

## **\*\* Offertory Statement & Prayer of Dedication**

<sup>16</sup>“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. <sup>17</sup> If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? <sup>18</sup> Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.”

# **The Offertory**

*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. Danny Dalton,  
*Associate Pastor*

**\*\* Glorifying God in Song**  
*Rejoice the Lord is King*  
Hymn #310

**\*\* Benediction**

**Postlude**

*\*\* 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 774-3881, ext. 700 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) 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.*

**SPC Family Matters**

- **Youth Small Groups** will resume **Sunday, January 17** from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm (location TBA).
- **The Presbytery-wide women's ministry training seminar** will be held on **Saturday, January 16** from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm at Faith Presbyterian in Sarasota. This is open to all-women of our church. The cost is \$15 plus \$5 for lunch. Male leadership is welcome and encouraged to attend at no cost, but please RSVP for lunch. To RSVP or for more information, call Danny Dalton: 813.767.7016.
- **New Sunday school classes** will begin on January 10. Please see details under the "Sunday School" section of this bulletin.
- **Programming Note** – Please be advised that Sunday School will be suspended today, 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 28 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.** Contact Jackie if you would like a set: [jtoenes@seminolepca.org](mailto:jtoenes@seminolepca.org) or leave a message at 813.774.3881, ext. 722.

# 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 and Youth Small Groups

**Our Sunday School is on hiatus today, December 27, as well as January 3, for the Christmas and New Year holidays. It will resume on Sunday, January 10.**

## *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 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Debbie Vincent w/ Cathy Armstrong	#109
Ages 9-10 / 4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Alex & Kelly Fernandez	#107
Jr. High / 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Jamie Dalton	#105
Sr. High / 9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Danny Dalton	#101

## *Youth Sunday School Descriptions*

### **High School - Room 101**

*Teacher: Danny Dalton*

**Discovering God's Kingdom Purpose (introduction to missions):** I warn you, do not take this course if you wish to remain a comfortable Christian! This is a course on world missions. That means it is about God and what God is doing. Our goal is to discover that missions is not only for missionaries, but the whole church. Therefore, our desire is not to transform you into a missionary per se, (though we are certainly open to that) but to inspire you and motivate you to action on behalf of your part in world missions. Don't miss out on the adventure! We will be looking at missions from a theological, historical, strategic, and cultural perspective.

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## **Middle School - Room 105**

*Teacher: Jamie Dalton*

**Promises, Promises (all about the Covenant):** Have you ever made a promise and kept it? Have you ever broke a promise? In this course we will see that God made a promise to save His people. He calls this promise a covenant. A covenant is like an agreement between two or more people. However, the good news is that even when we broke our end of the covenant, God didn't break his part. In fact, through Jesus Christ, he kept both his part and our part! Salvation is all of God and Jesus is the ultimate covenant keeper. Come and learn the story of God working out this Good News in history! (Great Commission Publications curriculum)

### ***Youth Small Groups (Evenings)***

Additionally, for the youth (MS & HS) on Sunday evenings, there are small groups from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. *The groups resume on January 17 at a location TBA.*

### ***Adult Sunday School***

#### **Walden Class - Room 108**

*Teacher: Elder Bill Earnest*

For the first quarter of 2010, the Walden Sunday school class will finish the study on Old Testament Judges. The final one being Samuel as he turns over the leadership of the Hebrew people to a new form of government which rejects God as King and replaces Him with a human king. The end of this study will be highlighted by a class play which will focus on the last days of Samuel's ministry and leadership as the prophet and priest of his people. We like to refer to the class actors as the "Walden class players," but we all know it's not about the acting. No, it's the story of God's faithfulness that we really need to see!

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As the quarter progresses the class will turn to the book of Hebrews, which is built around the key theme "Jesus Christ greater than". As with all Bible books, Hebrews offers many Biblical truths for us to explore. We appreciate the comment of John Calvin who wrote, "The object of the book is not to show that Jesus is the Christ, but to show believers what the office of Jesus 'the' Christ is and that believers are not to rob Him of any of His power." We sure see many in our society today trying to rob Jesus of His power and office. However, as history shows, men have been engaged in doing that ever since God sent His Son to this planet! It has not succeeded, nor will it ever succeed! "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"

We would love for you to join us in our Sunday school class this new quarter. The Walden class meets in Room 108 of the Snyder Building following fellowship time. Bible study keeps our faith sharp and the assurance of our salvation fresh!

### **Foundations in Reformed Theology – Room 102**

*Teacher: Elder Joe DeNitto*

In this class we will be covering topics of theology from a Reformed and Presbyterian perspective using R.C. Sproul's book, *Essential Truths of the Christian Faith*. Come join Elder Joe DeNitto in Adult Sunday School Room 102 for this new class. It could bring enlightenment and understanding to your view of theology, God & the Bible. This class will run from January 10th through March 28th.



**This Week at SPC ~ December 27 – January 2**

**SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 9:00 am  
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am

**Monday, December 28 –  
Friday, January 1:** Church Offices Closed



**January 10:** Sunday School resumes

**January 12:** Session Meeting, 7 pm

**January 16:** PresWic Meeting, Sarasota; 9:30 am

**January 17:** MS/HS Small Groups resume

**January 28:** Deacons' Meeting, 7 pm

**SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP**

Last Sunday's Attendance: 173

Last Sunday's Offering: \$18,602.00

*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>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>	<u>Banner Bearer</u>
Today:	Jamie Dalton	Adrienne Lambers	Kaela Dalton
Next Week:	Donna Waugh	Amanda Waugh	Noah Koehler
Jan. 10	Alina Sanchez	Hannah Johnson	Bryson Pothoven

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

## *Nursery Volunteers*

Today:	Kate Melendi
Next Week:	Kourtney Melendi
Jan. 10	Anna Claire Lambers

## *Coffee Volunteers*

Today:	Andy Thomson
Next Week:	Marsha Craig
Jan. 10	Larry Dickey

*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:**

- Jon Irwin (MD)
- Mercedes Fernandez (Servy Fernandez' mother; various health issues)
- Kathy VanRiper (Danny Dalton's sister; metastatic cancer)
- Joe DeNitto (heart attack/heart surgery recovery)
- Eva McMillan
- Mel Lewis (pneumonia)

## **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:**

- [Pray for the Dalton's Winter Haven home to sell quickly](#)

E-mail: [prayer-list@lists.seminolepca.org](mailto:prayer-list@lists.seminolepca.org)

**Celebrating our Superior Savior**  
**Hebrews 1:1-4**

**1. This Christmas let's celebrate the fact that God \_\_\_\_\_ us in relationship.**

**2. This Christmas let's recognize that Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ God's pursuit of us.**

- a. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all things
- b. He is the \_\_\_\_\_
- c. He is the \_\_\_\_\_
- d. He \_\_\_\_\_ the universe
- e. He is the \_\_\_\_\_
- f. He inherits the \_\_\_\_\_ Name.

**3. This Christmas let's respond to the \_\_\_\_\_ Savior, Jesus Christ.**

Respond with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Respond in \_\_\_\_\_

Respond with \_\_\_\_\_

Respond with \_\_\_\_\_