

Morning Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
January 3, 2010
Epiphany Sunday

*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

Isaiah 60:1-3

Leader: "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of
the LORD rises upon you.

People: **See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is
over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and
his glory appears over you.**

ALL: **Nations will come to your light, and kings to the
brightness of your dawn.**

**** Glorifying God in Song**
Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come
Hymn #195

**** 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 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 Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.)

The First Scripture Lesson

¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

Litany for Epiphany, Pastoral Prayer, & The Lord's Prayer

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God, Alleluia!

People: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, Alleluia!

Leader: With joy let us pray to our Savior, the Son of God who became one of us, saying: The grace of God be with us all. O Christ, let your gospel shine in every place where the Word of life is not yet received. Draw the whole creation to yourself that your salvation may be known through all the earth.

People: The grace of God be with us all.

Leader: O Christ, Savior and Lord, extend your church to every place. Make it a place of welcome for people of every race and tongue.

People: **The grace of God be with us all.**

Leader: O Christ, Ruler of rulers, direct the work and thoughts of the leaders of nations that they may seek justice, and further peace and freedom for all.

People: **The grace of God be with us all.**

Leader: O Christ, Master of all, support of the weak and comfort of the afflicted, strengthen the tempted and raise the fallen. Watch over the lonely and those in danger. Give hope to the despairing and sustain the faith of the persecuted.

People: **The grace of God be with us all.**

*(After a brief prayer from the minister,
the Lord's Prayer concludes the litany)*

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 Scripture Lesson

Genesis 1

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. ³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. ⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water." ⁷So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸God called the expanse "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day. ⁹And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. ¹²The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day. ¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

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²⁰And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky." ²¹So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." ²³And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day. ²⁴And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." ²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." ²⁹Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food." ³⁰And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Genesis 2

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. ²By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

**** Offertory Hymn**

All Creatures of Our God and King

Hymn #115

(v. 1, 4, & 5 only)

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

⁷But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. ... ¹³Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. ¹⁴At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality, ¹⁵as it is written: "He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little."

II Corinthians 8:7, 13-15

The Offertory

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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. Danny Dalton,

Associate Pastor

**** Glorifying God in Song**

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

Hymn #253

(v. 1 – 3, only)

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

**** Glorifying God in Song**

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

Hymn #253

(v. 4 - 5, only)

**** 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. 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.

A Special Thank You

The Staff of Seminole Church would like to thank the congregation for the generous “Staff Appreciation Gift” we received. Indeed, we are already richly blessed to have the opportunity to serve such a wonderful, loving, and gracious congregation! The Lord has blessed us and our families by your sensitivity and kindness, and we continue to “consider it all pure joy” to be your servants in these days. We look forward to your prayers and support—on our behalf for the coming year—as we continue to strive for God’s glory and your benefit in our service to the King!

*Thank
You*



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 next Sunday, 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, January 3 for the New Year holiday. Our Worship Service will be held at its regular time, 9:00 AM, followed by a time of fellowship at 10:15 AM.
- **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 or leave a message at 813.774.3881, ext. 722.

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Don Hamilton 1/1
Brianna Connolly 1/5
Ashley Johnson 1/6
AJ Boodoosingh 1/10
Kourtney Melendi 1/11
Jake Beckel 1/12
Tara Carrillo 1/12
Randy Johnson 1/13
Sheila Colbert 1/14

Debbie Vincent 1/20
Peggy Saavedra 1/20
Virginia Griffith 1/25
Ronald Quick 1/25
Laura Strickland 1/27
Bryce Connolly 1/28
Joe Blue 1/30
Lindsay Trim 1/30

Anniversaries

Glen & Virginia Dohle 1/12

Bill and Pam Bergen 1/19

Sunday School and Youth Small Groups

Our Sunday School is on hiatus today, January 3, for the New Year holiday. 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 st – 3 rd Grade	Debbie Vincent w/ Cathy Armstrong	#109
Ages 9-10 / 4 th -5 th Grade	Alex & Kelly Fernandez	#107
Jr. High / 6 th -8 th Grade	Jamie Dalton	#105
Sr. High / 9 th – 12 th 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 ~ January 3 – 9

- SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 9:00 am
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am
- TUESDAY:** Ladies Bible Study @ Keen's
home; 7:30 pm
- WEDNESDAY:** Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
- THURSDAY:** Ladies Bible Study @ St. Paul LC
Room 108; 10:00 am
- FRIDAY:** Seniors Covenant Group, 10 am



- January 10:** Sunday School resumes
- January 12:** Session Meeting, 7 pm
- January 16:** Presbytery-wide Women's Ministry
Training Seminar, 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: TBA

Last Sunday's Offering: TBA

*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>Donna Waugh</i>	<i>Amanda Waugh</i>	<i>Noah Koehler</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Alina Sanchez</i>	<i>Hannah Johnson</i>	<i>Bryson Pothoven</i>
<i>Jan. 17</i>	<i>Laura Strickland</i>	<i>Emily Johnson</i>	<i>Sammy Fernandez</i>

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

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Kourtney Melendi</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Anna Claire Lambers</i>
<i>Jan. 17</i>	<i>Hannah Johnson</i>

Coffee Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Marsha Craig</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Larry Dickey</i>
<i>Jan. 17</i>	<i>Randa Gravanti</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:

- Jon Irwin (MD)
- Mercedes Fernandez (Servy Fernandez' mother; various health issues)
- Kathy VanRiper (Danny Dalton's sister; metastatic cancer)
- Joe DeNitto (heart attack 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