

# Seneca Presbyterian Church

November 26, 2023

***WHO IS THIS JESUS?***



**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

*“Grounded in Faith ~ Growing to Serve”*

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# WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

Christ the King Sunday 9:45 a.m. Praise & Worship - 10:00 a.m. Combined Worship November 26, 2023

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

*I Wanna Thank You Jesus*

*King of Kings*

## GATHERING

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear Lord, prepare our hearts and calm our spirits as we worship you today. May we all comprehend the scope of Christ's love for us and the blessing of belonging to Him. Amen.

### POURING OF THE WATER

Congregational Response: *You Belong to Christ* Hymn 492  
You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: **Who is this King of glory? The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.**

—Psalm 24:7-8, 10

### \*GATHERING PRAYER

Lord God, the words "Jesus is King" come easily to our lips, yet we often fail to grasp the significance of what they mean for us. In this service, help us worship you in spirit and truth, and give us a vision for how we may live in homage to you every day of our lives, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### \*HYMN 643

*Now Thank We All Our God*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Sovereign God, we confess that although we willingly say that “Jesus is King,” we often fail to bow our knees before him. Instead, we grant our allegiances to the relationships and material goods of this world. In your mercy, hear our prayer of confession. Grant us the humility to bow before you, the Ruler of all nations, so that we may be loyal servants in your kingdom. Through your Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, Amen.**

*(silent prayers of confession)*

## **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*Lamb of God*

Hymn 604

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace; grant us peace.

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. With his blood he has purchased people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. He has made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

—based on Revelation 5:5, 9-10

## **\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*Glory Be to the Father*

Hymn 581

## **THE WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST LESSON**

Jeremiah 23:1-6

### **ANTHEM**

*Rejoice the Lord is King*

SPC Choir & Band

### **A TIME FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

### **SECOND LESSON**

Colossians 1:15-20

### **SERMON**

**WHO IS THIS JESUS?**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed***

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES**

Congregational Musical Offering                      *Give Thanks*    Hymn 647

\*Doxology                      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*    Hymn 607

Praise God, from who all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**    *Our God (Chris Tomlin)*

**BENEDICTION**

**RETURNING INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE**

**POSTLUDE**

\*Let those who are able stand

**LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

Rev. David Howell

Shawn Thomas, Director of Music & Communications

Brian Ladd, Liturgist

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Church Family: Nancy Allgood, Sue Anders, Evans Harris, Jean Reinking, Maria Leitner, Nancy Henning, Gordon Lewis, Emily Holleman, Bob Malle, June Carroll, Debbie Simpson, Tim Moon, Tracy Andrews, Nancy Wilson, John Wilson, Beti Strobeck, Kris Saracelli, Don Clayton, Aislinnia Sow

Sympathy to the families of Martha Mahaffee, Noel Lehner, and Jeffry Montague

Extended Church Family: Roy Laxton (father of Chad), Bella (Charlotte McDonald's family), Bill Cullison (brother of Sally Fortune), Wanda Nichols (friend of Donna Montague), Scott Gawlik (son of Betty Gawlik), Phylis King (friend of Donna Montague), Sally Owen (former member), Bob Willard (Elaine Williams' nephew), John Huston (friend of Scott Nickles), Reggie Williams (friend of Scott Nickles), Debbie Clary (Janey Turner's sister-in-law), Paul Cain family, Amy Schaub (niece of Alan & Brenda Thomson), Lisa Finch-Dwiggins, Billy Finch, Bobby Finch (Friends of Scott Nickles), Mike & Susan Bryant, Andrea Marie Dunlap, and the Lessmann Family (cousins of Pamela Davison-Smith), Tara Perry (Norma Liebenberg's 3<sup>rd</sup> cousin), Jennifer Bueno (Elaine Williams' daughter), Fernando (one of our friends from Guatemala), Linda Robinson and Kathy Shannon (relatives of Norma Liebenberg), Peri Hart and Samantha Kukertz (friends of Norma Liebenberg), Frances Matthews and Bernie Chalmers (friends of Carol Hartman), Amy Chilton (Susan & Larry Goebel's daughter), their neighbor Nancy Cottingham and their friends Mike Clodfelter and Chris Kennerly, Kirsten Moss-Frye (Rodger Low's cousin), Dennis Drbal (Jan Crismore's son-in-law)

**We pray for Rev. Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado Escobar,  
the missionaries supported by SPC.**

***The Flowers for today's service are given to God's glory and in memory of Calvin Reinking by  
Jean Reinking, Terri Coil, and Laura Davis***

## **THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>9:45 am</i> <i>10:00 am</i> <i>11:00 am</i>	<i>Praise and Worship</i> <i>Combined Worship Christ the King Sunday</i> <i>Churchwide Faith Formation Time and Potluck Lunch</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>11:00 am</i> <i>6:00 pm</i> <i>6:30 pm</i>	<i>Staff Meeting</i> <i>Caroling on Church Steps</i> <i>Christmas Parade</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>9:00 am</i> <i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Parish Nurse</i> <i>Decorate Sanctuary for Christmas</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>Choir/Band Rehearsal</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>9:00 am</i> <i>12:00 pm</i>	<i>Parish Nurse</i> <i>Brown Bag and Bible Study (BB&amp;B)</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>SPC Volunteers at Seneca Lights Booths</i>
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## **THIS WEEK'S LECTIONARY READINGS**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Psalm 100
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18	Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Two Opportunities for Caroling**

Join us in spreading the Christmas Spirit as we sing and share Christmas Carols. Everyone is invited.

- November 27 at 6:00pm on the front steps of the church before the Seneca parade begins.
- December 10 right after worship. We'll have a brief lunch together and then visit three assisted living facilities. Please sign up in the church office so we know how many lunches to provide.

### **Christmas Madrigal Dinner**

Join us for a Christmas Madrigal Dinner on Wednesday, December 13 at 6:00 pm in Pastors Hall. Meal will be catered by Lighthouse Lake Keowee with music provided by Seneca High School Madrigals. Cost is \$20 for adults, high school and under eat for free, with a \$45 max per family. Please make reservations in the church office by December 10.

### **Our Daily Bread**

Please donate cookies or desserts for the Our Daily Bread Ministry. We will be serving December 3, 10, and 31. Please drop your donations at the church office as you are able. For more information contact [hello@sprez.org](mailto:hello@sprez.org).

### **Church-wide Potluck Faith Formation**

Join us today after worship for our Thanksgiving Church-wide Faith Formation time. We will share a potluck meal, view pictures of our work with the Guatemalan families, and we'll get a jump on Advent with some arts and crafts led by our talented SPC artists! All are welcome.

### **2023 SPC Christmas Floral Fund**

You may donate November 19, 2023 – December 24, 2023. Names will be printed in the December 31, 2023 bulletin. There is a form in the bulletin to sign up. Any remaining funds go to the Oconee United Ministries. If there are questions, please feel free to contact Janey Turner.

### **DSS Christmas Program**

The Wahalla Department of Social Services (DSS) is responsible for approximately 375 young children. The social workers, along with the parents and guardians of these children develop a profile for the wants and needs of each child. We at SPC receive these profiles which allow us to shop for them and provide a Christmas that perhaps they would not otherwise have. To sponsor a child and receive a profile, contact Jerry Crabtree, or the church office at [hello@sprez.org](mailto:hello@sprez.org). Donations/gifts should be delivered to the church in Classroom #2 by December 3. Financial donations can also be made to "DSS" and left with the church office.

## **Seneca Christmas Parade**

Join us on Monday, November 27 on our front steps just outside the sanctuary as we watch the Seneca Christmas Parade go right by the front of our church! Caroling starts at 6:00 pm, followed by the parade at 6:30 pm. Hot Chocolate and sweets will be available at our SPC tent/booth!

## **2023 Advent Schedule**

- November 27 - Seneca Christmas Parade - Cookies and Hot Beverages | Caroling at 6:00pm, Parade at 6:30pm**
- December 3 - First Sunday of Advent: Hope - 9:45am Praise & Worship | 10:00am Worship**
- December 10 - Second Sunday of Advent: Peace - 10:00am SPC Christmas Music Program**
- December 10 - Christmas Caroling | 11:00am lunch followed by visiting three care facilities | Sign up in office**
- December 13 - Madrigals Christmas Dinner - 6:00pm Pastors Hall | Reservations in church office**
- December 17 - Third Sunday of Advent: Joy - 9:45am Praise & Worship | 10:00am Worship**
- December 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love - 9:45am Praise & Worship | 10:00am Worship**
- December 24 - Family Christmas Eve Service - 5:00pm**
- December 24 - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service - 7:00pm**

## **Interested in Learning More About SPC or Becoming A Member?**

If you'd like to learn more about us, or even about becoming a member of our church, please reach out to Rev. David Howell at [pastor@sprez.org](mailto:pastor@sprez.org) so that he can follow up with you personally.

## **Church Announcements**

Have a calendar update, room assignment, bulletin announcement, or Presby Press article? Please use our online submission form at [form.sprez.org](http://form.sprez.org), or email [admin@sprez.org](mailto:admin@sprez.org)

## **Name Tags**

Don't forget to wear your name tags! Need one made? Drop by the church office or email [hello@sprez.org](mailto:hello@sprez.org).

*On Sunday mornings and for special events, please remember to leave the main parking lot (entrance from N. Oak Street) open and available for our guests and those who need easy access.*



## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

This year the Worship Committee will offer the opportunity to make a donation in honor or in memory of others during the Christmas season. This will defray expenses with Christmas floral arrangements for the Advent season. Those contributing to this fund will have this information printed in the December 31 bulletin. Please complete the information below if you desire to participate this season. Make checks for your desired amount payable to SPC, marked Advent/Christmas Floral Fund. Any remaining funds will be donated to the Oconee United Ministries Fund. Deadline for donations is December 24<sup>th</sup>.

In Honor or Memory (**circle one**) of \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of those giving the donation \_\_\_\_\_