

# Seneca Presbyterian Church

May 5, 2024

*Here I Am, Send Me!*

*“Grounded in Faith ~ Growing to Serve”*



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# WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter | 9:45 a.m. Praise & Worship - 10:00 a.m. Combined Worship | May 5, 2024

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

*Raise a Hallelujah*

*A Thousand Hallelujahs*

## GATHERING

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### A MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Mother's Day Offering

Everett Fuller

#### PRELUDE

*In the Garden*

Steve Jones

### SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### POURING OF THE WATER

Congregational Response: *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (v 1)* Hymn 486  
Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign, with the water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Great is the Lord—

**People: exalted among the nations.**

Leader: Mighty is the Lord—

**People: King of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Holy is the Lord—

**People: beyond our understanding.**

Leader: Let us worship our God and King!

### \*GATHERING PRAYER

**Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, whose compassion illumines the world. Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ, who renewed our humanity through his life, death, and resurrection—the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### \*HYMN 612

*We Praise You, O God*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us now confess our sin before God and one another.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Mighty and merciful God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us.**

**O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. As you have chosen us, and claimed us in our baptisms, strengthen us anew to choose Christ's way in this world. Give us your Holy Spirit that each one in ministry may be provided with all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.**

*(silent prayers of confession)*

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Lord, Have Mercy*

Hymn 551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**People: This is God's gospel promise: to forgive our sins and give us eternal life by grace alone because of Christ's one sacrifice finished on the cross.**

—Hebrews 10:10, NIV; Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 66

## \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Glory Be to the Father*

Hymn 581

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8

### ANTHEM

*This Do in Remembrance of Me*

SPC Choir

### A TIME FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

### SECOND LESSON

John 15:9-17

### SERMON

**Here I Am, Send Me!**

**\*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**

Special Musical Offering          *Holy Spirit (Veni Sancte)*          SPC Choir

\*Doxology                  *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*          Hymn 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

**CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Gifts of God for the People of God

Prayer following Communion

**SENDING**

\*HYMN 69                          *Here I Am, Lord*

**BENEDICTION**

**RETURNING INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE**

**POSTLUDE**

\*Let those who are able stand

**LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

Ginger Pope, Liturgist

Shawn Thomas, Director of Music & Communications

Rev. David Howell

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Church Family: Faith Beerman, Ken Schuman, Suzan Strickland, Aislinna Sow, Donna Absher, Sally Caswell, Margot Holmquist, Nancy Allgood, Sue Anders, Evans Harris, Maria Leitner, Nancy Henning, Emily Holleman, June Carroll, Tracy Andrews, Nancy Wilson, John Wilson, Beti Strobeck

Extended Church Family: Leah Lehner (Betty Lehner's great-niece) Darlene Crawford (David Hartman's sister), Denise and her family (Denise is Dain Yanessa's cousin), Jim Preshell (Dan Gryder's nephew), Rev. George Harper, Lula Ladd (Brian Ladd's mother), Philip Gaines (James Gaines' son), Todd Ramsey, (Nancy Ramsey's son), Chris Tharp, (Nancy Ramsey's brother), Bella (Charlotte McDonald's family member), 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), Debbie Clary (Janey Turner's sister-in-law), Paul Cain family, Amy Schaub (niece of Alan & Brenda Thomson), Bobby Finch & Kenneth 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), Peri Hart (friend of Norma Liebenberg), Mike Mobley (friend of Donna McIntire), Frank Stegmann & Karen McCarty (siblings of Kris Saracelli), Sue Shank (friend of Dian Yanessa), Jean Gettys (friend of Gene Goodwin), Kim Robinson (friend of Ginger Pope)

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

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>9:45 am</i>	<i>Praise &amp; Worship</i>
	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Combined Worship</i>
	<i>11:00 am</i>	<i>Youth Faith Formation</i>
	<i>11:00 am</i>	<i>Adult Bible Study – Book of Ruth – Classroom 1</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>11:00 am</i>	<i>Staff Meeting</i>
	<i>3:30 pm</i>	<i>Mission and Community Care Committee</i>
	<i>4:30 pm</i>	<i>Deacons Meeting</i>
	<i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>Handbell Choir Rehearsal</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>9:00 am-Noon</i>	<i>Parish Nurse (In office)</i>
	<i>1:00pm-5:00pm</i>	<i>Parish Nurse (Available by appointment)</i>
	<i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>Unity Women's Circle Meeting</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>11:00 am</i>	<i>PW Council Meeting</i>
	<i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>Choir/Band Practice</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>	<i>SPC Men's Group</i>
	<i>9:00 am</i>	<i>Parish Nurse (In office)</i>
	<i>12:00 pm</i>	<i>Brown Bag &amp; Bible Study</i>
	<i>1:00 pm-5:00 pm</i>	<i>Parish Nurse (Available by appointment)</i>
	<i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>Potluck with Seneca Police K-9s</i>
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## THIS WEEK'S LECTIONARY READINGS

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

Genesis 35:9-15

John 15:9-17

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Rise Against Hunger**

SPC joined other volunteers in packing over 50,000 meals to support Rise Against Hunger! Thank you all for your faithful service!

### **Brown Bag & Bible Study on 1 Corinthians**

Please come join us and bring lunch if you'd like, or just bring yourself! We meet on Thursdays at noon in Classroom #1.

### **Congregational Meeting**

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 19 immediately following our worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the 2024 Congregational Nominating Committee so they can begin the search process for the new class of elders, deacons, and trustees.

### **SPC Potluck with K-9s!**

The Fellowship committee invites everyone to a potluck supper on Thursday, May 9th at 5:30pm. Our special guests will be Seneca Police K-9's "Rogue" and "Bea" with their handlers. Sign-up for potluck items in the church office.

### **Protecting Yourself and Others From Scams**

Join the Clemson Institute for Engaged Aging on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm at Seneca Presbyterian Church in Classroom #1. They are seeking 6-10 Participants to stay after for a focus Group. Focus group participants will receive a \$25 gift card as a thank you.

### **Church Announcements**

Have a calendar update, room assignment, bulletin announcement, or Presby Press article? Please use our online submission form at [form.sprez.org](https://form.sprez.org), or email [admin@sprez.org](mailto:admin@sprez.org). Please have your request for the bulletin submitted by noon on Tuesdays. Submissions for Presby Press are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.



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\*Tickets are per person, and per each individual concert.

\*Funds remaining after expenses will be donated to local charities.