

# Seneca Presbyterian Church

May 12, 2024

*Lessons from Our Mothers*

*“Grounded in Faith ~ Growing to Serve”*



HAPPY  
Mothers Day!

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# WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

Mother's Day | 9:45 a.m. Praise & Worship - 10:00 a.m. Combined Worship | May 12, 2024

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

*Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)*

*Who You Say I Am*

## GATHERING

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*Oh, How He Loves You and Me* Susan Richardson, Piano

#### SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear Lord, as we gather today to worship you, to remember the women who taught us of your love, and to celebrate the sacrament of baptism, we pray that everyone in this place will know you are and be drawn to bring you all honor and praise. 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: Today, we celebrate God's goodness through the gift of mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and all the women who have loved and shaped us.

**People: Lord, thank you for giving us mothers.**

Leader: We remember with gratitude all the ways mothers demonstrate your sacrificial love to us.

**People: Lord, thank you for giving us mothers.**

Leader: Like our mothers and those who served that role in our lives, surround us now with your arms of grace and the touch of your amazing love.

#### \*GATHERING PRAYER

**Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

#### \*HYMN 475

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, in baptism you grafted us into the body of Christ, promising us forgiveness of sin and newness of life. But we fail to live as forgiven people. We keep destructive habits and hold grudges. We allow our past to hold us hostage and are reluctant to welcome newness. In your loving-kindness have mercy on us and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you have made to us in baptism so that we may live as your people, claimed in the waters of promise.**

*(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: Friends, hear the good news! Though we are unworthy, we are granted God's favor in Jesus Christ and are baptized into the church of his beloved Son.

Friends, believe the good news!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## **\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*Glory Be to the Father*

Hymn 581

## **THE WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST LESSON**

Deuteronomy 11:18-21

### **ANTHEM**

*Shall We Gather at the River*

SPC Choir and Band

### **SECOND LESSON**

Galatians 3:25-28

### **SERMON**

**Lessons from Our Mothers**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** *from The Larger Catechism*

Q. 165. What is Baptism?

**A. Baptism is a sacrament of the New Testament, wherein Christ hath ordained the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, to be a sign and seal of ingrafting into himself, of remission of sins by his blood, and regeneration by his Spirit; of adoption, and resurrection unto everlasting life: and whereby the parties baptized are solemnly admitted into the visible Church, and enter into an open and professed engagement to be wholly and only the Lord's.**

**OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES**

Congregational Musical Offering                      *Take My Life (vs 1, 2, 5, 6)*                      Hymn 697

\*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

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

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM and RECEIVING of NEW MEMBER**

*Katie Lee Murr*

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN 14**                      *For the Beauty of the Earth (vs 1, 2, 4, 5)*

**BENEDICTION**

**RETURNING INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE**

**POSTLUDE**

\*Let those who are able stand

**LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

Becky Hetherington, Liturgist

Shawn Thomas, Director of Music & Communications

Rev. David Howell

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

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

Sympathy to Debbie Simpson in the death of her sister-in-law Mary Phipps.

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), 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.**

### **Sanctuary Flowers**

The flowers for today's service were donated by Pamela Davison-Smith in memory of her mother Marie Bennett Shorter.

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Mother's Day</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>1:30 pm</i>	<i>Worship Committee</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>10:00 am</i>	<i>Health &amp; Wellness Committee</i>
	<i>1:00pm-5:00pm</i>	<i>Parish Nurse (Available by appointment)</i>
	<i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>Christian Education Meeting</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>Choir/Band Practice</i>
<i>Thursday</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>1:30 pm</i>	<i>Protect from Friendship Scams Workshop</i>
	<i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>Potluck with Seneca Police K-9s</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>9:45 am</i>	<i>Praise &amp; Worship</i>
	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Combined Worship</i>
	<i>10:55 am</i>	<i>Congregation Meeting</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>3:00 pm</i>	<i>Concert Series – Steve Cooper</i>

## THIS WEEK'S LECTIONARY READINGS

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Psalm 1	1 John 5:9-13
Jeremiah 10:1-10a	Psalm 108	John 17:6-19

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Concert Series**

Join us next Sunday, May 19 at 3pm for the second installation of our Sounds of Music Concert Series! Steve Cooper will be performing on the organ. Tickets are available in The Gathering Place in Knohl Hall, in the church office, or online at [www.sprez.org](http://www.sprez.org).

### **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.

### **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.

### **Sunday Bible Study**

There will be no adult or youth Bible study on Sunday, May 26 since it is Memorial Day Weekend.

### **Here's The Scoop**

Please join us on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> in Pastor's Hall at 2pm for "Here's The Scoop" ice cream social. Sign-up in the church office.

### **Intergenerational Pot-Luck Lunch**

On June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00am join us for our semester Faith Formation Wrap-up as our Adult and Youth Sunday School Groups meet together for a meal, fellowship, study, and activities. Everyone welcome! Sign-up in the church office.

### **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). 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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Steve Cooper, Organ



Shawn Thomas, Christian Singer/Songwriter

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

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