

Seneca Presbyterian Church

May 19, 2024

Freedom to Live in the Spirit



“Grounded in Faith ~ Growing to Serve”

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WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

Day of Pentecost | 9:45 a.m. Praise & Worship - 10:00 a.m. Combined Worship | May 19, 2024

PRAISE & WORSHIP

This is Our God

Fullness

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord - Buxtehude

Steve Cooper, Organ

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Come, Holy Spirit! Transform this humble gathering into the church of Jesus Christ—people of dreams and visions, people of hope and witness, people of love and service. Burn away all that is false in us, ignite in us a passion for the gospel, and sweep us out into the world to love and serve the living God. 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: The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

People: we dwell in him and he in us.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

People: make known his deeds among the peoples.

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him,

People: and speak of all his marvelous works.

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,

People: who was and is and is to come!

—based on Psalm 105:1-2; Romans 5:5; Revelation 4:8

*GATHERING PRAYER

God of life, as we prepare for worship today, help us not to take lightly the highly charged message we proclaim. Help us sense the power, beauty, and mission of your Spirit. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

*HYMN 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, who sent the promised power of the Holy Spirit to fill disciples with willing faith: We confess that we resist the force of your Spirit among us, that we are slow to serve you and reluctant to spread the good news of your love. God, have mercy on us. Forgive our divisions and by your Spirit draw us together. In flame us with a desire to do your will and be your faithful people for the sake of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

(silent prayers of confession)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Hymn 286

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: All the promises of God find their “Yes” in Christ. That is why we utter the “Amen” through him, to the glory of God. It is God who has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

People: In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are redeemed. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

—based on 2 Corinthians 1:20-22

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Glory Be to the Father

Hymn 581

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

A TIME FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

SPC Choir

SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

SERMON

Freedom to Live in the Spirit

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** *from The Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 47, 49, 51, 53*

In his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit, Christ is not absent from us for a moment. By the Spirit's power we make the goal of our lives not earthly things but the things above where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Through the Holy Spirit Christ pours out his gifts from heaven upon us his members. The Spirit, as well as the Father and the Son, is eternal God. The Spirit has been given to us personally so that by true faith the Spirit makes us share in Christ and all his blessings, comforts us, and remains with us forever.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Special Musical Offering *Come Down, O Love Divine - arr. Held* Steve Cooper, Organ

*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

SENDING

***HYMN 310**

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

BENEDICTION

RETURNING INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

POSTLUDE

Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord - Armsdorf

Steve Cooper, Organ

*Please remain seated during the postlude, we will call our Congregational Meeting to order at its conclusion

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Election of the Congregational Nominating Committee

*Let those who are able stand

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Brian Ladd, Liturgist

Shawn Thomas, Director of Music & Communications

Steve Cooper, Organist

Rev. David Howell

PRAYER CONCERNS

Church Family: Ken Schuman, Suzan Strickland, 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 Jeremy Stanton in the death of his grandfather P.D. Stanton

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 3rd 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 given by Becky and Jay Hetherington in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

A donation to Oconee United Ministries was given by Vicki Andy and Dan Gryder in honor of their 20th wedding anniversary.

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Day of Pentecost</i>	
	<i>9:45 am</i>	<i>Praise & 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>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>11:00 am</i>	<i>Staff Meeting</i>
	<i>3:00 pm</i>	<i>OUM Board Meeting</i>
	<i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>Handbell Choir Rehearsal</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>		<i>Parish Nurse (out of office)</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>11:00 am</i>	<i>150th Anniversary Committee Meeting</i>
	<i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>Choir/Band Practice</i>
<i>Thursday</i>		<i>Parish Nurse (out of office)</i>
	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Memorial Garden Committee Meeting</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>9:45 am</i>	<i>Praise & Worship</i>
	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Combined Worship</i>

THIS WEEK'S LECTIONARY READINGS

Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:22-27
Ezekiel 37:1-14	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting will be held today 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. The CNC candidates for election are: Brenda Thomson, Kelly Holleman, Judy Todd, Ann Fuller, Beverly Crabtree, Dan Gryder, and John Hostetler.

Sunday Bible Study

There will be no adult or youth Bible study on Sunday, May 26 since it is Memorial Day Weekend. Please join us next Sunday for our Intergenerational potluck. Please see the announcement below.

Intergenerational Pot-Luck

On June 2nd 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 is welcome!

Here's The Scoop

Please join us on Saturday, June on the lower lawn at the gazebo at 2pm for "Here's The Scoop" ice cream social. Sign-up in the church office. Please bring your lawn chair.

Coffee Time

June 2nd will be our last "Coffee Sunday" and coffee service before church until fall. Be sure and stock up on our special blend supporting our mission partner, Frontera De Cristo. Available before and after morning worship in the Gathering Place welcome area.

Women's Dinner - June 4th

All women are invited to join us for our annual Women's Dinner on June 4th at 6pm. It will be at Copper River Grill in Seneca. It is order off the menu and space is limited to 25. Please sign up in the church office.

Special Handbell Sunday

Join us for worship on Sunday, June 9th as our SPC Handbell Choir leads us in all of our special music.

RESCHEDULED - Spring Walk at the SC Botanical Gardens

Join us on Saturday, June 15th at 10:30am for our spring walk at the SC Botanical Gardens. Please meet at the Red Caboose! Bring your own lunch and water.

Church Announcements

Have a calendar update, room assignment, bulletin announcement, or Presby Press article? Please use our online submission form at form.sprez.org, or email admin@sprez.org. Please have your request for the bulletin submitted by noon on Tuesdays. Submissions for Presby Press are due by the 15th 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.