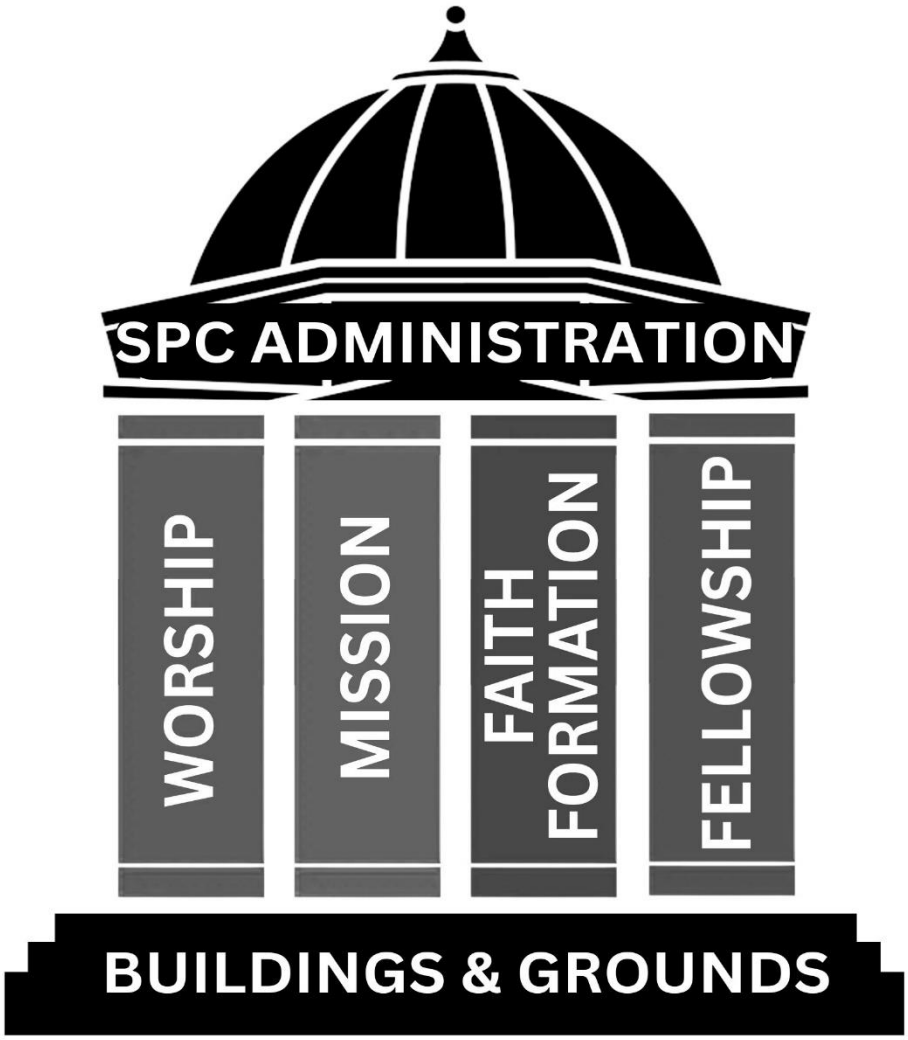
Seneca Presbyterian Church

"Grounded in Faith ~ Growing to Serve"

October 18, 2026



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CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

October 18, 2026 | 11:00 a.m. Worship

GATHERING

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Make a Joyful Noise*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Russ Weekley

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE Worship Brian Ladd

PASSING OF THE PEACE *Awesome God* Hymn 616

Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above,
with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God! (repeat all)
Our God is an awesome God!

PRELUDE *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)* SPC Handbell Choir

GATHERING PRAYER

Come, O Holy Spirit. Come as Holy Fire and burn in us, come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within, come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness, come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance, come as Holy Power and enable our weakness, come as Holy Life and dwell in us. Convict us, convert us, consecrate us, until we are set free from the service of ourselves, to be your servants to the world. 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: O sing to the Lord a new song;
People: sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Leader: Sing, and give praise to God's name;
People: tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Take Time to Be Holy* (not in our hymnal)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

(silent prayers of confession)

CONFESSION RESPONSE *I Love You, Lord* Hymn 627

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

<u>THE WORD</u>

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON	Matthew 4:8-10	page 785
ANTHEM	*Through North and South*	SPC Choir and Kaleen Dixon (flute)
SECOND LESSON	Joshua 24:1-26	page 187

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON	Commit or Quit	Rev. Dr. Russ Weekley

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence 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 life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Special Offering Music *He Hideth My Soul* *(arr. McDonald)*

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

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

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SENDING

*HYMN OF COMMISSIONING *Take My Life* Hymn 697

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Postlude in C-Major* (Troutman)

RETURNING INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

*Those who are able, please stand

Flowers are given today by Rev. Dr. Russ and Carolyn Weekley in honor of Hannah Rose Weekley's 21st birthday

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY
Rev. Dr. Russ Weekley
Susan Richardson, Liturgist
Shawn Thomas, Director of Music, Arts & Communications
Steve Cooper, Organist, and Accompanist

USHERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE
Duane Campbell, John Hostetler, Linda Hostetler

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS
Anne Fuller and Abigail Carlson

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We welcome the return of our guest musician, Kaleen Dixon (flute), who shared her gifts with us in July as part of The Lake Arte Trio. The ensemble is a local group of ladies that enjoy sharing their love of music and have all played professionally. They particularly enjoy playing for non-profit organizations.

CONCERNS

Church Family: Dan Gryder, Brenda DeHay, Maria Leitner, Elaine Williams, Tracy Andrews, Jean Reinking, Michaela McIntosh, Kathy Gerner, Bob Caswell, and Faith Beerman.

Extended Church Family: Kari Gras (Donna and Trey Absher's daughter), the family of Doug Cooper (Steve Cooper's brother), Dwayne Tharpe (relative of Nancy Ramsey), Kristen Baltizar Ford (friend of Bob and Donna Peterman, Cooper Hanna (grandson of MaryJo and Bob McAnally), Bob Malle (Diane DeMont-Malle's husband), Elsa Beerman (Gary Beerman's mother), the Lessman Family (cousins of Pamela Davison-Smith), Judy Bantz (sister of Susan Goebel), and Diane Williams' Grandson (Wyatt).

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Rev. Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado Escobar, missionaries in Agua Prieta, Mexico, who work at "Frontera de Cristo" providing our Just Coffee and supported by SPC.

Guest WIFI for the church: SP GUEST Password: SPC#115p

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE **October 18 – October 25**

Sunday	*9:00 am*	*Adult Bible Study in Pastors Hall / Preschool in Ed Wing*
	9:35 am	*Praise and Worship in Pastors Hall in the Fellowship Bldg*
	9:45 am	*Nursery in the Education bldg.*
	10:00 am	*Worship Service in Sanctuary*
	11:05 am	*Pastor Appreciation Sunday*
	11:15 am	*Faith Formation Potluck*
Tuesday	*11:00 am*	*Staff Meeting*
Wednesday	*10:00 am*	*Navigating Grief*
	4:00 pm	*Finance Committee*
	5:30 pm	*Choir /Band Practice*
Thursday	*9:00 am- Noon*	*Parish Nurse in Office*
	11:30 am	*Brown Bag & Bible Study in Classroom 1*
	1:00 pm-5:00pm	*Parish Nurse (by appointment)*
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	11:05 am	*Youth Faith Formation*

Sunday Morning Access Schedule

8:45 am	*Fellowship Hall Building Doors Open*
9:00 am	*Gathering Place/Knohl Hall Doors Open*
9:40 am	*Handicap and Front Sanctuary Doors Open*
10:00 am	*Fellowship Hall Building Secured*
10:15 am	*Gathering Place/Knohl Hall and Sanctuary Doors Secured*

If you have general information that needs to reach the office or staff, please send it to hello@sprez.org. To contact individual staff members visit our website or our church directory.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For all upcoming events, unless otherwise noted, please sign up in the Gathering Place in Knohl Hall or email hello@sprez.org. Thank you!

For updated information on ministry opportunities, be sure and check out the latest edition of our online newsletter, The Presby Press, at **presby.sprez.org**. Also be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

Pastor Appreciation Sunday - TODAY

Join us for Pastor Appreciation Sunday today. We will have a reception in the Gathering Place in Knohl Hall right after morning worship. You are invited to bring cards of your own, or leave a note from a choice of provided cards as we celebrate and recognize Rev. Dr. Russ Weekley and Rev. Richard Caldwell.

No Coffee with Ernie on October 20

Please be advised that Ernie Lombard will be out of the office on October 20, but will return on October 22.

It's Potluck Time!

Join our Christian Ed. Faith Formation in a time of fellowship, food, and some reflection today right after our time together for Pastor Appreciation Sunday. We'll travel over to Pastors Hall from the Gathering Place in Knohl Hall and continue our time together

Name Submissions for All Saints

In preparation for our All Saints service, November 1st, we are asking you to submit names of friends and family who have passed within the last year. These names need to be submitted to kris@sprez.org by Sunday October 25th for inclusion in the publications.

Discover SPC New Member Class

Our next class will be February 7, 14, and 21, 2027. For those interested in learning more about PCUSA and Seneca Presbyterian in particular, please see Carol Hartman, Donna Absher, or Sandy Bomely if you'd like to participate.

Special Guest - Next SPC Women's Group

You're invited to our next Seneca Presbyterian Women's Group Meeting on Tuesday, November 3rd at 11am at Joe's Pizza with our special guest speaker, Kelly Ross, who is the Chief Executive Officer at Collins Family Ministries. One of their outreach programs is The Collins Children's Home which cares for children from birth to 18 when their families are going through a season of difficulty. Carol Hartman will lead the program that day, and you can learn more by contacting either Carol or Jane Day, or by emailing the church office at hello@sprez.org.

New Fall & Winter SPC Swag!

Check out the new items available in our SPC Swag Shop for Fall and Winter! Long-sleeved shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, and hats - plus all of our T-shirts and polos are still available. https://swag.sprez.org.

Time to Get Rid of Old Glasses?

SPC is a collection point for no-longer-used glasses serving to help our local Lions Club. If you have replaced your glasses because of a new prescription, got a new style, or had recent cataract surgery, bring old glasses that are taking up space in your drawers to the church library. There you will find a box on the far wall for your donation deposit.

SPC Treasurer Search

Members of SPC, after 9 years of service, Barbara Davenport is going to end her term as Treasurer of the Church at the start of 2027. The Congregational Nominating Committee is involved in the search to find a replacement. Church Treasurer is a position that is approved by the Session and should be on a term of 3 years, with a maximum of 1- 3 year extension if the Treasurer agrees to that. We need a person with a bookkeeping/ accounting background to fill this position. We have a financial secretary who does the payroll reporting to our third party service, processes contributions, actual to budget comparisons and processes check requests. The Treasurer is needed to do the monthly reconciliations, prepare the financials, help the financial secretary with their duties and assist the Finance Committee with preparation of the annual budget. If you have history performing these types of duties in the workplace please consider the position with SPC. Your service would be extremely valuable to the work of our Church.

Online Giving Options

For those who would like to share their tithes/offerings through online digital giving, there are two ways to access the online giving portal:

1. Visit give.sprez.org.
2. Scan this QR code.