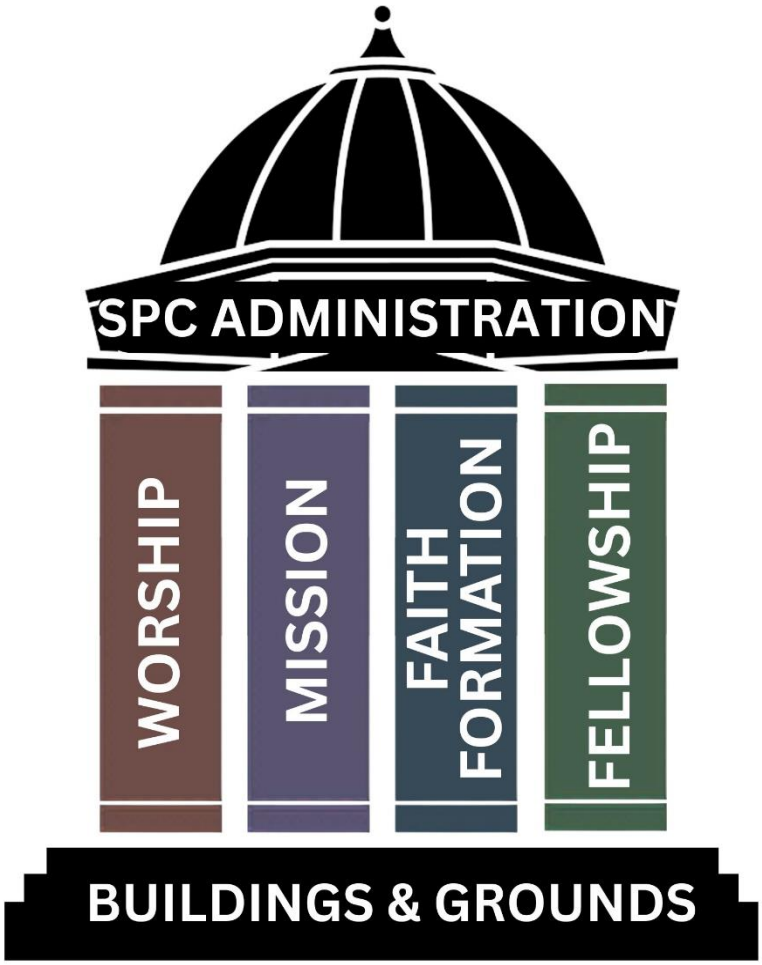
Seneca Presbyterian Church

"Grounded in Faith ~ Growing to Serve"

November 8, 2026

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION FOR 2027



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CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

November 8, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. Worship

GATHERING

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Russ Weekley

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

PASSING OF THE PEACE *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* Hymn 408

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

PRELUDE *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (arr. Cobb)

GATHERING PRAYER

Give me a pure heart—that I may see Thee, A humble heart—that I may hear Thee,
A heart of love—that I may serve Thee, A heart of faith—that I may abide in Thee. Amen.

POURING OF THE WATER

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* Hymn 486

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!
People: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *O Master Let Me Walk with Thee* Hymn 738

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

(silent prayers of confession)

CONFESSION 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

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Glory to God* Hymn 583

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON	Matthew 8:2-3	page 789
ANTHEM	Healing River of the Spirit	SPC Choir
SECOND LESSON	2 Kings 5:1-15	page 293

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON When Powerful People Just Don't Understand Rev. Dr. Russ Weekley

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (The 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.

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OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Special Offering Music *Let there be Peace on Earth* (Miller/Jackson)

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymn 609

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*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** *Trust and Obey* (See insert)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Rondeau in G-Major* (Wetherill)

RETURNING INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

*Those who are able, please stand

Flowers given today by Lou and Ken Schuman for their 72nd Anniversary and Ken's 95th birthday.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Dr. Russ Weekley
Gabby Carlson, Liturgist
Steve Cooper, Conductor, Organist, and Accompanist

USHERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE
Ann Fuller, Everett Fuller, Deborah Belflower

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS
Carolyn Maddox and Abigail Carlson

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CONCERNS

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

Extended Church Family: Kari Gras (Donna and Trey Absher's daughter), Heidi Allen (Lee Oelberg'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), Diane Williams' Grandson (Wyatt), and Cliff Henry (friend of Carol and David Hartman).

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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 **November 8- November 15**

Sunday	*9:00 am*	*Adult Bible Study in Pastors Hall / Preschool in Educ Bldg.*
	9:45 am	*Nursery in the Education bldg.*
	10:00 am	*Worship Service in Sanctuary*
	11:05 am	*Youth Faith Formation*
	11:15 am	*Sanctuary Renovation Update*
Monday	*12:30 pm*	*Staff Meeting*
	3:00 pm	*Worship Committee Meeting*
	5:30 pm	*Handbells Choir rehearsal*
Tuesday	*9:00 am – 12:00 pm*	*Parish Nurse in office*
	1:00 pm	*Ducks in a Row in Classroom 1*
	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	*Parish Nurse (by appointment)*
	5:30 pm	*Christian Education*
Wednesday	*9:30 am*	*Days for Girls*
	10:00 am	*Navigating Grief*
	5:30 pm	*Choir /Band Practice*
Thursday	*9:00 am*	*SPC Men's Group*
	11:30 am	*Brown Bag & Bible Study in Classroom 1*
Saturday	*10:00 am*	*Dementia 201 Lecture in Pastors Hall in Fellowship Hall Bldg*
Sunday	*9:00 am*	*Adult Bible Study in Pastors Hall / Preschool in Educ Bldg.*
	9:35 am	*Praise and Worship in Pastors Hall in Fellowship Hall Bldg.*
	9:45 am	*Nursery in the Education bldg.*
	10:00 am	*Worship Service in Sanctuary*
	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.

Dementia 201 Class

Our Health and Wellness Committee welcomes back Melissa Dalton, CDP with the SC Department on Aging for "Dementia 201: Positive Interactions." Join us in Pastors Hall on Saturday, November 14th at 10am. This is a free class. For more information see Ernie Lombard, Parish Nurse, or email ernie.lombard@sprez.org.

Decorate for Christmas and Potluck

Join us on Sunday, November 22 right after worship to help decorate our sanctuary and the Gathering Place in Knohl Hall for Christmas - AND - then stick around and enjoy an after-decorating Potluck hosted by our Faith Formation Committee. Sign up in the Gathering Place in Knohl Hall.

2027 SPC New Officer Training Sessions

There will be two training sessions held in the next few weeks: new Elders will meet on Tuesday Nov. 17th from 3:30pm – 7:30pm. New Deacons will meet on Thursday Nov. 19th from 3:00pm – 6:00pm. Both classes will be held in the Church Library. Subsequent examinations will be during the Session meeting on November 23rd at 5:00 pm. Ordination/Installation of all new officers will be on Sunday, January 3rd, 2027.

Parish Nurse out Thursday Nov. 12

Our Parish Nurse Ernie Lombard will be out of the office on Thursday November 12, returning on Tuesday November 17.

Two Opportunities to Participate in our Christmas Worship Arts Programs

Share your gifts and talents and use your creativity to help us share the Christmas Story.
1. Visual Artists - All types of visual art are welcome: painting, drawing, photography, needlework & crafts. Your work will be displayed as part of a Christmas Art Gallery in the Gathering Place in Knohl Hall from Dec. 13 - 27.
2. Sign Language - No experience required! Only three rehearsals. Participate in the Christmas Program during morning worship on Sunday, Dec. 13.
For more information see Shawn Thomas or email shawn@sprez.org.

SPC Treasurer Search

Members of SPC, we are still in search of a new Church Treasurer. The Congregational Nominating Committee is involved in this process. Church Treasurer is a position that is approved by the Session and serves a term of 3 years. The Treasurer is needed to do monthly reconciliations, prepare the financials, help the financial secretary with their duties and assist the Finance Committee with preparation of the annual budget. Training on the systems we have at SPC is available. If you have history performing these types of duties in the workplace please pray on and 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.