

Seneca Presbyterian Church

June 27, 2021

THE CALL

"The Church for All People, Serving God through Serving Others"



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WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

5th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship

June 27, 2021

Liturgist: Carol Hartman

Flowers are placed in the sanctuary by Helen Kelly in loving memory of Russ.

GATHERING

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE PEACE

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRELUDE

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord God: speak your word and send your Spirit to help us worship as we ought. Release us from dwelling upon our lack of faith and fill us with your assurance of your grace, peace, and presence. For the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

POURING OF THE WATER

Sung Response:

Morning Has Broken

Hymn # 664 vs.1

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all you lands!

All: Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

All: Be thankful to God and bless God's Holy name.

One: For the Lord is good; God's mercy is everlasting; and God's truth endures to all generations.
Let us worship God!

***GATHERING PRAYER**

***HYMN #462**

I Love to Tell the Story

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, we confess that we have been slow to take notice of the rhythm of your Creation. We see day and night yet are restless if there are still tasks to be done when the evening comes. We resist honoring the Sabbath and keeping it holy because, after all, that is "old school" and antiquated thinking. We proclaim that we are modern people who have outgrown the need for the Sabbath and the need to rest in You.

Lord forgive us for thinking that we have outgrown the need to honor the rhythms of your Created world. Teach us to pay attention to the needed interplay of work and rest; of task driven activity and play. Enable us to live anew full of your grace so that we will know to be your Sabbath people. In Jesus' name we pray, as we continue to offer our prayers in silence . . . *(silent prayers of confession)*

Sung Response:

Lamb of God

Hymn #604

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace; grant us peace.

Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear these words from Lamentations, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

All: We affirm that God loves us, no matter what.

One: I declare to you with confidence, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Live in that forgiveness this day and always. Amen.

*Congregational Response

Glory Be to the Father

Hymn #581

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.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

ANTHEM

Jesus Loves Me

Children and Youth Choir

A TIME FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND LESSON

Mark 2: 23-28 & Mark 6:30-32, 45-46

SERMON

"Rest Stop"

Dr. Hartman

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from a Brief Statement of Faith)

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Musical Offering Hymn #300

We Are One in the Spirit

*Doxology Hymn #5

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

All we have, and all we are, our lives,

Praise Him all creatures here below

Every day we lift Your Holy Name

Praise Him above Ye Heavenly Hosts

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

For your grace, for your mercy,

Praise Him all creatures here below

for your love, we thank You Lord,

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

for your holiness, for your glory,

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

And we sing, Amen, Amen, Amen

Prayer of Dedication

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #377**

I Want To Walk as a Child of the Light

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Let those who are able stand

Prayer Requests

We are saddened to let the congregation and friends know that Joyce Brickett, a member of this congregation, died Tuesday, June 15, 2021. Plans for a memorial service are still being formed. Please keep Charlie and their family in your prayers.

Church Family: Nancy Allgood, *Tracy Andrews, Priscilla Byars, Fynn DeHay, Robert Dendy, Karen Gomez, Kaki Harmon, Larry Josey, Maria Leitner, Pep Seales, Bob Simpson, Knox and Pat Williams and Nancy Wilson.

Extended Church Family: Debbie Brewer (cousin of Charlotte McDonald), Carol Conger (Helen Kelly's sister), Sandy and Bill Cullison (sister-in-law and brother of Sally Fortune), Henry Gambrell (brother of Carla Honea), Scott Gawlik (son of Betty Gawlik), Evans Harris (husband of Pat Harris), Tess Holtzman (niece of Bonnie and Ken Andruszka), Linda Kelly (cousin of Elaine Williams), Jeff Montague (son of Donna and Wayne Montague), Sally Owen (former member), Art Reed (dear friend of Betty and Noel Lehner), Denise Shytle (daughter-in-law of Helen Kelly), Gary Whitehead (husband of Judy Whitehead), Bob Willard (Elaine Williams' nephew).

Note: Please let the church office know of updates to the prayer list.

Dates to Remember!

Don't Miss This Year's Great Decisions 2021

This will be our fifth year to host a Great Decisions discussion group to explore some of the world's big issues. Again, we welcome our own Jay Hetherington as our teacher/facilitator. Jay brings experience and insight from having worked at a high level in the CIA. Group discussion and energetic participation are always lively and interesting. Come to as many as you can if you cannot attend all.

The dates and times are: 6:30-8:00 p.m. **July 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, August 4th and 11th.** Briefing books are helpful but not essential. Available for \$32 each on the Great Decisions web site: https://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/index.cfm?act=show_material&product_id=16868

Topics for 2021 are: Global Supply Chains and National Security, Persian Gulf Security Issues, Brexit and the European Union, Struggles Over the Melting Arctic, China's Role in Africa, The Korean Peninsula, Roles of International Organizations in a Global Pandemic, The End of Globalization? For more information about our group or to sign up, contact the church office (864-882-2505).

YES, we will have a **yard sale on October 16th.** Start cleaning out your closets and storage rooms and collecting donations for the yard sale. We need your treasures.

The **2021 Flower Calendar** notebook is in the library. If you would like to provide flowers for the sanctuary during 2021, please sign on the chosen date. Please remember, instead of fresh flowers you may make a donation to your favorite charity.

SPC Congregation, The **Shared Blessing Pantry** is continuing to be used and successful, thanks to an amazing SPC congregation and other local neighbors who continue to stock its shelves. Just as a reminder to all, if you want to drop off food to the box during the week, which is located in front of the Chapter House, the best days are Tuesday - Thursday. Foods that have a 'pop-top' are easiest. Also fruit cups, spaghetti sauce/noodles, small boxes of cereal, crackers, granola bars, peanut butter and jelly. Thanks to all of you who have embraced this new ministry. SPC Deacons

Please join us for our annual 4th of July Hotdog Picnic following the 10:00 worship service. Hotdogs, cole slaw, baked beans, dessert, lemonade, and iced tea will be provided. Please sign up by Wednesday, June 30th, so we will be sure to have plenty of food! You may call the church office or utilize the church website under "Fellowship Events."

Name _____ #Attending _____



Young People's Choir at the church?



The children will have rehearsal **Sunday's, 11:15 AM** immediately following the worship service and will meet in the Choir Room. All children aged 5 through 12 are invited to come. AND any young person aged 13 and older is also invited to come to talk with our Music Director, Rosalie Hovencamp, about singing with the adult choir.

A young person need not be a member of SPC to come and sing with us. All are welcome.

Choir/Band meets every Tuesday for practice every Tuesday at 6:00 pm.

If you have a young person who you will bring to this meeting / rehearsal OR have additional questions, please contact Rosalie Hovencamp by email at: rosencamp81@hotmail.com

Knohl Hall Lock Changing

The doors at Knohl Hall will be changing very soon to an Access Control System The doors to the main entrances (Oak Street parking lot entrance and West South 1st Street entrance) to Knohl Hall will be changed soon and a new system will be required for entry. If you will need a key, please send an email to Robin Smith, Secretary, or Glenn McCants, Building and Grounds Moderator, and give your name and the reason you need a key. Email rsmithsprez@gmail.com or james_mccants@bellsouth.net or call the church 882-2505.



Our Brother's Keeper is holding the 5th Annual Golf Tournament. We are asking everyone at SPC to think about who they can ask to be a hole sponsor. Examples are your handyman, lawyer, financial advisor, and/or just someone in honor of or memory of a loved one. Below is a list of sponsor amounts. Also, if you are a golfer, we are accepting golfers to play on **Oct 1, 2021**. Applications are available in the church office.

Platinum Sponsor \$1000.00 - Will include complimentary entry for team of four (4)

Please provide names of the 4 golfers.

Gold Sponsor \$750.00 – Will include complimentary entry for team of two (2)

Please provide names of the 2 golfers.

Silver Sponsor \$500.00

Bronze Sponsor \$250.00

Hole Sponsor \$100.00

FORMAT: 18 HOLES, CAPTAIN'S CHOICE

AWARDS: CLOSEST TO THE PIN and CLOSEST TO THE LINE,

SPECIAL \$10,000 HOLE-IN-ONE AWARD

AWARDS FOR 1ST AND 2ND PLACE TEAMS PER FLIGHT

WHO: OPEN TO ALL WOMEN, MEN, COUPLES AND FOURSOMES

WHEN: FRIDAY, October 1, 2021

RAIN DATE-October 8, 2021

WHERE: OCONEE COUNTRY CLUB 781 RICHLAND RD SENECA, SC

REGISTRATION: 8:00 AM

SHOTGUN: 9:00 AM

REGISTRATION FEE OF **\$60.00** PER PERSON OR **\$240.00** PER TEAM

BY September 17, 2021

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT 864-882-2505



**Lords and Ladies of SPC, VBS 2022 is in the making, and we need your help.
Each month we will post items needed for our Knights of North Castle VBS week.
If you would be so kind, and are able to help, please donate the following:**

This month we are collecting

**Swimming pool noodles (the slim kind found at the Dollar Tree) and
Large sheets of fun foam (these can be found at hobby lobby or Michael's)**

These items will be used for crafts and decorating the castle.

Thank you all for your donation.