

Seneca Presbyterian Church

July 4, 2021

THE CALL

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



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WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

6th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship

July 4, 2021

Liturgist: Kelly Holleman

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of all people and nations, on this special day in the life of our country, may this holiday become for us in worship a holy day. As we praise and thank you for the gift of freedom we have inherited, enable us to be faithful to you by extending it to all people and to serving others in your name. By your Holy Spirit speak to us during this time of worship and then send us forth to live faithfully as your lights to this nation. 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

Psalm 67 (Portion)

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Let us worship God!

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN #331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* (See note in announcements)

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Sovereign Lord, You charge us to be good citizens of a nation, yet we sometimes fail to exercise the gift of freedom consistently and responsibly. We are also citizens of your kingdom, and there too we are not always faithful to our calling. At times, we confess to confusion over these loyalties. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to be lights as good citizens. Forgive us, when we turn patriotism into idolatry, failing to grant you and you alone our ultimate loyalty. Free us from false worship that we might be faithful and truly live. Hear us now as we continue to offer you our prayers of confession in silence.

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.

Assurance of Pardon

*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

I Corinthians 8:7-13

ANTHEM

Chain Breaker

A TIME FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND LESSON

Galatians 5:1, 13-15

SERMON

“Intersecting Freedom”

Richard W. Caldwell

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(From "A Declaration of Faith, edited)

We acknowledge one God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient. The One is the Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, whom we worship, serve and love. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God’s reality and rule. Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race or nation. We praise God and enjoy God. To worship God is highest joy. To serve God is perfect freedom.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Musical Offering Hymn

America the Beautiful

Diane Demont-Malle

*Doxology Hymn #606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CELEBRATING THE LORD’S SUPPER

Communion Hymn # 500

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

Breaking of the Bread and Receiving God’s Gifts

Sharing God’s Gifts

Prayer

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN

God Bless Our Native Land

God bless our native land; firm may she ever stand, through storm and night:

When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave, do Thou our country save by Thy great might.

For her our prayer shall rise To God above the skies; on Him we wait:

Thou who are ever nigh, guarding with watchful eye, to Thee aloud we cry, God save the State!

Not for this land alone, but be God’s mercies shown from shore to shore:

And may the nations see that we should brothers be, and form one family the wide world o’er.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* Let those who are able stand

Prayer Requests

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), ***Debbie Adam Floyd**, 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.**

"**God of the Ages**" is a 19th-century American Christian hymn, written in 1876 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence.

It was written by Daniel C. Roberts in 1876 for July 4 centennial celebrations in Brandon, Vermont, where he was rector at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Before becoming a priest, Roberts had served in the Civil War in the 84th Ohio Infantry.

Originally entitled "God of Our Fathers," this text was later chosen as the theme hymn for the centennial celebration of the adoption of the United States Constitution. It was published in the Protestant Episcopal *Hymnal* of 1892.

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.



JOIN US FOR SHAG LESSONS!

Summer is here and what better time to listen to beach music and learn how to Shag?

The Church Growth Task Force invites you to join us from
6:30 – 9:00 P.M., August 13th.



Dede and Jeff Ward will be our instructors for a fun evening of lessons!

The Wards are professional Shaggers from Simpsonville and have been teaching for 16 years. They are members of the Greenville Area Shaggers Hall of Fame as well as the SC Shaggers Hall of Fame!

Dede and Jeff teach group lessons as well as private lessons AND both have full time jobs!

It's a perfect time to bring neighbors and friends and share the welcoming community that is Seneca Presbyterian Church!

Dress is casual, refreshments will be provided and there is no charge. We will be hosting this event in the Chapter House and this space is limited to 60 folks. Sign up below or call the church to make your **reservations by August 6th.**

Dancing is optional but can you imagine NOT having happy feet!!

Name: _____ How Many _____



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 October 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



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.