

Seneca Presbyterian Church

September 12, 2021

THE CALL

“Grounded in Faith ~ Growing to Serve”



WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

16th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship

September 12, 2021

Liturgist: Becky Hetherington

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear God, silence all voices within our minds but your own. Help us to seek and be able to follow your will.
May our prayers be joined with those of our sisters and brothers in the faith,
that together we may glorify your name and enjoy your fellowship forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.

POURING OF THE WATER

Sung Response:

You Belong to Christ

Hymn # 492

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 116)

One: I love the Lord, because God has heard my voice and my supplications.

All: Because God heard me, I will call on God as long as I live.

One: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

All: Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"

One: Let us worship God!

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN #1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

O Lord, great God, all holy, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways. We have rebelled against your wisdom and have gotten into trouble. We have become confused and forget that all righteousness belongs to you.

Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Incline your ear to our troubles. Then forgive us, we pray. Not on account of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Hear us now 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

***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

Psalm 66:8-20

ANTHEM

Just As You Said

A TIME FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND LESSON

Mark 4:21-25

SERMON

“Got your Ears On?”

Dr. Hartman

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by 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 rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Musical Offering Hymn

Cornerstone

*Doxology Hymn #5

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

(vs. 1 and 4)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above Ye Heavenly Hosts

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

And we sing, Amen, Amen, Amen

Prayer of Dedication

LITANY FOR THE BEGINNING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR A NEW YEAR

One: God in all wisdom, gave each one of us gifts to carry out with regards to Christian Education. Some teach preschoolers, other children, and yet others youth or adults.

All: We thank God for the gifts God has given us.

One: Our church shares the Gospel of Christ with others in many ways. Sunday School is a particularly sacred space wherein through the study of the Bible, teachers reach out to others with the love of Christ.

All: We thank God for the gifts God has given us.

One: Jesus reminds us that teachers carry a sacred responsibility to faithfully guide the students assigned to them in the study of God's Word and ways to apply the Word to our daily lives. In agreeing to teach us they commit themselves to be faithful to this task.

All: We thank God for the gifts God has given us.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN

Raise a Hallelujah

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* Let those who are able stand

We'd Love to Have You Join Us . . .

To those newly worshipping with us we warmly welcome you to our congregation. You are invited to join us for any and all of the activities and opportunities we provide. Please let us know if we can serve you in any way. We also extend an invitation to unite with this church. Periodically we offer a series of Inquirer's Classes that explore the meaning of church membership in our Presbyterian tradition. Those interested in membership are encouraged to participate in these classes. If you are interested in conversation about membership, do not hesitate to call the church office at 882-2505 at any time.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE 9/12/21-9/18/21)

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Church School
	10:00 a.m.	Combined Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Discover SPC
	11:15 a.m.	Children's Choir
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Mission Committee
	5:30 p.m.	Diaconate
	5:30 p.m.	Handbells
	6:30 p.m.	Choir/Band
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Parish Nurse
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Committee
Thursday	12:00 noon	BB&B

Liturgist: Becky Hetherington

Worship Attendance 9/5/2021 Total: 76 people

September 12 — Flowers are placed in the sanctuary by **Carol and David Hartman** in loving memory of their parents.

A donation was made to the Boys Wilderness Camp from **Judy and George Todd** in honor of their 52nd wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary!

Prayer Requests

We extend our sympathy and love to Helen Kelly, in the death of her daughter-in-law, Denise Shytle. Please keep Helen and her whole family in your prayers.

We extend our sympathy and love to Buddy Letson, in the death of his mother. Please keep Buddy and his family in your prayers

Church Family: Nancy Allgood, Priscilla Byars, Danny Day, Fynn DeHay, Sally Fortune, Karen Gomez, Kaki Harmon, Larry Josey, Judy Kellner, Maria Leitner, Pep Seales, Bob Simpson, Knox and Pat Williams and Nancy Wilson.

Extended Church Family: Eileen Andruszka (sister of Ken Andruszka,) Debbie Brewer (cousin of Charlotte McDonald), Keaton Cleary (brother-in-law of Janey Turner), Carol Conger (Helen Kelly's sister), Bill Cullison (brother of Sally Fortune), Pat Durben (friend of Betty Lehner), 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), Gary Whitehead (husband of Judy Whitehead), Bob Willard (Elaine Williams' nephew).

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

The 2021 **Flower Calendar** notebook is in the Knohl Hall Gathering Room. 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.

We have one **Adult Class** that meets in the classroom #3 (Koinonia Classroom). The leaders, Dan Toole, and Betty Lehner, discuss various chapters of the Bible with good discussion from the attendees.

We have **Children's Sunday School** downstairs in the Education Building. The children are divided into 2 or 3 groups, depending on the ages and how many children there are for each group. The Sunday School Curriculum they will be using this year is SPARKHOUSE, which both teachers and children enjoy. The children learn Bible stories, do arts and crafts, and enjoy their time together with their teachers. We will also have a **Jr/Sr High Class**.

JOIN US FOR BROWN BAG AND BIBLE STUDY (BB&B)

Everyone is welcome to attend! Date: Thursday, Time: 12:00 - 1:15

Study: *"The Applause of Heaven"* by Max Lucado (a study of the Beatitudes) We be meeting at noon each Thursday in the Sara Davis Stribling Classroom. \$13.79 Amazon or \$11.99 Christianbook.com If you have any questions, you can contact Dian Yanessa (864-882-0282) or John ((864-280-1888).

The next **Men's Group will be September 23rd**. Look for more details later. Hope to see all you men then. September 23rd at 9:00 a.m. in Pastors Hall for breakfast.

Fall Festival on September 26th, from 4-7 pm, all SPC members, neighbors and friends are invited to celebrate the reopening of the church. This will be a great time to socialize with everyone. Enjoy line dancing, children's activities, live music by Jeremy, food tent, food truck and free hot dogs for children. **Please come and invite a friend!!**

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.

Lords and Ladies of SPC, VBS 2022 is in the making, and we need your help. If you would be so kind, and are able to help, please donate the following: Black Poster Board and Red, Yellow and Orange Tissue Paper These items will be used for crafts and decorating the castle. Thank you all for your donations.

SPC Shared Blessings Pantry

The title says it all...the congregation of SPC is sharing their food with our neighbors who need our help. But as you can see from the photo below, sometimes the pantry is not as full as it could be. The church fills the box on Mondays and Fridays, but in between those days, if you happen to go shopping and pick up a few extra items, please drive by the box and put them inside. Our neighbors in need love peanut butter crackers, canned fruit, granola bars, bottled water, easy-to-open containers of any type of food you think might be nutritional. We are all blessed when we help others. Thank you!

Music for 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 **Monday for practice at 6:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.**

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

Our **handbell choir** welcomes new ringers. If you would like to know more about ringing bells, join them on **Mondays at 5:30 p.m.** Come explore the challenge and joy of hand bells! We welcome anyone who is interested in learning to play and joining the fun they have ringing the bells. Don't be shy, come and try!



On **Saturday, October 23rd**, donated plants and rooted cuttings will be offered to our church family free of charge.... Just for the joy of sharing plants we love and to minimize our “inventory” at home. We encourage you to participate both in donating some wonderful plant varieties but also in “shopping” for a plant to take home! There is no charge for plants but we will all have an opportunity to make a **VOLUNTARY DONATION** to be shared equally among three of our own active and commendable SPC organizations: Days for Girls, Oconee United Ministries and Ripple of One. Please let Beverly Crabtree know if you have any questions and please let her know if you will be contributing plants so we can plan for sufficient area to properly display each variety. More details later.



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.

BENEFIT FOR THE OCONEE UNITED MINISTRIES

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT 864-882-2505

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 15, 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

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