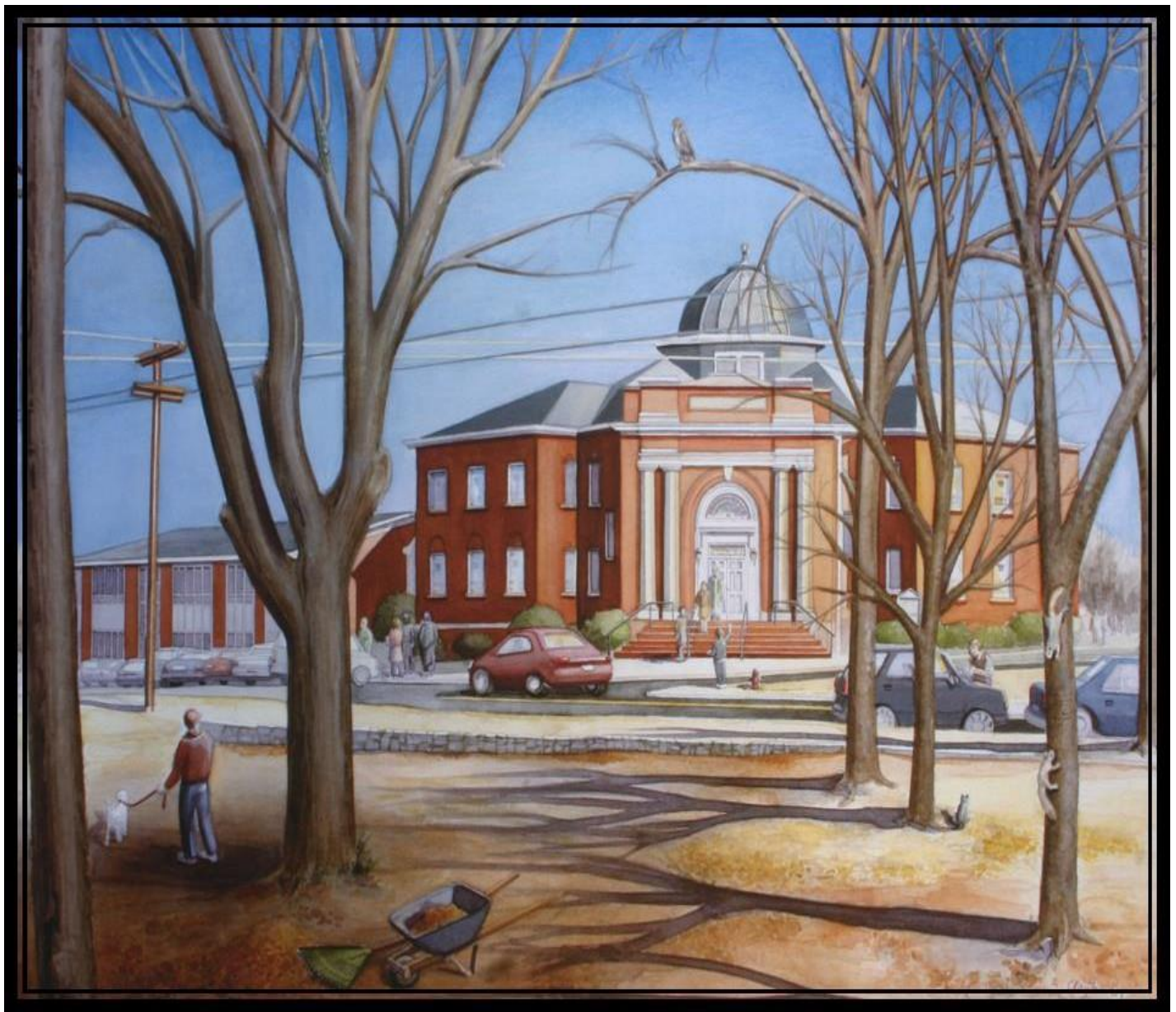


# Seneca Presbyterian Church

September 26, 2021

## THE CALL

*“Grounded in Faith ~ Growing to Serve”*



# WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

18th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship

September 26, 2021

**Liturgist: Louis Holleman**

## GATHERING

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Ever living God, as we gather to worship you, we pray that you would awaken us to the movement of your Holy Spirit among us. Help us to approach you with open eyes, ears, hearts, minds and spirits. Remove any obstacles that would get in the way of our hearing your Word afresh and experiencing your presence among us anew. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. 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 19:1)

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God;

**All: And the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**

One: We turn to our Creator in praise and thanksgiving.

**All: We gather for Word and worship.**

One: *Let us worship God!*

### \*GATHERING PRAYER

### \*HYMN #35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

### PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Your goodness goes before us, O Holy Redeemer, and your grace fills our lives. Your touch turns deserts into pools of living water. Your embrace warms even the coldest of hearts. We praise your name.**

**We confess, O Lord, that our trust in your goodness and grace is incomplete. Amidst the monotony of our lives, we miss the fresh breeze of your Spirit working in us anew. We ignore the possibilities for change and new life. Swallowed up by our preoccupation with everything that is bright, shiny and new, we miss the constancy of your love and Spirit moving among us. Lord, forgive us. Restore us to new optimism and faith. Hear us as we continue to offer our prayers to you 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

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11 and Psalm 16: 5-11

### ANTHEM

*Battle Belongs*

### A TIME FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 17: 11-21

### SERMON

“Listening for the Rhythms of God”

Dr. Hartman

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*From a Brief Statement of Faith*

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

### OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

#### **Musical Offering Hymn**

*Good, Good Father*

#### **\*Doxology Hymn #606**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

(vs. 1 and 4)

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

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

## SENDING

### \*CLOSING HYMN #700

*I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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\* 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 9/26/21-10/02/21)

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Church School
	10:00 a.m.	Combined Worship
	11:15 a.m.	Children's Choir
Monday	5:30 p.m.	Session
	5:30 p.m.	Handbells
	6:30 p.m.	Choir/Band
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Parish Nurse
	9:30 a.m.	Pastoral Care Team Meeting
Thursday	12:00 noon	BB&B

**Liturgist:** Louis Holleman

**Worship Attendance 9/19/2021** Total: 92 people

**Flowers** are placed in the sanctuary by **Pamela Davison-Smith** in loving memory of Dr. Bill R. Smith

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### Prayer Requests

*We extend our sympathy and love to Karen Gomez, in the death of her sister. Please keep Karen and her 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, Janet May, Pep Seales, Bob Simpson, Knox and Pat Williams and Nancy Wilson.

**Extended Church Family:** Eileen Andruszka (sister of Ken Andruszka,) Carlos Barbosa (Rosalie Hovencamp's uncle), 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), McClure Family (friends Alicia Rannou), 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.

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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.

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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**.

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### 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).

**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.**

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### **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!

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### **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](mailto: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!

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### **Plant Swap**



Join our church family in a "plant swap" on Saturday, October 23rd at the gazebo! Already have offers of Lenten Rose, Hydrangea, Variegated Liriope, Angel Wing Begonia, Creeping Jenny.....to mention only a few!

The swap will be from 10:00 am-2:00 pm at the gazebo. Donated plants should be brought to the gazebo Friday from 10:00 am—12:00 noon in containers or Styrofoam cups you don't want returned. A small label naming the plant will be appreciated.

A VOLUNTARY DONATION box will be provided on Saturday with all proceeds shared equally among Days for Girls, Oconee United Ministries and Ripple of One...all of which Seneca Presbyterian Church supports!

Come.... Shop.... Talk plants....share ideas.... Have fun!!!

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### **Would you like to bring a smile to our Sunday School children?**

Our plan is to greet the children each Sunday as they come to class with a simple snack before they head to their classrooms at 9:00 a.m. You may bring pre-packaged cereal bars, protein bars, or crackers along with individual juice boxes for about 12—15 children (attendance varies each week). If you wish to bring the snacks on Sunday morning and be there at 8:45 a.m. in the downstairs hallway to greet the children, that would be very special to them! Or you may drop off the snacks during the week at the office and we will be sure to use them. Contact Susan Caldwell 882-7916 if you have questions!



We need to schedule **ushers** for the next several months and we could use more volunteers to join us. This is a great way to meet the congregation and become more acquainted with your church family. Please look at your calendars and see what Sundays you would be available to assist us and then please call me call or send an email. Thank you for all your support. Blessings, Peggy Fouts

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The **yard sale** that was scheduled for **October 16th has been postponed till the spring**. We are still collecting your treasures. Hoping to have the yard sale this spring. Start cleaning out your closets and storage rooms and collecting donations for the yard sale. We need your treasures.

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Please plan to join us on **Sunday October 3rd as we observe World Communion Sunday** and share this celebration with our Christian brothers and sisters around the world.

The first Sunday of October is designated as World Communion Sunday. World Communion Sunday is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical Church. The first celebration occurred in 1933, when the Reverend Dr. Hugh Thomson Kerr served as pastor at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg, PA. He wanted to bring churches together to show we are one in Christ and, regardless of denomination or country, we are connected to one another through Jesus Christ.

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The **Annual Seneca Presbyterian Church outdoor service will be held on Sunday, October 10th**, at the Biggerstaff Retreat Center, located at 398 Biggerstaff Road, Seneca, SC 29672. We will hold one service at **11:00 am**, rain or shine. The retreat has wooden bench seating in an outdoor amphitheater overlooking the lake, but you may wish to bring a lawn chair for greater comfort. Please bring YOUR LUNCH to enjoy fellowship following the service. The Fellowship Committee will provide water and iced tea.

Directions: From church, turn left onto North 1st Street. Continue straight through "Miracle Circle" onto highway 28 towards Walhalla. At the Bountyland intersection, turn right onto Highway 188. Once across the lake, the next four-way-stop intersection is Ebenezer Road/ Biggerstaff Road. Turn right and drive to the end of the road, where **you can park on either side of the roadway**.