

Seneca Presbyterian Church

October 3, 2021

THE CALL

“Grounded in Faith ~ Growing to Serve”



WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

19th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship

October 3, 2021

Liturgist: Carol Hartman

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRELUDE

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God: you have disclosed your purpose to us in Jesus of Nazareth. May we never reject him, but, hearing his message with childlike faith, praise him, our Lord and our Savior. Amen.

POURING OF THE WATER

Sung 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

One: Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;

All: God's steadfast love is before our eyes, and we draw near in faithfulness.

One: Come all you people, come and praise your Maker.

All: We gather around the table of our Lord, singing songs of thanksgiving, proclaiming God's wondrous deeds.

One: Come all you people, come and praise your Maker.

All: We will bless the Lord in the great congregation.

One: Come now and worship the Lord!

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN #41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

(vs. 1,2,5)

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

God of mercy, in Jesus you modeled power through vulnerability, and victory through sacrifice. But we live in a world that celebrates concealment and the use of force. God of grace, in Christ we find unhesitating welcome as siblings — all children of One loving parent. But, if we're honest with ourselves, there are members of our human family we would rather avoid. God of love, reshape us that we might be brave enough to show strength by sharing power. Encourage us that we might admit to ourselves our reluctance to acknowledge those across the ocean, over the border, or just around the corner as our family. And reorient us to the trailblazing example of Jesus, whose superpower was sacrifice and whose gracious embrace knows no bounds. 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 6: 25-34

ANTHEM

Whom Shall I Fear

A TIME FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 6:35-40

SERMON

“A Place at the Table”

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

Child of Love

***Doxology Hymn #607**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn # 530

One Bread, One Body

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Invitation to the Lord's Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread and Receiving God's Gifts

Prayer

INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #469**

Lord Listen to Your Children Praying

***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 10/3/21-10/9/21)

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Church School
	10:00 a.m.	Combined Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Called Congregational Meeting
	11:15 a.m.	Children's Choir
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Mission CC
	5:30 p.m.	Diaconate
	5:30 p.m.	Handbells
	6:30 p.m.	Choir/Band
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Parish Nurse
	10:15 a.m.	Circle 2
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Circle 6
Thursday	12:00 noon	BB&B
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Knitters

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Worship Attendance 9/26/2021 Total: 98 people

Prayer Requests

We extend our sympathy and love to Janey Turner, in the death of her husband Chris. Please keep Janey 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.

The 2021 **Flower Calendar** notebook is in the Knoch 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).

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 Tissue Paper Red, Yellow and Orange. These items will be used for crafts and decorating the castle. Thank you all for your donations.

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**.

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

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

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.

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!!!

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!