

Seneca Presbyterian Church

October 31, 2021

THE CALL

“Grounded in Faith ~ Growing to Serve”



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WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship

October 31, 2021

Liturgist: Helen Kelly

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION “Why I go to Seneca Presbyterian Church” Louis Holleman

PRELUDE *Highland Cathedral* Art Davis, Piper

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God: in your kingdom the last shall be first, and the least shall be honored. Help us to live with respect and love, trusting the wisdom of your rewards, made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 67:4-6

One: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

All: Therefore, we will love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul and with all our might.

One: Let us worship the God who renews us and reforms us.

*GATHERING PRAYER

***HYMN #275** *A Mighty Fortress (vs. 1&2)*

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

God of grace and mercy, we seek to love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, but confess that we fall short. We get caught up in worldly concerns and relegate our soul to the basement of our lives. Our mind distracts us from focusing on your love and will for our daily lives. Our strength is depleted by things that often have little to do with building your Kingdom in this world. Please forgive us our sin. Cleanse us. Renew us. Reform us. Make us ever new. We ask this in the name of the One who died to set us free, Jesus the Christ. Hear us, O God, as we continue to offer our prayers of confession 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

Leviticus 19:33-34; Psalm 39: 12-13

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone

Diane DeMont-Malle

A TIME FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 2: 17-22

SERMON

“The Parable of Leviticus”

Dr. Hartman

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from “A Brief Statement of Faith”

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
The Lord and giver of life**

Who sets us free

**and binds us together as one body of Christ,
one church, the communion of saints.**

The same spirit

**who inspired prophets and apostles
still speaks through Scripture read and proclaimed,
washes us in living water,**

Feeds us with the bread of life,

And calls both women and men to all the ministries of the church. AMEN.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Musical Offering *High Road to Gairloch", The Brown-Haired Maiden, Green Hills of Tyrol,
When the Battle's O'er*

Art Davis, Piper

***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

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN**

Scotland the Brave, The Rowan Tree, Murdo's Wedding, Minstrel Boy

***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 (10/31/21-11/6/21)

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Church School
	10:00 a.m.	Combined Worship
	11:15 a.m.	Children's Choir
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Mission Community Care
	5:30 p.m.	Deacons
	5:30 p.m.	Handbell Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Band/Choir
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Parish Nurse in the Office
	10:15 a.m.	Circle 2
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Circle 6
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Parish Nurse in the Office
	12:00 Noon	BB&B

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In lieu of flowers a donation is being made to Oconee United Ministries by **Joan Krech** in memory of Ed Krech on their 69th Anniversary.

Worship Attendance 10/24/2021 10:00 a.m. 90 people

Prayer Requests

We extend our sympathy and love to Debbie Simpson, in the death of her husband Bob. Bob passed away Saturday, October 23, 2021. Memorial Service will be on a later date. Keep Debbie and her family in your prayers.

Church Family: Nancy Allgood, Priscilla Byars, Fynn DeHay, ***Sally Fortune**, Karen Gomez, Kaki Harmon, Larry Josey, Judy Kellner, ***Maria Leitner**, Janet May, Pep Seales, Pat Williams and Nancy Wilson.

Extended Church Family: Eileen Andruszka (sister of Ken Andruszka,) Debbie Brewer (cousin of Charlotte McDonald), 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), Jonathan Hoover (SPC Custodian), 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 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.

Christian Education Study Opportunities

We have one **Adult Class** that meets in the classroom #1 (Sara Davis Stribling's 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).

Announcements

FIFTH SUNDAY PEANUT BUTTER – Every fifth Sunday this congregation presents an offering of peanut butter that will be given to the Golden Corner Food Pantry. Peanut butter is wonderfully nutritious but also too expensive to purchase in bulk, so your contributions are greatly appreciated. Don't forget your peanut butter on Sunday, October 31st.

Dates for Sabbath Lunches at **Our Daily Kitchen** are for **November 7th, 14th, and the 28th**. We need your help with **baked goods** or would appreciate help preparing and/or serving those Sundays.

SPC will be collecting new and clean, gently used winter coats for girls and boys, women, and men. We will continue the collection through the month of November. Thank you, Mission Community Care.

2021 DSS Christmas Program

Everyone, this is our thirty—first (31st) year participating in the Oconee DSS (Dept. of Social Services) Christmas Program. 2020 was a very different year because of COVID and this one seems to be headed in a direction that may also be very strange. Many families may still be in an uncomfortable financial situation. Because our church family has been blessed in so many ways and have supported this program so faithfully for a long time, I am sure that we will be able to make 2021 Christmas special even though it may be different. Last year we sponsored 41 children plus there was an additional \$1705.00 donated by members to assist DSS to fill in as needed. Plus, one of our church elves donated 5 bicycles to sweeten the pot. We will provide a PROFILE of a youngster which gives information about their needs and wants. Sizes for clothing will also be provided. A cover letter will be attached with further details. These profiles will be available the third week of October. All you need to do is to call me at 864-247-0381 or email me at jerryecrabtree@bellsouth.net and you will be provided with information you need to give your Christmas a wonderful jump start. If you are a new member, give me a call and let me explain how this very worthwhile program really works.