

Seneca Presbyterian Church

October 17, 2021

THE CALL

“Grounded in Faith ~ Growing to Serve”



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WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

21st Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship

October 17, 2021

**We request that the congregation in the sanctuary not sing because of virus precautions.
However, please pay attention to the words and you may certainly hum along.**

GATHERING

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE PEACE

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRELUDE *Make Me A Channel of Your Peace/Let There Be Peace on Earth* Diane DeMont-Malle

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, you alone are worthy of our praise and our worship. You created the vast universe and this beautiful earth. You created us in your image and have given yourself to us in sacrificing love. In awe and humility, we come, offering our thanksgiving, love, and lives. Renew us through this worship that we might reflect your image in the world. 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 (Congregation reads bold print)

Come and worship God, who is sovereign over all nations and who loves the whole world.

Let every knee bow and every tongue give praise to God!

Let all come, knowing we are God's children, created in God's image.

Come, let us be nourished by God's Spirit in this place that we may be renewed for service and witness in our daily lives, for the sake of the world God loves and to God's honor and glory.

Let us worship God!

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN # 25 *O Lord, Our God, How Excellent*

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

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Holy God, we live in the wonder and knowledge that you created us in your image. Yet, we confess that too often we reflect the brokenness and values of the world more than your image. Our lives revolve around what benefits us rather than what is good for all people. We pollute and destroy rather than create. We consume and spend beyond our needs while others die for want of basic necessities. We draw boundaries that exclude people rather than loving as you love. Lord, forgive us. Recreate us in your image this day and each day, that we might bring glory to your name and healing to the world. 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

Genesis 1:26-27

ANTHEM

Foundations

A TIME FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND LESSON

Psalms 8:3-9

SERMON

Living Reflections

Richard W. Caldwell

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in one true and living God. That one is the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, whom we worship, serve and love. By God's Spirit we are guided and empowered to live as God's people. In Jesus Christ God became flesh and lived among us. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord! Amen!**

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Musical Offering

Spirit of Gentleness

*Doxology

Praise God, From 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 LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN # 23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

RETURNING INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

POSTLUDE

*Let those who are able stand

** Adapted from *A Declaration of Faith*, (PCUSA)

Prayer Requests

Pat Williams and Family invite you to attend a brief memorial service for Knox Williams and burying of the ashes in our church's Memorial Garden tomorrow, Monday, October 18th at 2:00 p.m. Knox and Pat are members of this congregation. Knox died on October 3rd in Greenville.

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, 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), 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), McClure Family (friends Alicia Rannou), Jeff Montague (son of Donna and Wayne Montague), Ron Bannister (Ellen Hotz's heart mate), Svyet (Ellen Hotz's friend), ***Sally Owen (former member)**, Donald Smathers (Donna Beebe's dad), 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.



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 (10/17/21-10/23/21)

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Church School
	10:00 a.m.	Combined Worship
Monday	4:30 p.m.	Finance Committee
	5:30 p.m.	Handbell Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Band/Choir
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Coffee with Ernie
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship
Thursday	12:00 Noon	BB&B
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Plant Swap

Liturgist: Steve Gibson

In lieu of flowers a donation is being made by Elaine Williams in loving memory of her mother Hazel Rochester.

Worship Attendance 10/10/2021 11:00 a.m. Outdoor Service

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.

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.

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.

The next **Men's Group** will be **October 28th**. The topic of discussion will be projects to consider. Hope to see all of you men there, October 28th at 9:00 a.m. in Pastors Hall for breakfast.

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 jerrycrabtree@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.

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

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**.

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!!!

5th ANNUAL OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 5th annual Our Brother's Keeper golf tournament was a HUGE success! Thank you to everyone who played, donated financially, and donated time for this event. All the expenses have not been paid, but estimating those, the tournament will net nearly \$15,314.36! But that does not include the benefits received from all that laughter and great fellowship we are building on year after year! Thank you to all!

Coffee with Ernie Tuesday, October 19th, at 9:30 a.m. Health and Wellness invites you to join us for a cup of coffee and an opportunity to meet and chat with our wonderful Parish Nurse, Ernie Lombard. Open topics will be on public and current health and wellness issues. This is a perfect time to ask Ernie's advice. Come and enjoy this wonderful SPC program! All are welcome!

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.