

Seneca Presbyterian Church

October 24, 2021

THE CALL

“Grounded in Faith ~ Growing to Serve”



WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship

October 24, 2021

Liturgist: Alicia Rannou

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

Peanut Butter
“Why I go to church at SPC.”

Ann Smith
Dian Yanessa
Louis Holleman

PRELUDE

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: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

One: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

One: Come now and let us worship God!

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN #260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

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Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength. 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

Isaiah 61:8-11

ANTHEM

Famous For

A TIME FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 1:1-8

SERMON

“Windows”

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 #187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

***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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #238

Thine Is the Glory

*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 (10/24/21-10/30/21)

Sunday	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Church School Combined Worship Children's Choir
Monday	5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Session Handbell Practice Band/Choir
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Parish Nurse in the Office Pastoral Care Meeting
Wednesday	2:00 p.m.	Danny Day's Celebration of Life
Thursday	9:00 a.m. 12:00 Noon	Men's Group BB&B

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In lieu of flowers a donation is being made to the Alzheimer's Association in memory of loved ones.

Worship Attendance 10/17/2021 10:00 a.m. 92 people

Prayer Requests

We extend our sympathy and love to Jane Day, in the death of her husband Danny. Danny passed away Sunday night, October 17, 2021. Memorial Service will be on Wednesday, October 27th at 2:00 p.m. with a reception to follow. Keep Jane and her family in your prayers.

We extend our sympathy and love to Rosalie Hovencamp, in the death of her Uncle Carlos Barbosa who passed away Sunday, October 17, 2021. Keep Rosalie 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, Bob Simpson, 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), 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.

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.

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.

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 jerryecrabortree@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.