

Seneca Presbyterian Church

November 21, 2021

THE CALL

“Grounded in Faith ~ Growing to Serve”



WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

Christ the King

10:00 a.m. Worship

November 21, 2021

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Thornwell

PRELUDE

Bless this House

Diane DeMont-Malle

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer: you are the source of all true power and the giver of all that is truly good. We pray that our faith may be authentic and our confessions genuine. Through you Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. 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

One: God be merciful to us and bless us,

All: And cause his face to shine upon us.

One: Let us Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

All: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN #634

To God Be the Glory

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

O God, we come to you with our prayers of confession today not because there is no good in us, but because we run from the good You who created in us. Like Adam and Eve, David, and Peter, and so many others in the Bible, we find it a struggle to walk by faith and not by sight. We have difficulty taking responsibility without turning it into a quest for power over others. Then when we sin, we conclude that you never created us good in the first place.

Lord, forgive us. When we get caught up in our own little world of chaos and confusion, help us to turn to You for solace, direction, and peace. When the only lens we use to look at ourselves is worldliness, help us put on the eyeglasses of faith, hope, righteousness, and goodness. Hear us as we continue to offer our silent prayers of confession to you, O God . . .

(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

Psalms 147: 1-7

ANTHEM

Holy, Holy

A TIME FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

II Corinthians 9:10-15

SERMON

“Holding Your Mouth Right”

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

King of My Heart

*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 AND LORD'S PRAYER (Page 35, front of Hymnal)

(...forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.)

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN

10,000 Reasons

*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.

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

Prayer Requests

Church Family: Nancy Allgood, Tracy Andrews, Priscilla Byars, Fynn DeHay, Sally Fortune, Karen Gomez, Kaki Harmon, Larry Josey, Judy Kellner, Maria Leitner, Janet May, Chet Palmer, Pep Seales, Beti Strobeck, 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), Robert Doucet (brother-in-law of Paul LaRoche), Henry Gambrell (brother of Carla Honea), Scott Gawlik (son of Betty Gawlik), Evans Harris (husband of Pat Harris), Jonathan Hoover (SPC Custodian), Linda Kelly (cousin of Elaine Williams), Sally Owen (former member), Adam Thomas (great nephew 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.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (11/21/21-11/27/21)

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Church School
	10:00 a.m.	Soup Kitchen
	10:00 a.m.	Combined Worship
	11:15 a.m.	Children's Choir
Monday	5:30 p.m.	Handbell Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Band/Choir
Tuesday	Out of the Office	Parish Nurse
Thursday	Church Office is Closed	Thanksgiving Holiday
Friday	Church Office is Closed	Thanksgiving Holiday

Liturgist: Diana Owens

In Flowers are placed in the sanctuary by **Donna and Trey Absher** in honor of their 51st wedding Anniversary.

Worship Attendance 10/12/2021 10:00 a.m. 120 people

2022 Flower book is ready for everyone to sign – up for your special date. The book is in Knohl Hall/Gathering Room between the two chairs.

Christian Education Study Opportunities

We have one **Adult Class** that meets in the classroom #1 (Sara Davis' 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. We welcome the children to gather together each Sunday morning before worship for Sunday School lessons, stories, videos, music and time together exploring God's word for us! The three classes, Grade K-3, Grade 4-5, and Middle School meet in the downstairs classrooms. Come at 8:50 for a snack and enjoy time with your friends and teachers from 9:00 to 9:45.

Advent Study:

We will again have an Advent study this year. The study is open to anyone in the congregation and will be offered at two different times during the week:

- During BB&B, Thursday's at noon, beginning December 2nd.
- During Sunday School, beginning Sunday, November 28th, at 9:00am.

Both sessions will be led by Brenda Thomson.

We will be using a book entitled *Awaiting the Already* by Magrey deVaga, which looks at the Christmas story from each of the gospels. The book can be purchased from Cokesbury or from Amazon in paperback or e-book forms.

Here is the Link to purchase the book. <https://www.cokesbury.com/Awaiting-the-Already-2> If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call Brenda Thomson at 864-723-9031

Announcements:

Sabbath Lunches at **Our Daily Kitchen** are for November. We need your help with baked goods or would appreciate help preparing and/or serving those Sundays.

Mission and Community Care are **needing cookies** for the Annual Seneca Christmas Parade. Please bring the cookies to the church on Sunday, November 28th. Thank you!

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.

'Tis the Season to Show our Appreciation for our Church Staff! A reminder that Christmas is just around the corner. Anyone who would like to make a donation to the staff Christmas gift fund, is free to do so by **Sunday, December 12th (absolute deadline)**. Please include "Staff Christmas Gift" on your check. It is a wonderful time to remember our office secretary, financial secretary, parish associate, music and custodial staff members.

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

Our **Tiny Library** got a beautiful "face-lift" this past week thanks to Glenn McPheeters. It has been a wonderful resource for the parents/children in our community and the Deacons are asking if you have extra children's books you aren't still using, please consider donating them. You can deliver them to the church office any time. We greatly appreciate your help and thoughtfulness.

MISSION TRIP POSSIBILITY

Join us for a special meeting on Wednesday, December 1st at 12 noon, at the church, to explore the possibility of an SPC Mission Trip the first full week in March. The trip would be to Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center in Arkansas. Among other work possibilities, the group would help assemble Flood Buckets and Hygiene Kits for disaster response. Seneca itself was a recipient of these helpful items following the 2020 tornado. This is a chance for us to "pay it forward." Feel free to bring your own brown bag lunch. This is open to anyone who might be interested in participating. Any questions now? Contact Richard or Susan Caldwell. Phone: 882-7916 E-mail: rwcfrog@bellsouth.net

Giving Seminar....Please Come!

Recent changes in IRA required minimum distribution (RMD) rules have made contributing to the Church as well as other charitable associations more simple. Mr. Ed Blackburn, with FINTRUST Capital Advisors, has offered to put on an educational seminar on this topic for our members on Sunday, December 5th in classroom number immediately following our **December 5th** worship service. Ed is our contact for the church's investment accounts. Ed will address how to give from your RMD tax free to the church rather than giving a portion to Uncle Sam. Additionally he will discuss changes in IRA withdrawal programs and the new "72" withdrawal options.

Please plan to come if you qualify under this program or just want to learn more!

YES, WE ARE STILL....

We have already received over 70 pledges in our 2022 Stewardship Campaign. **THANK YOU!**

Yes, we are still accepting your pledges for our church budget! We are looking forward to your participation in helping to secure our financial plans for 2022. Please drop off or mail your pledge to the church office. No pledge amount is too small, and we need YOU to be part of this process.

A catered Christmas Brunch will be held on **Sunday, December 12th**, following the 10:00 am church service featuring special Christmas Cantata. We hope you will join us for some long-overdue fellowship!

The menu will include:

- Maple Pecan French Toast
- Scrambled Eggs
- Bacon and Sausage Links
- Fresh Fruit
- English Muffin Toast
- Coffee and Tea



Adults: \$13

Children: Half Price

Please note: Payment must be accompanied with your reservation

Christmas Brunch

Sunday, December 5, 2021

Name _____ # Adults (\$13 each) _____
Children (Half Price) _____

2021 Christmas Flowers

We will again offer the opportunity to make a donation during the Christmas season in honor or in memory of others. The donations will cover the cost associated with the floral arrangements during the Sundays of Advent. An effort to use natural available greenery and floral materials will minimize the arrangement cost. As in years past, all additional funds will be donated to the Oconee United Ministries. Thank you for your contributions.

In honor or in memory of (circle one) _____

Name(s) giving the donation _____