

Seneca Presbyterian Church

February 10, 2019

THE CALL

"The Church for All People, Serving God through Serving Others"



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WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 10, 2019

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

WELCOME AND TIME OF GREETING

(Please sign the Friendship Pad, but do not tear off or place in offering plate.)

(Let us now prepare our hearts for the Prayer of Preparation)

OPENING VOLUNTARY

A PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God, we receive your invitation to worship you with joy and thanks. We enter your presence to acknowledge you as our creator, redeemer, and guide. You alone are worthy of the devotion of our hearts. We thank you for your presence which is constant, your grace which is limitless, your love which is unending. We praise you for your mighty acts, your faithful word and your ageless wisdom. Prepare our hearts that in this hour all that we do may honor you.

GATHERING AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Pouring of the Water

Congregational Response: (Hymn No. 488 vs. 1) *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

I was there to hear your borne cry; I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We are the community of faith that has been created by the love of God.

All: We are the people who have been set free by the word of forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

One: We have come not to parade our own goodness or to boast of what we have done but to praise the holiness of God.

All. With all our being, we will praise you, God, and tell of your kindness toward us.

***INVOCATION**

***HYMN #610**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, we have sinned and fallen short of your glory. You'd be justified in any judgment you decreed. But it is your nature to have mercy and so we are bold enough to come to you, just as we are. We have no excuses and no plea but that Jesus' blood was shed for us and for all. We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, soul, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. By your mercy, grant us pardon and release, time for amendment of life and the sustaining presence of your Holy Spirit.

Sung Response: (Hymn No. 604)

Lamb of God

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus leads us on the righteous path and shows us how to live and relate to one another. In his death, he atoned for our sins, and gave us the assurance of his love for us. In his resurrection, he rose triumphant over the powers of this world that would enslave us. We are set free, and called to live lives of gratitude and joy. Friends, believe the gospel! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Gloria Patri: (Hymn No. 581) *Glory Be to the Father*

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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM	<i>Christ Be With Me</i> Chancel Choir	Handel/Hopson
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	James 1: 19-21	Page 980
*HYMN #722	<i>Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak</i>	
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON	Luke 6: 43-45	Page 838
SERMON	Taming the Tongue	Rev. Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	Apostles Creed	page 35
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OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Musical Offering

*Doxology (Hymn No. 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.)

GOING OUT INTO GOD'S WORLD

***HYMN #541** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (Hymn No. 543 vs. 1) *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*
God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

POSTLUDE

*Let those who are able stand



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 (2/10/19-2/16/19)

Sunday	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Church School Traditional Worship
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.-Noon 2:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Parish Nurse Fellowship Committee Christian Ed. Fellowship Supper at Lighthouse
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Days for Girls
Thursday	12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m.	BB&B Tai Chi
Friday	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	GAPS in Motion (Parkinson's)

Chip and Dee Dee White gave a donation in honor of their wedding Anniversary.

Liturgist: 9:00 a.m. Becky Hetherington and 11:00 a.m. Steve Gibson

Worship Attendance 2/3/2019 9:00 AM: 49 11:00 AM: 100; **total 149**

- **Hearing amplification units** and **large print hymnals** are available in the narthex or speak to an usher.
- During both worship services, a **nursery** is provided for small children through age 5. The nursery is located in the lower level of the educational building. For directions, please see an usher.
- **CDs of the services**, including sermon, are available. We ask \$1.00 to cover the cost of CDs. You can also hear sermons on our website: www.sprez.org.
- The church office often communicates with the congregational family via **email**, including a weekly email update each Friday afternoon. If you wish to receive those updates and currently are not, please send an email from your email address to senecachurch@bellsouth.net asking to be added to the email update list.
- Please remember the church in your will.

The **2019 Flower Calendar** notebook is located on the table across from the church office. If you would like to provide flowers for the sanctuary during 2019, please sign on the chosen date. Please remember, instead of fresh flowers you may make a donation to your favorite fund or charity.

HOW DO YOU USE YOUR TALENTS TO SERVE GOD? Each of us serves God in our own special way by using the gifts God has given us. We are searching for those people who are willing to help lead the worship service by serving as a liturgist. Please contact me if you will consider this opportunity to serve. We need you. Helen Kelly: 864 650 0342: helenhkelly@yahoo.com

Prayer Requests

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Kay Miller in the death of her husband, Bob. Celebration of life will be Saturday, February 16th at 1:00 p.m. with a reception to follow. Please keep Kay and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Karen Hansen in the death of her husband, Larry. Plans are being made for a service in N.C. Please keep Karen and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Church Family: Betty and Jack Arnold, Reid Arnold, Lucy Ballenger, Rick Black, Priscilla Byars, Sue Crerar, Betty Dubose, Harry Hendershot, Leon Hotz, Martha Holleman, Russell Kelly, Larry Kolze, Jean Kovacs, Maria Leitner, Janet May, Mary Ann Nuttall, Suzanne Peden, Gabe Rannou, *Jean Reinking, Meg Shull, Bob Simpson, Debbie Simpson, Bill Thompson and Gary Whitehead.

Extended Church Family: Alvin Barton (brother of Martha Taylor), Bill & Donna Brown (friends of Noel & Betty Lehner), James Carter (friend of James Gaines), Dot Collier (friend of Judy Whitehead), Gretchen Driscoll (sister of Susan Goebel), Norman Faircloth (brother of Marilyn Moss), Cassie Fontana (good friend of The Brickett's & Carolyn Maddox), Phillip Gaines (son of James Gaines), Evans Harris (husband of Pat Harris), Joe Kahl (friend of Bob Norton), Linda Kelly (cousin of Elaine Williams), Dorothy Lee (cousin of James Gaines), Ken Lehner (Noel Lehner's brother), Bill & Eileen Mansfield (dear friends of Joan Riley), Glenn McCants (father of Glenn McCants), Boyce McJunkin & son David (friend of Sue Masters), Billy Jo Nichols (friend of James Gaines), Dr. Rick Reed (brother of Kaki Harmon), Donald Rieck (son of Doris Rieck), Gregory Rigby (brother of Cecil Rigby), Bryn Riley, eight-year-old daughter of McKenzie and Amy Riley (E/Flo Riley, grandparents), Megan Rothwell (good friend of Rob and Maria Leitner), Miriam Saggus (Pat Huggins mom), Bobbie Jean Robinson (friend of James Gaines), Fermon Robinson (friend of James Gaines), and Bob Willard (Elaine Williams' nephew).

Prayers for those Serving in the armed services:

Master Chief USN J. J. Johnson (Bill and Carolyn Palmer's son-in-law).

Major Daniel Hendershot has been deployed for one year (Harry & Pat Hendershot's grandson).

Special request for Prayer:

Police Officer Lieutenant Mark Malueg (son-in-law of Margaret & Lynn Trainer)

Note: Please let the church office know of updates to the prayer list.

**name added this week*

A Prayer for Bangladesh 4 February 2019

O God of compassion and healing, we pray for 17-year-old Sharmin, married at age fourteen and now four months pregnant. A month ago, she began having pain in her back and then lost the strength in her legs, so that now she cannot stand or even get out of bed by herself. X-rays and other tests have revealed she has tuberculosis of the spine, with an abscess pressing on her spinal cord. Treatment will require that she give up her unborn child; and even then, it is unclear whether she will be able to walk again. Lord, have mercy upon this young woman. Anoint her with your healing grace and envelop her with the tenderness of your everlasting love, we pray in the name of Christ the Savior. Amen.

Tenth Annual SPC Women's Retreat The Rev. Christi Owen Brown

Our tenth annual retreat will again be held at Asbury Hills Retreat Center in Cleveland, SC on **March 15th and 16th 2019**. We will gather in the late afternoon on Friday and spend 24 hours together, then return home, refreshed and renewed, on Saturday afternoon. The cost is **\$100**, which includes overnight accommodations, including bedding and towels, and 3 meals--dinner on Friday, breakfast and lunch on Saturday. The price also includes an honorarium for our leader, Rev. Christi Brown. If cost is an issue, partial scholarships are available from PW and from the CE committee. For information about scholarships, please contact Kathy Gerner, CE moderator.

Please fill out the form below and return to the church with your check for **\$100** made out to **Seneca Presbyterian Church with "Women's retreat" on the memo line**. Registration is limited to 27 women, with preference to women in Seneca Presbyterian Church. Registration will be opened to those outside SPC if spaces are unfilled after February 1.

Please indicate which cabin you prefer. Batson is larger and closer to the Dining Hall. Creekside is smaller and a little bit farther to the Dining Hall. All rooms offer individual beds and a private bath. There is a single room available (in Creekside), 4 rooms that sleep 3 people, and the others are doubles. If you have roommate preferences, please also indicate that.

Contact Brenda Thomson at 864-723-9031 or abthomson@charter.net if you need additional information or have any questions.

Name _____

E-mail address _____

Lodge preference: Batson _____ Creekside _____

Room preference: Single _____ Double _____ Triple _____

Roommate(s) _____

The single room will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. Additional requests for single rooms may be accommodated if all double rooms are not filled.

Interested in carpooling: Willing to drive _____ Want a ride _____

Christian Education Study Opportunities

The Christian Education Committee offers many opportunities for study throughout the week. These include the sessions listed below. Full descriptions of these opportunities can be found at www.sprez.org.

On Sunday Mornings

- **Children's Sunday School** meets downstairs in the Craft Room. For more information, contact Susan Caldwell 882-7916 scaldwell11@bellsouth.net, or Ann Smith 973-8967 asmith124@att.net.
- **The Sara Davis Stribling Class** is a women's Bible study group using *The Present Word* and meets in the Sara Davis Stribling Classroom (office hallway). Contact person: Jane Thomas, 882-1202.
- **The Men's Bible Study** meets in the Youth Room downstairs in Archie Barron Hall and is using *The Present Word* curriculum as a guide for their study. Contact person: Louis Holleman, 885-0922 louischolleman@bellsouth.net.
- **The Koinonia Class** is studying the video series *The History of Christian Theology*. They meet in the Koinonia classroom (office hallway). Contact person: Dan Toole, 364-4846.
- **The Open Door Class** is for men and women. Their study resource is *The Wired Word*. Topics change weekly. Email Bonnie Andruszka at bandruszka@gmail.com or call 973-8008 to receive information about upcoming plans. They meet in the library.

Through the Week

- **Brown Bag and Bible Study Group (BB&B)** The class is reading *The Beautiful Outlaw* by John Eldredge. The class meets at noon each Thursday in the Sara Davis Stribling classroom. For more information, you may contact Becky Drew, at 888-3409 rebeccadrew@bellsouth.net.
- **Gentle Tai Chi Class** (\$2.00 donation appreciated) Seneca Presbyterian Church Barron Hall. Classes are being planned for **the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 1:30 until 2:00 p.m.** Barron Hall has an elevator. For more information, you may contact Leslie LaRoche, 719-0132 lalaroche@charter.net



Each of these classes is open to new participants and welcomes visitors at any time. Please consider these opportunities, choose one that meets your needs or piques your interest, and then visit to find out more.