

Seneca Presbyterian Church

February 11, 2018

THE CALL

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



"Surely the Lord is in this Place" 2009

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WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 11, 2018

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*God of glory, I greet You at the dawning of this day. Let my life proclaim Christ Jesus
and the good news of the gospel from the rising of the sun to its setting;
to the glory of Your name. Amen.*

GATHERING AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

WELCOME AND TIME OF GREETING

Pouring of the Water

Congregational Response (Hymn No. 490, v. 1) *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters*

Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, newborn creatures of Your womb.

Number them among your people, raised like Christ from death and tomb.

Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.

Fill, anoint them; send Your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Health & Wellness Survey

Lesley LaRoche

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Christ under Herr zum Jordan jam

J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

All: We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

One: The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

All: Out of the cloud, God speaks: This is my beloved Son; listen to him!

*HYMN No. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from You—

to hide our faces, to hide our sin—

yet You have never hidden Your love for us.

We have tried to search for You—

in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—

yet You have already revealed Yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ.

Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine with Your glory, beauty, and grace.

Hear us in the silence, where there is always more to say...

Sung Response (Hymn No. 604)

Lamb of God

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.

Assurance of Pardon

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Spirit at work within us, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Congregational Response (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

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:2-10

pages 820-821

SERMON

A Glimpse of Glory

Nancy M. Morris

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN No. 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*From A Declaration of Faith*)

We recognize the work of God in Jesus' power and authority.

He did what only God can do.

We also recognize the work of God in Jesus' lowliness.

When he lived as a servant and went humbly to his death

the greatness that belongs only to God was manifest.

In both his majesty and lowliness Jesus is the eternal Son of God,

God himself with us.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Musical Offering

God of Grace and God of Glory

arr. Mary McDonald

*Doxology (Hymn No. 609)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures high and low.

Alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH AND PRAYER

*HYMN No. 309

Come, Great God of All the Ages

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (Hymn No. 541, v. 1) *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,

with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. John Innes

*Let those who are able to stand

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The Season of **Lent** begins this week. You may join with others in worship each Wednesday of this season by participating in the ecumenical Lenten services offered by Seneca churches. This week's location is included in the calendar. A complete schedule of locations and preachers can be found in the February *Presby Press* or on-line at: <http://www.sprez.org/whats-happening>. Each worship service is followed by lunch provided by the host congregation.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (2/11/2018-2/17/2018)

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Handbells
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - Noon	Parish Nurse
	4:00 p.m.	Fellowship Committee
	5:30 p.m.	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Days for Girls
	12:00 noon	Lenten Worship and Lunch
	Preacher: Todd Davis, St. Mark UMC	Location: Ebenezer Baptist Church
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Choir
	12:00 noon	BB&B

Liturgist: 9:00 a.m. Becky Hetherington and 11:00 a.m. Louis Holleman

Flowers are placed in the sanctuary by **Chip and Dee Dee White** in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary and Chip's 70th birthday.

Worship Attendance 2/4/18 9:00 AM: cancelled; 11:00 AM: 95; **total 95**



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 contact Pastor Nancy Morris or call the church office at 882-2505 at any time.

- **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.
- On Sunday mornings, the **entire parking lot off of Oak St.** is reserved for handicapped persons and those needing ease of access. Please leave these spaces for our friends who are counting on them being available.
- Please remember the church in your will.

SABBATH LUNCHEs: All of February will be our month to serve lunches at Our Daily Bread. I will need desserts and volunteers to help. You can bring desserts any time to the kitchen at the church. So please keep them coming for the entire month of Sundays. Contact is Carolyn Maddox (944-2436)

Missions/Outreach collecting donations for the Homeless

With so many cold nights, it is a more difficult winter than usual for the homeless in our community. There is great need for socks, cold medicine, scarves, gloves, and blankets to help keep bodies warm and healthy. Any donations of any size would be greatly appreciated. Please bring them to the church and place them in the bin available in Knoch Hall. All donations will be given to Our Daily Rest for distribution to their clients and to those in need who stop by requesting these items. Thank you! The Missions and Outreach Committee

Today – After 11:00 a.m. **Worship: Mission Trip Exploration** – Come today, after the 11:00 a.m. worship service, to learn about and explore the exciting possibility of a Mission Trip in the Fall to help people still recovering from a major natural disaster. This is for any members and friends of this congregation. Come, hear more and see if this is a possible opportunity for you to serve along with others from this congregation to help those in need. Those persons interested will then be involved in pinning down the exact dates we go and other details. We will meet in the Church Library across from the office. If you want more information before the meeting or because you cannot come, see or contact Richard or Susan Caldwell. Home phone: 882-7916. E-mail: rwcfrog@bellsouth.net

Rise Against Hunger St. Mark's United Methodist Church March 3, 9:00am

This is a faith-based organization that distributes food to help alleviate hunger and starvation. These meals of dried rice, soy, vegetables and flavoring with 21 essential vitamins and minerals, are packaged by volunteers, THAT'S US So, please consider giving some time to help. It's worthwhile and fun, with music and dancing!! REALLY! If you are interested, please contact Dian Yanessa 882-0282.

2017 Christmas Floral Fund An additional \$25.00 was added to the Floral Fund. A revised check for \$721.16 is being sent to the Oconee Presbyterian Service Fund.

As we enter the winter months, here's a **reminder for Sundays with snow**. Check WYFF for closing information. We will post our information at that station ONLY. We will also post any changes on the web site, so you can check www.sprez.org. We try to make those decisions by Saturday evening, if possible. And let's be grateful for the faithful volunteers who will shovel snow and clear pathways at the church for the rest of us!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper—Feb 13

Pancake Day signals the onset of the Lenten Season. Join us at 5:30 for this centuries-old tradition of making and eating pancakes on the day before Ash Wednesday. Historically this is a day to load up on carbs and fat before the 40 days of fasting leading up to Easter. The term "shrove" comes from the old English verb "shrive" meaning "confessing all sins". Come splurge a little by joining in this tradition before entering into the coming season of reflection and repentance. (Please sign up by Mon a.m. Feb 12.)

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Feb 13

Name: _____ How many _____

Souper Bowl Offering Report: Once again, this congregation has shown its amazing generosity by sponsoring not 6 (the goal), but 8 (!!!!) children for the backpack program. Your continual care and concern for the community is evidenced in every outreach endeavor and you certainly are "Serving God Through Serving Others"! Look for pictures in the March Presby Press - you may even see some of our Children's Sunday School Class holding the pots and doing their part to help the children who are less fortunate.

Save the date! On Saturday April 21, a van will be waiting in the church parking lot for you to board for a **visit Thornwell Home for Children** in Clinton, SC. We will take a walking tour of the campus, visit one of the family cottages, meet staff and enjoy a light lunch. If you have not had the opportunity to visit Thornwell, a ministry of the Presbyterian Church, you won't want to pass this up! More details will follow; you may contact Richard and Susan Caldwell for information.

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 Ann Smith 973-8967 asmith124@att.net or Susan Caldwell 882-7916 sccaldwell11@bellsouth.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)** meets at noon each Thursday in the Sara Davis Stribling classroom. Their Lenten study is the last week of the earthly life of Jesus, from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. Resources for the study are the Gospel of Mark and *The Last Week* by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. You are welcome to bring lunch. Contact person: Becky Drew 888-3409 rebeccadrew@bellsouth.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.

Prayer Requests

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Dorothy "Dot" Findley upon her death on Sunday, February 4. Please keep this family in your prayers.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Wilkes Macaulay upon his death on Tuesday, January 30. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Church Family: Melinda Arrington, Barney Allgood, Sue Anders, Betty and Jack Arnold, Reid Arnold, Lucy Ballenger, Rick Black, Leon Hotz, Martha Holleman, Larry Kolze, Jacob Murr, Mary Ann Nuttall, Bob Porter, Cal Reinking, Bob Simpson, Garland Smith, Beti Strobeck.

Extended Church Family: Corey Arnold (friend of the church), Kathy Bryson, Dave Bullock (friend of Susan & Larry Goebel), James Carter (friend of James Gaines), Jennifer Chastain (friend of Elizabeth Long), Margie Creel (mother of Lewis Creel), Julie Doucet (Paul LaRoche's sister), Gretchen Driscoll (sister of Susan Goebel), *Norman Faircloth (brother of Marilyn Moss), Phillip Gaines (son of James Gaines), Jonathan Gimber (cousin of Matthew Rannou), Estelle Harmon (Larry Harmon's mother), Evans Harris (husband of Pat Harris), Joe Kahl (friend of Bob Norton), Linda Kelly (cousin of Elaine Williams), Myrt Klein (friend of Don & Norma Liebenberg), Stacy Kloc (Vicki Andy's girlfriend's daughter-in-law), Dorothy Lee (James Gain's cousin), Ken Lehner (Noel Lehner's brother), Sarah Lehner (Noel & Betty Lehner's daughter), Robert Leitner, Sr. (father-in-law of Maria Leitner), Bill & Eileen Mansfield (dear friends of Joan Riley), Peggy Lee (friends of Jon & Nancy Young), Billy Jo Nichols (friend of James Gaines), Ina Diehl-Pansegrau (German "adopted" daughter of Nancy & Don Clayton), Mary Pirayesh (work colleague of Phil Morris), Gregory Rigby (brother of Cecil Rigby), Bryn Riley, eight-year-old daughter of McKenzie and Amy Riley (E/Flo Riley, grandparents), Bobbie Jean Robinson (friend of James Gaines), Fermon Robinson (friend of James Gaines), Mary Walker (Carol Shively's mother), Susan Watt (teacher of Walhalla High School & friend of Linda Hostetler) and Bob Willard (Elaine Williams' nephew).

Those Serving in the Military: CDR Patrick O'Mara (Don & Cindi Lesley's son-in-law); Master Chief USN J. J. Johnson (Bill and Carolyn Palmer's son-in-law); Kenny Alex (friend of Cal and Jean Reinking and grandson of Joan Callahan), to be deployed to Syria.

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

5 February 2018

God of compassion, we pray for our sister in faith Shohagi Tudu, an emaciated elderly woman lying motionless on a thin straw mat on the hard-packed dirt in front of her home in the rural village of Laladighi in northwestern Bangladesh. A stroke two months ago left her paralyzed, unable to speak and completely dependent on her daughter for care. Yet, Shohagi understands what people say to her, and after a missionary sat next to her recently and prayed for her, she cried and raised his hand to her face and kissed it. Lord, in your mercy, comfort your servant Shohagi during this time of profound suffering and assure her of your everlasting presence and love, we pray in the name of Christ, Immanuel. Amen.