

Seneca Presbyterian Church

March 17, 2019

THE CALL

“The Church for All People, Serving God through Serving Others”



WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 17, 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.)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Krech Fund

PRELUDE

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

It is good to be together in the Lord's presence. God, we welcome you to this place. We know that, apart from you, all that we try to do, say, or sing will sound like noise. We ask that you guide us in our words, in our prayers and in our worship. That all that is said, sung and done in this place will bring you the honor and glory you deserve.

GATHERING AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Pouring of the Water

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

I was there to hear your borning 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: God's love for our world is strong and true and whole.

All: God loves us and we seek to live and share such love.

One: As we journey through Lent, may we feast in God's constant love.

All: God's love overflows upon us and his Son fills us with life abundant.

One: Let us sing of God's love.

All: Let us rejoice in the life of abundance.

*INVOCATION

*HYMN # 701

Lord, Prepare Me (sing through twice)

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, we admit that we haven't lived a life conformed to Christ. You offer us your wisdom, but we neglect our study of Scripture. You call us to take up the cross and follow Jesus but we forge our own paths. You give us the gift of your law but we look for loopholes, and make our own rules. Forgive us, Lord. Call us back to the life that you intend for us. Give us the will to live all of life in service to you.

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

Do not be afraid, God says, for I am sending you to do my work. Do not be afraid, God says, go forth and serve. Feed the hungry, house the homeless, heal the sick, and visit the lonely. Do not be afraid, God says, for I am always with you.

*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 *Be Still My Soul* Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Micah 6: 6-8 page 757

***HYMN # 720** *Jesus, Call Us*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mathew 6: 25-33 page 787-788

SERMON What Does God Want Me To Do Rev. Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles Creed page 34

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 # 738** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

***CHARGE and BLESSING**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (Hymn No. 543 vs. 5)

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

POSTLUDE

*Let those who are able stand

We thank Beti Strobeck for her contribution of bulletin cover art.



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 (3/17/19-3/23/19)

Sunday	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Church School Traditional Worship
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.-Noon 10:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour with Ernie Health & Wellness Meeting Parkinson Support Group
Wednesday	12:00 noon	Lenten Service (Ebenezer Baptist)
Thursday	12:00 p.m.	BB&B

Flowers are given by Gary and Diana Owens in celebrating their anniversary.

Liturgist: 9:00 a.m. Lyn Norton and 11:00 a.m. Sally Fortune

Worship Attendance 3/10/2019 9:00 AM: 35 11:00 AM: 76; **total 111**

- **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.

HELP!!!!!!!!!!!! I am looking for some teachers for Vacation Bible School this summer. Please contact Ann Smith, 973-8967, or asmith124@att.net if you would be willing join our team. Thank you! (Dates of Children's VBS are 7/9-7/13)



Congregational Meeting: March 31, 2019

There will be a congregational meeting Sunday, March 31, for the purpose of electing the at-large members of the Congregational Nominating Committee for 2019-2020. The nominees offered by this year's nominating committee are: Dan Gryder, Jill Marett, Jerry Land, and Peggy Fouts. Those appointed from the Session are Bonnie Andruszka and Lyn Norton. The Deacon is Kelly Holleman. During this meeting, nominations may be made from the floor provided the person nominated is aware of the responsibilities of the position and has agreed to serve if elected. This meeting will be held **during the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service**.

In an effort to reducing printing/ mailing costs, we will begin distributing the Presby Press via e-mail, or on our Web Site (SPREZ), or you can pick up a printed copy at the church or continue to receive it in the mail. If you would like to continue receiving a **printed** copy, please fill in the form below and place in the collection plate.

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Below is a listing of this year's **Lenten services**, lunches and opportunities for worship with our sister congregations in Seneca. For those new to the tradition, worship begins at noon at each church followed by a lunch provided free of charge by that congregation. Please mark your calendars and join in this outstanding opportunity. It is a great way to worship in different styles and with many faces that we look forward to seeing each Lent. You can always count on finding many familiar Seneca Presbyterian faces in the crowd, too!

Date	Host Church	Preacher		Title	Text
Mar 20	Ebenezer Baptist	Preston Cooley	Trinity Baptist	Here Is Your Son...Here Is Your Mother	John 19:25-27
Mar 27	St. Paul the Apostle	Matt Turner	Ann Hope UMC	My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?	Matthew 27:45-50
April 3	Seneca Presbyterian	Ryan Perry	Seneca Baptist	I Thirst	John 19:28-30



Mission and Outreach will be collecting hygiene items to help supply the "Well On Your Way" closet at our Oconee Memorial Hospital. Nurses can access the closet for clothing, shoes, and hygiene supplies as a way to provide dignity, encouragement and self-esteem to needy patients as they head home and begin new healthy routines. We will collect these items through March: **soap, shampoo, razors, feminine products, hair brushes, toothbrushes, toothpaste.** Thank you!



This year's event will be held on **Saturday, March 23rd, at 9:00 AM in the St Mark UMC gym** at 616 Quincy Road in Seneca. We should finish by 12:00 PM. As you may remember, at these events we pack non-perishable meals that are distributed to the hungry in the developing world, most often in schools. This enables parents to send their children to school. This is an important mission that is also a lot of fun and fellowship! If you would like to volunteer, please let Ann Smith know or you can call the church.

Fellowship Committee



The Fellowship Committee would welcome anyone who would be able to help us host the Lenten Luncheon scheduled for **April 3**. We will be serving 150-200 people. We will need helpers not only the day of the luncheon, but also on the day before for food preparation and table set-up. There is a sign-up sheet in Knohl Hall where you may let us know how and when you would be willing to help.

"The Will of God in an Unwilling World" is the Lenten Sermon Series during which Dr. Shelton will address discerning and knowing the will of God. Topics will include: the struggle to know God's will in a sinful, unwilling world; the issue of how sin and evil distort our view of what God's will is; is there a prescribed plan for my life; the role of faith in knowing God's will; what specifically God wants me to do. The series will conclude on Palm Sunday, April 14th, with the final message, "When God's will be done".

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 or before **Sunday, March 31**.

Save the date of Tuesday, March 19th, at 9:30 a.m. to enjoy **"Coffee with Ernie"**! Ernie is knowledgeable and compassionate as many know. He is also one the best health resources available and we are blessed that he is here at SPC and willing to share his knowledge over coffee! This will be a great time to enjoy good conversation and good coffee.

We are going to fill the Sanctuary with lilies for Easter this year. Please indicate if you are donating the flowers in honor or memory of someone. Please make your wishes known before the **deadline of April 15th**. Thank you!!!!

Yes, I would like to put flowers in the sanctuary for Easter:

Lilies \$17.00 # _____ \$ _____

I would like to place these in the sanctuary in memory of/in honor of (circle one):

Name _____

Prayer Requests

Church Family: Nancy Allgood, Betty and Jack Arnold, Reid Arnold, Lucy Ballenger, Rick Black, Priscilla Byars, Sue Crerar, Ruth Davidson, Betty Dubose, Kaki Harmon, Harry Hendershot, Leon Hotz, Martha Holleman, Steve Gibson, Florence Goehle, Russell Kelly, Larry Kolze, Jean Kovacs, Maria Leitner, Janet May, Mary Ann Nuttall, Suzanne Peden, Jean Reinking, Bob Simpson, Debbie Simpson, Brenda Thomson, 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), Norman Faircloth (brother of Marilyn Moss), Cassie Fontana (good friend of The Brickett's & Carolyn Maddox), Phillip Gaines (son of James Gaines), Doug Rice (friend of Jan Crismore), Estelle Harmon (Larry Harmon's mom), 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:

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

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O God of compassion and hope, we pray for our brother in faith Bashed Soren, who has been struggling hard to feed his family and keep his two young daughters in school ever since he suffered a heart attack with subsequent heart failure last November. He is still recovering at home, a mud hut next to a rice field in northwestern Bangladesh. Although he has regained enough strength to carry his younger daughter on a bicycle to her kindergarten class a mile away, the strenuous work of field labor, his usual work, is way beyond what he can do or may ever be able to do. Lord, have mercy upon Based, reveal to him your faithfulness, and help him find a way to provide for his family, we pray in the name of Christ the Savior. Amen.

I send my deep gratitude to the SPC family for your loving support over the past months and at this time of Meg's going to be with our Lord. Your visits, expressions, and cards have been so helpful. I know that Meg is smilingly greeting each one of you. Thank you, thank you.

In Christ, Ken Shull

Save the date! We are planning a trip to Thornwell Home for Children on **Saturday April 27!**

This year, instead of a tour and informational visit, we will be going for a "work day" on the campus! If you enjoy cleaning, yard work, painting, odd jobs... and making a difference, this is the trip for you! We plan to travel by van, bring our own lunch, and spend a good day working at this beautiful and special place. See or call Susan or Richard Caldwell (882-7916) if you are interested! We would like to have a good idea of who is going **soon** so Thornwell can plan a work project designed for us!

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.