

# Seneca Presbyterian Church

August 12, 2018

## THE CALL

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



# WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 12, 2018

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.)

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

## A PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Gracious Lord, in whom there is no variation due to change, we gather here in love beyond our own and we have come to put ourselves at your disposal. Please accept our worship as it is intended: an offering of our souls. May all that we say and do in this hour bring honor and glory to you.

## GATHERING AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Pouring of the Water

Congregational Response: Hymn 475 (vs. 1) *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the day the Lord has made.

**All: We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

One: What is the chief aim of our worship, and indeed all of our lives.

**All: To glorify God and to enjoy him forever.**

## \*INVOCATION

## \*HYMN No. 12

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Holy God, before whom we cannot hide and need not hide, we confess that we are not the people we should but we are not the people we once were. We have fallen short of our potential as Disciples of Jesus and we have failed to follow his example, to heed his word, or to be all that he expects us to be. In your mercy, forgive what we have done or left undone. Give us the courage to correct what we change, the grace to show your mercy to those who have hurt us, and the serenity to live as people who know their sins have been forgiven. Through the precious name of your son, we pray. Amen**

*Here us in silence, where all are met in their need...*

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.**

\*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

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

#### ANTHEM

*Bless Me Lord*  
SPC Choir

Schubert/arr. Liebergen

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE

I Corinthians 1:4-9  
Mark 1:16-20

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#### SERMON

Beyond First Impressions

Rev. Mike Shelton

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

#### \*HYMN No. 743

*O, God, You Are My God*

#### \*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

\*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.)

#### \*HYMN No. 267

*Come Christians Join to Sing*

#### \*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Hymn No. 541 (vs. 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.

#### \*RETURNING INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

#### POSTLUDE

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\* Let those who are able stand

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE 8/12/18-8/18/18)

Sunday	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Church School Traditional Worship
Monday	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Diaconate Hand Bells
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - noon 12:00 p.m.	Parish Nurse Ladies that do lunch
Wednesday	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Band Practice Choir
Thursday	12:00 p.m.	BB&B

**Flowers** have been placed in the sanctuary by Marti Usher in loving memory of Troy Usher's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Liturgist:** Louis Holleman at 9:00a.m. and Lyn Norton at 11:00a.m.

**Worship Attendance 8/5/18** 9:00 AM: 41 11:00 AM: 91; **total 132**

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- **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](http://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](mailto: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.



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.

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Please join us in welcoming Mike and Donna to the Seneca Presbyterian family. He most recently served as the senior pastor for Summerville Presbyterian Church in Summerville, SC for 15 years. Prior to that he served churches in Texas, Virginia and North Carolina. He is a native of North Carolina and may cheer for colors other than orange and purple. He and his wife Donna have 3 adult children.

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**Flower Calendar** needs your help. October 28 is the one date in the flower book that has not been taken. Please consider putting flowers in the church or making a contribution to your favorite charity.

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We have room (and are looking for) for two (2) more people to go on the mission trip to New Jersey to help those still trying to recover from Hurricane Sandy. The trip is September 15-23. We will travel by van, spend a night each way coming and going and stay in provided lodging near our work site. This is a great opportunity to put our faith to work. For more information contact Richard or Susan Caldwell (882-7916 or [rwcfrog@bellsouth.net](mailto:rwcfrog@bellsouth.net) ).

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**Mark your calendar: the annual Seneca Presbyterian Church outdoor service will be held on Sunday, September 9th at the Biggerstaff Retreat Center located at 398 Biggerstaff Road, Seneca, SC 29672.**



**IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME!**.....and many of our Oconee County families are without the means to buy supplies. United Way is having their school supply drive. Can you help them out? Items especially needed are: notebook paper, pencils, pens, markers, colored pencils, index cards, glue sticks, pencil boxes, 3-ring binders, marbled composition books, scientific calculators, and book bags. **We are also collecting bug spray for the homeless communities. Please help us in the drive to make their lives a little more bearable!** Thank you! Your M/O Committee



### Early Service Fellowship Opportunity

We would like to encourage an even stronger bond of fellowship for those attending the 9 AM contemporary service. We would be delighted for others to join us every 4th Wednesday at the Lighthouse on Lake Keowee for dinner at 5:30 PM. RESERVATIONS are not necessary. Just tell them when you walk in that you are joining the SPC group and they will take you to "our table." For more information, contact Doug and Barbara Click ([faxforclick@gmail.com](mailto:faxforclick@gmail.com)). Mark your calendar for **September 26th at 5:30**. See you there! Lighthouse 1290 Doug Hollow Road Seneca, SC 29672

Annual Report Books for 2018 are almost ready for print and will be available soon. They will also be on the web site for everyone to see. If you would like to request a copy please call the office or sign up below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### August 19th Reception – Meet and Greet Rev. Shelton

A reception to welcome Interim Pastor Rev. Mike Shelton will be held from 10-11 a.m. on **Sunday, August 19th**. Plan now to stop in between the worship services to meet him and show him a bit of that warm hospitality that Seneca Presbyterian has become famous for. Light refreshments will be served.



### Prayer Requests

**Church Family:** Barney Allgood, John Anders, Betty and Jack Arnold, Reid Arnold, Lucy Ballenger, Rick Black, Leroy Drew, Dan Gryder, Larry Hansen, Kaki Harmon, Harry Hendershot, Leon Hotz, Martha Holleman, Larry Kolze, \*Jean Kovacs, Janet May, Mary Ann Nuttall, \*Suzanne Peden, Meg Shull, Bob Simpson, Debbie Simpson, Bill Thompson and Gary Whitehead.

**Extended Church Family:** Corey Arnold (friend of the church), Sue Bullock (friend of Susan & Larry Goebel), James Carter (friend of James Gaines), Jim Coil (son-in-law of Jean Reinking), Margie Creel (mother of Lewis Creel), Julie Doucet (Paul LaRoche's sister), 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), Jonathan Gimber (cousin of Matthew Rannou), 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), Sarah Lehner (Noel & Betty Lehner's daughter), Peggy Lee (friends of Jon & Nancy Young), Bill & Eileen Mansfield (dear friends of Joan Riley), Boyce M<sup>c</sup>Junkin & son David (friend of Sue Masters), Billy Jo Nichols (friend of James Gaines), \*Kathryn Knowles Orsi, (daughter & daughter in law of Tony & Carol Smith-Knowles, Ina Diehl-Pansegrau (German "adopted" daughter of Nancy & Don Clayton), \*Donald Rieck (son of Doris Rieck), Gregory Rigby (brother of Cecil Rigby), Bryn Riley, eight-year-old daughter of M<sup>c</sup>Kenzie 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), Mary Walker (Carol Shively's mother), 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), 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

6 August 2018

O God of compassion, we pray for Salomi, a 19-year-old woman from the village of Kosia, Bangladesh, who recently separated from her husband and went with her three-year-old son back to live with her parents. Shortly after her marriage at age 15, Salomi developed a serious skin disease on her face, arms and chest that has required not only expensive treatment but also that she stay out of the sun and so not work in the fields. The financial burden of her illness severely strained her marriage, and her husband finally told her he would no longer support her treatment. Now, in tears, she says he no longer loves her. Lord, have mercy upon Salomi, bring to her the medical treatment she needs and anoint her with your healing grace. Bring reconciliation to her marriage and reveal to her your steadfast love, we pray in the name of Christ, the Healer. Amen.

## 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](http://www.sprez.org).

### On Sunday Mornings

- **Children's Sunday School is on hiatus for the summer.** Meets downstairs in the Craft Room. For more information, contact Susan Caldwell 882-7916 [scaldwell11@bellsouth.net](mailto:scaldwell11@bellsouth.net), or Ann Smith 973-8967 [asmith124@att.net](mailto:asmith124@att.net).
- **The Sara Davis Stribling Class on hiatus for the summer.** It 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 is on hiatus for the summer.** 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](mailto: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 on hiatus for the summer.** It is for men and women. Their study resource is *The Wired Word*. Topics change weekly. Email Bonnie Andruszka at [bandruszka@gmail.com](mailto: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. "*Christianity and World Religions*" by Adam Hamilton, is their focus of study. For more information, you may contact Becky Drew, 888-3409 [rebeccadrew@bellsouth.net](mailto: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](mailto: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.



# 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



## For the Benefit of Oconee Presbyterian Service Fund

**WHEN: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018**

**RAIN DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2018**

**FORMAT: 18 HOLES, CAPTAIN'S CHOICE**

**AWARDS: CLOSEST TO THE PIN and CLOSEST TO THE LINE**

**AWARDS FOR 1ST AND 2ND PLACE TEAMS PER FLIGHT**

**WHO: OPEN TO ALL WOMEN, MEN, COUPLES, AND FOURSOMES**

**WHERE: OCONEE COUNTRY CLUB – 781 RICHLAND RD. – SENECA, S.C.**

**REGISTRATION: 8:00 A.M.**

**SHOTGUN: 9:00 A.M.**

**HOW: SUBMIT THE ACCOMPANYING ENTRY FORM WITH YOUR REGISTRATION**

**FEE OF \$50.00 PER PERSON OR \$200.00 PER TEAM BY SEPTEMBER 14, 2018**

**INCLUDED: LITE BREAKFAST, LUNCH, RANGE BALLS, CART GIFT BAGS, CART AND GREEN FEES**

### SILENT AUCTION

(NO REFUNDS, PLAYER MAY FIND SUBSTITUTE)

1. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*TEAM CAPTAIN**

Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

3. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ 4. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Contribution Schedule

Platinum Sponsor \$1,000.00 - Will include complimentary entry for team of four (4)

Gold Sponsor \$750.00 – Will include complimentary entry for team of two (2)

Silver Sponsor \$500.00

Bronze Sponsor \$250.00

Hole Sponsor \$100.00

Silent Auction Item(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Value \_\_\_\_\_

NAME YOU WISH TO HAVE DISPLAYED ON SIGNAGE \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER OR COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail your contribution to:**

**Oconee Presbyterian Service Fund P.O. Box 1307 Seneca, SC 29679**

**Please complete and return this form with your contribution.**

**Make your check payable to Oconee Presbyterian Service Fund or (OPSF).**

**Be sure to designate "GOLF" on the "for" or "memo" line at the bottom of your check**