

Seneca Presbyterian Church

September 16, 2018

THE CALL

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



WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 16, 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

God of love, we confess that our silence is noisy, our minds filled with distracting chatter, our thoughts focused on problems and our eyes bombarded with temptations. How hard we find it to be still and rest in your holy and healing presence. God, usher us into your holy presence. Teach us the words to pray and the silences to keep. Refashion our days and hours so we may always live in constant gratitude for your amazing grace.

GATHERING AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Pouring of the Water

Congregational Response: Hymn 482 (verse 1) *Baptized in Water*

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King; heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is doing a new thing!

All: The old ways served their purposes, but a different chapter is beginning.

One: The Lord is doing a new thing!

All: We were not meant to remain the same. God intends for us to grow and change.

One: The Lord is doing a new thing!

All: We want to be part of it! Thanks be to God!

*INVOCATION

*HYMN No. 804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

God, from a mountainside Jesus pointed ways to a higher happiness. He said we are poor in Spirit...and yet we are more impressed with prestige and power. He said we must purify our hearts...and not seek false appearances. He taught us that we will be comforted when we mourn...and yet we ask, "Why me?" He said a special joy belonged to the peacemaker...but we are less willing to pay the price of peace. He called us to hunger and thirst for righteousness...instead we desire whatever will grant us instant gratification and simplify our lives. Forgive us, God, and help us to begin to envision life as Jesus saw it

Hear 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

God is our Guide and Redeemer, our hope in times of trial. We do fall short of the glory of God, but we are forgiven in Christ Jesus. May we go forth now, knowing that God's mercy and grace are always sufficient for our lives.

*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

Christ We Do All Adore You
SPC Choir

Theodore Dubois

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 5:1-12

Page 922-923

Page 785-786

SERMON

Should This Sermon Make You Happy

Rev. Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN No. 172

Blest Are They

*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. 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

*CHARGE and BENECTION

*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

* Let those who are able stand

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE 9/16/18-9/22/18)

Sunday	9:00 am	Contemporary Worship
	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Practice
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - noon	Parish Nurse
	3:00 p.m.	Parkinson's Support Group
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Band Practice
	7:00 pm	Choir
Thursday	12:00 pm	BB&B

Liturgist: Becky Hetherington at 9:00 am and Peggy Fouts at 11:00 am

Worship Attendance Outdoor Combined Service 9/9/18 105

Donation is made to OPSF from **Jane Thomas** in loving memory of her mom and dad.

Flowers will be placed in the sanctuary by **Norma and Donald Liebenberg** to honor their wedding anniversary.



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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- **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.

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: _____

Quick Notes

- Your Mission/Outreach Committee would like to thank this generous congregation for your overwhelming support for the school supply program. We collected over thirty backpacks and many, many folders, paper, etc., some of which we will save to replenish classrooms later in the year. Thank you!!!!
- If you are interested in becoming an usher, we will be offering a class (date to be announced soon). Please contact Peggy Fouts at 944-5262
- We would like to remind everyone that Diamond T Printing in Fair Play has the SPC logo ready and available for printing on a shirt of your choice. You also have the choice of purchasing a shirt from the Presby Press. Wearing a shirt with the SPC embroidery on it is especially good when members are volunteering, helping with other projects, or simply "out and about." It communicates to the community that we are an active and involved church. We have seen that people notice logos, and we want them to notice ours. Thanks so much.
- **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 Sunday, September 30th.

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)** meets at noon each Thursday in the Sara Davis Stribling classroom. "*If You Want To Walk On Water, You've Got To Get Out Of The Boat* by John Ortberg will be their focus of study for the month of September. 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.

Prayer Requests

Church Family: Barney Allgood, John Anders, Betty and Jack Arnold, Reid Arnold, Lucy Ballenger, Rick Black, Leroy Drew, 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: James Carter (friend of James Gaines), Jim Coil (son-in-law of Jean Reinking), 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), Evans Harris (husband of Pat Harris), Joe Kahl (friend of Bob Norton), Linda Kelly (cousin of Elaine Williams), Judy Kovacs (friend of Sue Crerar, Jean Kovacs and Carolyn Maddox), 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 McJunkin & 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 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), Mary Walker (Carol Shively's mother), and Bob Willard (Elaine Williams' nephew).

Prayers for those Serving in the armed services: 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

10 September 2018

God of grace, in the rural village of Khamarmaria in northwestern Bangladesh, lives a bright five-year-old girl named Reyana, who can neither hear nor speak. Her father, a field worker, raises her with help from her grandmother, because her mother left the family when Reyana was a toddler. Because of her disability, the local government school did not accept Reyana into kindergarten; but she is eager to be with other children and to learn, so she attends a nearby church-sponsored after-school tutoring program. She delights in carrying her backpack to the sessions and is learning how to write the letters of the alphabet. Lord, look upon precious Reyana and grant her the opportunity to develop fully all the gifts you have given her. Show her your everlasting mercy and love, we pray in the name of Christ, the Compassionate One. Amen.



3rd 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