

Seneca Presbyterian Church

January 13, 2019

THE CALL

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



WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 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, you create all things. You bear all things, you hope all things, you endure all things. All of your children are members of your body. Open your heaven and descend like a dove upon the world; make plain your hidden plan, your mysterious purpose for our lives. As we remember Jesus' baptism, we renew our roles in the family that he came to gather.

GATHERING AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christ has put the door of eternity ajar;

All: The Light of Life streams into every dismal corner.

One: Fear and shame flee like shadows before the dawn.

All: Arise! Shine! Our Light has come!

One: Lift up your eyes and look around!

All: The Lord will be our everlasting light.

*INVOCATION

*HYMN No. 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Searcher of hearts, you know us from the beginning. You see in us more good and beauty than we have dared to believe. You beckon us to do more than we have dared to try. Forever you call our names. But we have filled our ears with the sounds of the world; we have timidly spoken of your great love; we have doubted the gifts hidden within each of us. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy and forgive us.

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

The Lord is merciful and gracious; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him. God, we thank you for your abundant mercy and grace! Amen.

*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

Baptized in Water
Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 19: 1-7

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*HYMN No. 66

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1: 1-11

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SERMON

Bless Your Heart

Rev. Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

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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 No. 408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn No. 545) *Lord, Bid Your Servant Go In Peace*

Lord, bid your servant go in peace; your word is now fulfilled.

These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, this child so long foretold.

This is the Savior of the world, the Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst, the joy of Israel.

POSTLUDE

*Let those who are able to stand

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (1/13/19-1/19/19)

Sunday	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Church School Traditional Worship
Monday	4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Worship Diaconate
Tuesday	9:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Coffee with Ernie Health and Wellness Parkinson Group
Thursday	12:00 p.m.	BB&B

Liturgist: 9:00 a.m. Lyn Norton and 11:00 a.m. Peggy Fouts

Worship Attendance 1/06/2019 combined service 102



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.

- **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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2019 are now in Knohl Hall. Your envelopes will have your name listed on them. Please be sure you pick up the correct box. If you do not currently have a box of envelopes, please contact the church office and we will be glad to assign you one.

Save the Date of **Tuesday, January 15th**, at **9:30 a.m.** to enjoy
"Coffee with Ernie"!

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

**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 _____

Presbyterian Women would like to ask for volunteers to assist with receptions (provide food set-up, and/or take-down) due to the decline in circle members. Volunteers please fill out the slip below if you are willing to help the PW. Further information will follow. Thanks PW

Presbyterian Women Volunteer

Name: _____

Email: _____

Stone Soup* Lunch – Sunday, Feb 3

Plan now to bring something for the soup before worship on Sunday, Feb 3, and stay afterward to partake in the delicious results. You bring the fixin's and we'll supply the rest of the meal, including bread, drink and dessert. "What kind of fixin's?" you ask. Any canned vegetables (including tomatoes) or beans (kidney, garbanzos, or others) would be good. Chopped onion and celery are nice additions, as are grains (rice or barley) or pasta (macaroni, orzo, or noodles). Committee members will be responsible for any meat additions. Please bring one or two additions per person. Any extra canned donations will be given to the Golden Corner Food Pantry.

*The January Presby Press told you what Stone Soup is. Check it again if you missed it.

Please sign up by Feb 1st, so we know how many places to set at the table and how much dessert to prepare.

Name: _____ How Many: _____

Prayer Requests

Church Family: Betty and Jack Arnold, Reid Arnold, Lucy Ballenger, Rick Black, Priscilla Byars, Michele Creel, Betty Dubose, Larry Hansen, Harry Hendershot, Leon Hotz, Martha Holleman, Russell Kelly, Larry Kolze, Jean Kovacs, Janet May, Mary Ann Nuttall, Suzanne Peden, Chellye Pomeroy, Meg Shull, Bob Simpson, Debbie Simpson, Bill Thompson and Gary Whitehead.

Extended Church Family: Alvin Barton (brother of Martha Taylor), 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), Elizabeth Murr (new granddaughter of Lucy Murr), 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*

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 will begin a new book, *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.