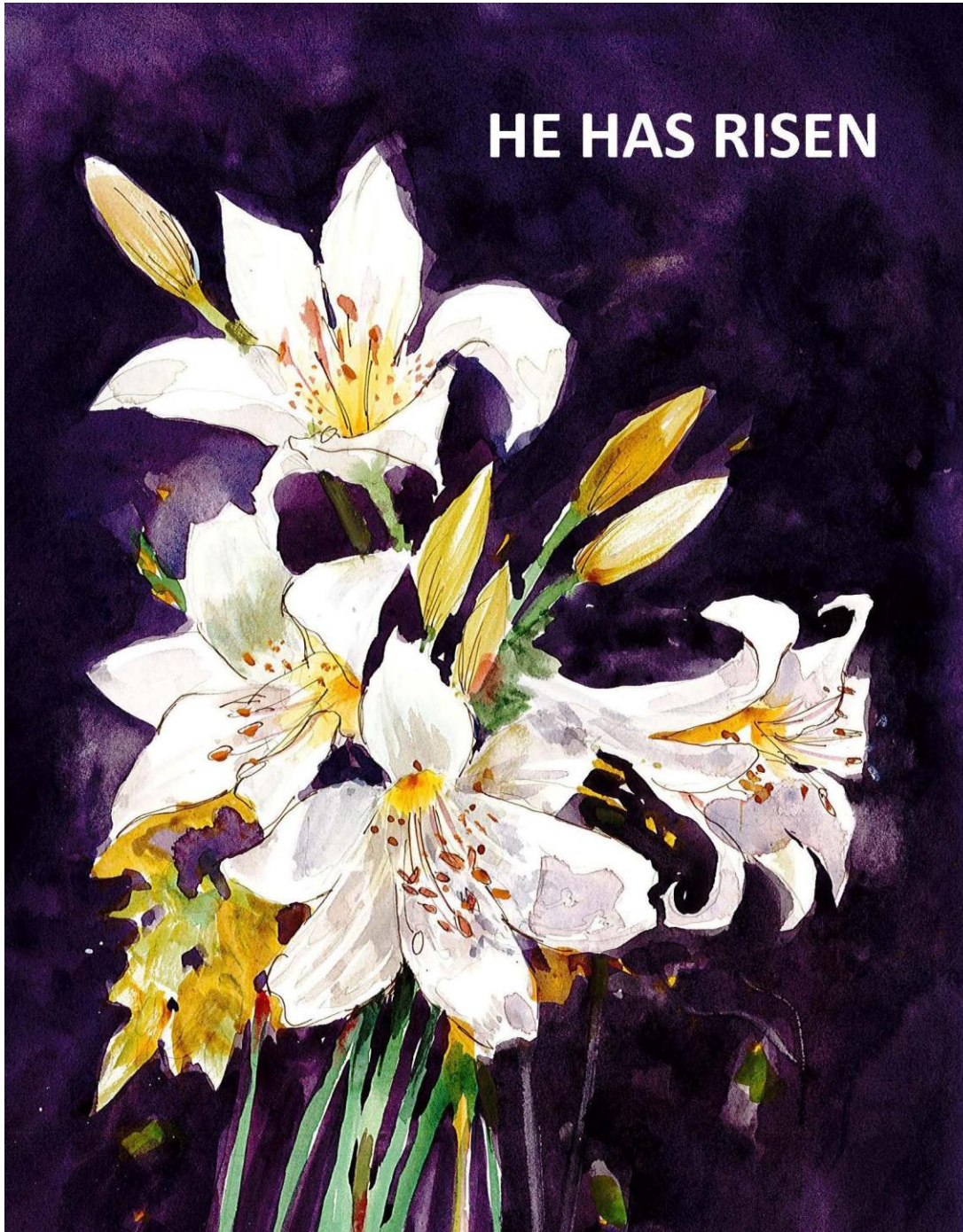


Seneca Presbyterian Church

April 21, 2019

THE CALL

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



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WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

The Resurrection of the Lord

April 21, 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.)

PRELUDE *(Let us now prepare our hearts for the Prayer of Preparation)*

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Living God, we praise you. This is the day that You have made. We celebrate the life that you have given. Most of all, we thank you for the priceless gift of your Son, through whose life, death, and resurrection, you have made all things new. Let this day be filled with wonder; let our lives proclaim the message, that Christ, our Lord and Savior, is risen from the dead. Amen.

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: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

One: The tomb could not hold him.

All: The grave is empty. Christ is risen!

One: This is the good news by which we are saved:

All: On the third day Jesus rose from the dead. Let us worship God.

***INVOCATION**

***HYMN #232** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on You not only for life but also for faith, hope and love. Without Your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and Your awesome presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth.

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

Through the power of the resurrected Christ, our sins, thought they are many and varied, are forgiven us. Alleluia! 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 *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!!* by Mark Hayes

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON I Corinthians 15:1-9 page 935-936

***HYMN #248** *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

GOSPEL TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 24:1-12 page 860

SERMON God Won't Fail When All Else Does Rev. Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles Creed page 35

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Musical Offering

*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, alleluia!

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

*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.)

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Breaking of the Bread and Receiving God's Gifts

Sharing God's Gifts

Prayer

GOING OUT INTO GOD'S WORLD

***HYMN No. 240** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***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 (4/21/19-4/27/19)

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Session
Thursday	12:00 p.m.	BB&B
	1:30 p.m.	Tai Chi

Liturgist: 9:00 a.m Lyn Norton and 11:00 a.m. Chuck Kellner

- **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.**
- **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.
- Please remember the church in your will.



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

**Help!!! OPSF needs volunteers to interview clients.
Please contact Ann Smith if you can HELP!**

The Post Office Food Drive is May 11th. We offer pick-up trucks to transport food from the post office to the food pantry. We need lots of help this day starting at 3:00 p.m. We do not sort anymore, but we are in charge of moving the food. PLEASE contact Ann Smith if you can help!

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.

Presby Press Preference:

Name: _____

Printed copy mailed _____ **OR pick up at church** _____

Prayer Requests

Church Family: Nancy Allgood, Betty and Jack Arnold, Reid Arnold, Lucy Ballenger, Rick Black, Priscilla Byars, Sue Crerar, Ruth Davidson, Betty Dubose, 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, 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*

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.