

# Seneca Presbyterian Church

May 12, 2019

## THE CALL

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



# WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 12, 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

## SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of love, fountain of prayer, 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. And how hard we make it by driving ourselves to busyness and fatigue. 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.

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: Leader: In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

**All: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.**

One: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

**All: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

One: You, O Lord, are my hope and my trust.

**All: My praise is continually of you.**

## \*INVOCATION

## \*HYMN #14

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God, we have all sinned and fallen short of your glory. You would be justified in any judgment you decreed. But it is your nature always to have mercy. Therefore we are bold enough to come to you, just as we are. We have no excuses and no plea but that Jesus' blood was shed for us and for our children. We confess before you and before our brothers and sisters, that we have not loved you with all our heart, soul, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For Jesus' sake, grant us pardon and time for amendment of life and the sustaining presence of your Holy Spirit.**

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

**Christ forgives the most impossible sins, overcomes the greatest fears, comforts the loudest cries and breaks down the strongest barriers to his love and peace. Through the resurrection, Christ's power in the Holy Spirit lives and works here and now. Brothers and sisters know that we are forgiven and be at peace.**

\*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 Thou Exalted* by Goss/Owen

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Psalm 90 page 476-477

\***HYMN # 825** *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:** Colossians 3: 1-5 page 957

**SERMON** Aim Past This Life 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 #840** *When Peace Like a River*

\***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**

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\*Let those who are able stand



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 (5/12/19-5/18/19)**

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| Sunday    | 9:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m.                    | Contemporary Worship<br>Church School<br>Traditional Worship                  |
| Monday    | 4:00 p.m.  | Worship Comm.   |
| Tuesday   | 9:00 – 12:00 noon<br>2:00 p.m.<br>5:30 p.m.<br>5:30 p.m. | Parish Nurse<br>Fellowship Comm.<br>Christian Ed.<br>Early Service Fellowship |
| Wednesday | 5:30 p.m.  | Fellowship Potluck  |
| Thursday  | 12:00 p.m.   | BB&B  |

(BB&B will begin a new series on **May 16<sup>th</sup>** at 12 noon)

**Donation** is made by **Dian Yanessa** to Thornwell.

**Liturgist:** 9:00 a.m **Becky Hetherington** and 11:00 a.m. **Alicia Rannou**

**Worship Attendance 5/5/2019** 9:00 AM: 31 11:00 AM: 90; **total 121**

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

**SAVE THE DATE! A Farewell Reception for Jeremy Stanton** will be held in Pastors Hall between services on Sunday, **May 19 at 10 am**. In June, Jeremy will be moving to Texas, and we wish to express our love, appreciation, and good wishes. Jeremy has been a member of this congregation for many years and has been an important and talented musical contributor to our worship services. He will be greatly missed!

There will be a collection point at the reception for cards and expressions of appreciation.

**Save the date of Tuesday, May 21st, at 9:30 a.m.** to enjoy **"Coffee time 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.

- **HELP!!!!!!!!!!!!** I am looking for teachers for **Vacation Bible School** this summer. Please contact Ann Smith, 973-8967, or [asmith124@att.net](mailto:asmith124@att.net) if you would be willing to join our team. Thank you! (Dates of Children's VBS are 7/9-7/13).
- **Soup Kitchen**...Seneca Church is responsible for serving on all the Sundays in May, each week from 12:00-1:00. Volunteers needed and desserts requested.
- If your child or grandchild has recently celebrated or excelled at something, send us a message and a picture if you have one, so we can brag on them in the Presby Press. Just call the church office (882-2505) or leave us a note or email Robin at [rsmithspc@bellsouth.net](mailto:rsmithspc@bellsouth.net).

**Meeting following the 9:00 Service on Sunday June 9**, there will be a discussion meeting concerning the Contemporary service. As you are aware, our guitarist Jeremy Stanton will be moving to Texas in early June. We do not have a substitute able to fill Jeremy's place in our contemporary music group. Earlier this year the Worship Committee submitted a report to the Session to outline our concerns about the musician shortage that will follow Jeremy's departure. The Session was unable to authorize funds to hire a guitarist, and requested that the Worship Committee schedule a meeting to consider the musical challenges.

Please plan to attend this meeting to share your thoughts, concerns and vision for the early service. **All SPC attendees are invited to attend.**

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**THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE YARD SALE AND I THINK YOU ALL KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS!!!! We need HELP!!!!!! The yard sale is May 25th, so starting Monday morning, May 20th at 10:00 a.m. we need people, people, people! We especially need strong guys to move furniture, tables, etc., then to stay and help the rest of us sort items. We need EVERYBODY to join in this effort. So mark your calendars - I won't ask for specific times when you can work, but we will start every day the week of the sale at 10 am downstairs in the Rough Room and work, work, work - Oh, we'll have fun, too!!!! If you are able to give any time at all, PLEASE join us - WE NEED YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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### Prayer Requests

*The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Dian Yanessa in the death of her father, Henry Favini who passed away on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please keep Dian and her family in your thoughts and prayers.*

*The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Kathy and Rich Gerner in the death of her father, Charles Heald who passed away on Saturday, May 4th. Please keep Kathy and Rich and their family in your thoughts and prayers.*

**Ruth Davidson has been moved to the health care facility at Clemson Down, as her condition continues to decline. She is in room 37 and she does sleep a lot. Her new address is: Ruth Davidson c/o Clemson Downs (Office) 500 Downs Blvd. Clemson, SC 29631. Please continue to send her cards and letters.**

**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, \*Kathy Gerner, Florence Goehle, Russell Kelly, Larry Kolze, Maria Leitner, Janet May, \*Mary Ann Nuttall, Suzanne Peden, Bob Simpson, Debbie Simpson, Beti Strobeck, Brenda Thomson, and Bill Thompson.

**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), Evans Harris (husband of Pat Harris), Joe Kahl (friend of Bob Norton), Linda Kelly (cousin of Elaine Williams), Jack Kinback (former member), 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), Doug Rice (friend of Jan Crismore), 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)

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**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](http://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](mailto:scaldwell11@bellsouth.net), or Ann Smith 973-8967 [asmith124@att.net](mailto: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. **Will be on hiatus starting in June – August.**
- **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](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. 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)** The class will start discussing "*Anxious for Nothing*" by Max Lucado beginning May 16<sup>th</sup>. 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](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.

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Join us for an AMAZING week at **Mars and Beyond**, SPC's Vacation Bible School. We will have a great time learning exciting Bible stories, playing awesome games, eating, making neat stuff in crafts, dancing to the music, and meeting "*EP3-20 Robot*." All this happens the **week of July 8 – 12, from 9:00 am 'til noon each day**. Please invite your children and grandchildren and the neighborhood kids to discover their strength in God! You can sign up on our web site [sprez.org](http://sprez.org). See you there!