

# Seneca Presbyterian Church

August 6, 2017

THE CALL

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



*"Surely the Lord is in this Place" 2009*

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**SENECA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION**

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

August 6, 2017

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

**A PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

*We give you thanks, O God, for it is by the gift of Your grace that we rise from our beds each morning. Keep us in Your grace this day so that we may rise to give You thanks on the morning of Your new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**GATHERING AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

**WELCOME AND TIME OF GREETING**

Pouring of the Water

Congregational Response (Hymn No. 488, verse 4) *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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

*Fugue in C minor*

J.S. Bach

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In the morning, O Lord, You hear our prayers.

**All: In the light of this day we praise Your name.**

One: Through the abundance of Your steadfast love You have gathered us into Your house.

**All: In the holiness of Your presence, we bow down to worship and adore You.**

**\*HYMN No. 624**

*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

**\*INVOCATION**

**PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Gracious God, You know what kind of people we are.**

**We judge others harshly and fail to see our own sin.**

**We look with suspicion and fear, and neglect to show hospitality to strangers.**

**We treasure things that are worthless and squander Your precious gifts.**

**We withhold the grace and love that You give us so freely.**

**Forgive us. Pour out Your grace upon us to save us from our sin.**

*Teach us even more through the discipline of silence...*

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.**

\*Congregational Response (Hymn No. 581) *Glory Be to the Father*

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

<b>OLD TESTAMENT LESSON</b>	Psalm 32	Page 440
<b>NEW TESTAMENT LESSON</b>	Luke 7: 36-50	Page 840
<b>SERMON</b>	The Cost of Forgiveness	Dr. Peter Hobbie

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*HYMN No. 435** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

**\*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: *Priere* Langlais

\*Doxology (Hymn No. 609)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Alleluia!

\*Prayer of Dedication

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH AND PRAYER**

**CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER**

\*Communion Hymn No. 510 *We Gather Here in Jesus' Name*

Invitation to the Lord's Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Breaking of the Bread and Receiving God's Gifts

Sharing God's Gifts

One: We send You out with this bread and cup to share the feast of the risen Lord.

**All: We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.**

Prayer

**\*HYMN NO. 275** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

**\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *The Lord's Prayer* Malotte

**POSTLUDE** *Ein feste burg* Hassler

\*Let those who are able to stand

In order that all may partake, the bread served with the Communion meal is gluten free.

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Today we welcome back to Seneca Presbyterian Church our friend **Dr. Peter Hobbie**. Peter is the George and Emma Cornelson Emeritus Professor of Christian Religion at Presbyterian College. This is his fourth time to be among us, having led two other VBS experiences and also our Bible study on human sexuality in March 2016. He serves as our preacher this morning and as our instructor for Adult Vacation Bible School this evening and continuing on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Our study anticipates the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation on October 31, 2017.

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### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (8/6/17-8/12/17)

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship
	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	VBS (Dr. Hobbie)
Monday	4:00 p.m.	M/CC
	5:00 p.m.	Diaconate
	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	VBS (Dr. Hobbie)
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. – noon	Parish Nurse
	10:00 a.m.	Building and Grounds
	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	VBS (Dr. Hobbie)
Wednesday	9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Days for Girls
Thursday	12:00 p.m.	BB&B
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Knitters

**Liturgist:** Natalie Schwartz

**Worship Attendance 7/30/17** 9:00 AM: 27; 11:00 AM: 123; **total 150**

**A donation** is made to OPSF by **Jim and Elaine Williams** to honor Emily Land.



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 contact Pastor Nancy Morris or call the church office at 882-2505 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](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.

## Prayer Requests

*The sympathy of the church family is extended to Bob and Debbie Simpson in the death of Bob's brother Jimmy.*

**Church Family:** Reid Arnold, Jan Arnold, Lucy Ballenger, Rick Black, Brenda DeHay, Dot Findley, Florence Goehle, Martha Holleman, Ellen Hotz, Mary Ann Nuttall, Sandy Olsen, Suzanne Peden, Cal Reinking, Cecil Rigby, Irene Rigby, Bob Simpson, and Garland Smith.

**Extended Church Family:** Kathy Bryson, James Carter (friend of James Gaines), Ricky Carver (Curtis Long's cousin), Jennifer Chastain (friend of Elizabeth Long), Julie Doucet (Paul LaRoche's sister), Bill Farson (Brother of Pat Harris), Estelle Harmon (Larry Harmon's mother), Evans Harris (husband of Pat Harris), Joe Kahl (friend of Bob Norton), Linda Kelly (cousin of Elaine Williams), Myrt Klein (friend of Don & Norma Liebenberg), \*Stacy Kloc (Vicki Andy's girlfriend's daughter-in-law), Ken Lehner (Noel Lehner's Brother), Sarah Lehner (Noel & Betty Lehner's daughter), Theo Lehner (Noel & Betty Lehner's son), Robert Leitner, Sr. (father-in-law of Maria Leitner), Mackenzie (friend of Elizabeth Long), Arland McMullen (friend of Gary Owens), Bill & Eileen Mansfield (dear friends of Joan Riley), Bob McCormick (son in law of Lynn & Margaret Trainer), Tim Murphy (friends of Jon & Nancy Young), Billy Jo Nichols (friend of James Gaines), \*Betty Petrone (mother of Michele Creel), Cecilia Raxter (sister of Cecil Rigby), Gregory Rigby (brother of Cecil Rigby), Bryn Riley, eight-year-old daughter of McKenzie and Amy Riley (E/Flo Riley, grandparents), Bobbie Jean Robinson (friend of James Gaines), Fermon Robinson (friend of James Gaines), Mary Walker (Carol Shively's mother), Susan Watt (teacher of Walhalla High School & friend of Linda Hostetler) Catherine Wilbanks, and Bob Willard (Jim 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)

**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*

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### A Prayer for Bangladesh

31 July 2017



God of grace, we pray for the eighty-five families in the tribal village of Tripura Para in southeastern Bangladesh, who for the past seven years have been completely neglected by the government's immunization program. As a result, this month a measles epidemic broke out in the village, the virulent infection spreading quickly to eighty-eight children, killing ten of them. The malnourished state of the children contributed to the epidemic's devastating effect. O heavenly Father, comfort the families of Tripura Para and, in your mercy, help the world provide protective health care for all children, we pray in the name of Christ, the Lord of life. 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.**
- 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: Betty Aschom 886-8997.
- The **Men's Bible Study** meets in the youth room downstairs in Archie Barron Hall and is using *The Present Word*. Contact person: Louis Holleman. 885-0922 [louischolleman@bellsouth.net](mailto:louischolleman@bellsouth.net)
- The **Koinonia Class** is hosting the study on the *Biblical Literature: Genesis to Revelation*. They meet in the Koinonia classroom (office hallway). Contact person: Dan Toole, 364-4846
- The **Open Door Class is on hiatus for the summer.**

### Through the Week

**Brown Bag and Bible Study Group (BB&B)** meets at noon each Thursday in the Sara Davis Stribling classroom. They are studying the Gospel of John. You are welcome to bring lunch. Contact person: Becky Drew 888-3409 [rebeccadrew@bellsouth.net](mailto:rebeccadrew@bellsouth.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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## Quick Notes

- **Flags on church property** are marking utilities so the workers installing the irrigation system will not cause harm to anything. These flags should not be moved or removed. If you are responsible for children outside, please be sure they follow this request.
- **Barron Hall Lock Changing** The lock on the main entrance (Oak Street parking lot entrance) to Barron Hall will be changed soon and new keys will be required for entry. If you will need a key, please send a text or email to Emily Land, Building and Grounds Moderator, and give her your name and the reason you need a key. Email [landemily@bellsouth.net](mailto:landemily@bellsouth.net) Text 864-324-1617
- **Our Brothers Keeper Charity Golf Tournament** for Oconee Presbyterian Service Fund needs **volunteers** to help with the golf tournament. Golfers are also needed. **Sign-up sheets are in Knohl Hall.**
- Our **new website** is up and running. By checking on the What's Happening section, you can sign-up for events such as pot-luck dinners, Adult Vacation Bible School, Golf Tournament, and Lunch & Learns. Visit the website and sign-up today: [www.sprez.org](http://www.sprez.org)
- **Our New Directories** are finally here. If you had your picture taken, your directory is in the library. Each has been labeled and placed in alphabetical order.
- It is that time again! The beginning of a new school year is just around the corner. **We are helping once again to gather school supplies** for distribution by United Way. Any and all school supplies are needed.
- **Sarah Low is also collecting school supplies through the Girl Scouts** for DSS children in need. Little green wish lists are in Knohl Hall, please take one and put your items in the boxes with the "happy face" stars on them. She will be collecting them till Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support, Diana and Sarah Low.

The morning of June 25 was a keepsake moment in the life of Seneca Presbyterian Church. A professionally recorded and prepared DVD of our **anniversary service of worship** is available for any who wish to preserve that memory. This recording includes the complete worship service along with a listing of the names of those who made the entire weekend possible. Its run time is 105 minutes. Orders for DVDs will be taken through August 28, the Sunday of our Annual Meeting. The cost is \$10 per DVD. We will place an order for all paid requests after that date. To secure your copy, contact the church office or fill out the form below.



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***You can order now by filling out the form below and returning it to the church office.***

***DVD of our Anniversary service of worship***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ How Many? \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Annual Report Books for 2017**

Books are almost ready for print and will be ready 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Would you be interested in volunteering to work in the church office?** On occasion, it is necessary for the church secretary to be away from the office (vacation time, sickness, etc.). If you have some computer skills, and are familiar with typical office equipment (telephone, copier, postage machine, fax, etc.) and would like to volunteer, or if you have questions or would be interested in helping, please give the church office a call at 882-2505.

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