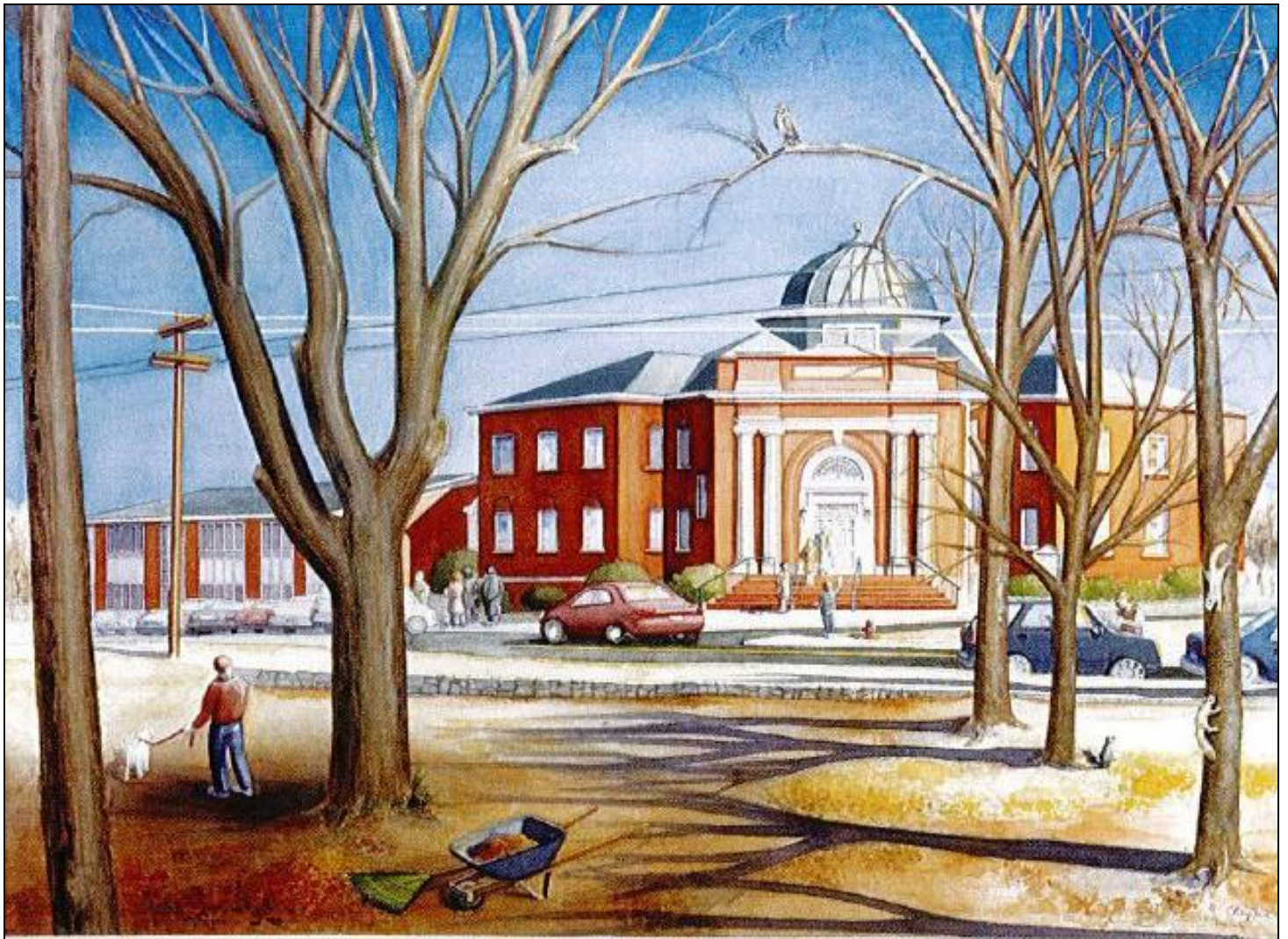


Seneca Presbyterian Church

February 5, 2012

THE CALL

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



Artwork of Nancy Clayton "Surely the Lord is in this Place" 2009

WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 2012

11: 00 a.m. Traditional Service

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

May we be so drawn to you, O God, that in your presence would be the only place where we can be found.

GATHERING AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the Friendship Pad, but do not tear off or place in offering plate.)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Men of the Church

John Catlin

OPENING VOLUNTARY *O Divine Redeemer*

Charles Gounod

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 145)

Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; your greatness, O God, is unsearchable.

You fulfill the desire of all who fear you; you hear their cries and save them.

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and bless your holy name forever and ever.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN No. 464 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

(Page 16, front of Hymnal)

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, we confess our faithlessness. Our hearts are fickle, and our eyes wander, and we trick ourselves into serving false gods. We speak lies, and accept lies, and live lies, destroying ourselves along the way. Have mercy on us. Forgive our waywardness and lead us back to You. May Your faithfulness embolden our trust in You, and may Your truth settle in our souls.

Help us to speak in wordless silence the truth only our hearts dare name...

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response: *Gloria Patri* (Hymn # 579)

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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Philippians 2:5-11)

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the

earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH AND PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Musical Offering

Adagio Cantabile

Giuseppe Tartini

*Doxology No. 592

OLD HUNDREDTH

“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

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

ANTHEM

Be Still, My Soul

Jean Sibelius

Be still my soul, the Lord is on your side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Leave to your God to order and to provide, in every change, God faithful will remain. Be still my soul, your best, your Heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end. Be still my soul, your God will undertake to guide the future, as in ages past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake, all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 12:13-21

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SERMON

Rich Toward God

Nancy M. Morris

CELEBRATING THE LORD’S SUPPER

*Communion Hymn #422 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Receiving God’s Gifts

Prayer

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN No. 426 *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: No. 438 (verse 1)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds

Our hearts in Christian love:

The fellowship of kindred minds

Is like to that above.

*RETURNING INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

* Let those who are able stand

WELCOME VISITORS! We warmly welcome you to this service of worship and congregation. We are glad you are here today and hope you will return often. 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 strongly encouraged to participate in these classes. Dates for the next series of classes are under consideration. If you are interested in conversation about membership do not hesitate to contact Pastor Nancy Morris or the church office any time.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (02/05/12 -02/11/12)

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship
Monday	2:45 p.m.	Circle 1
	4:00 p.m.	Mission/Community Care Committee
	5:00 p.m.	Diaconate Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Handbells
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Circle 2
	7:30 p.m.	Circle 6
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Worship Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Study Group
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday	12:00 noon	Bible & Brown Bag Study Group
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Knitters
	1:00 to 4:00 p.m.	Odyssey Games Day
	6:00 to 9:30 p.m.	Parents' Night Out

Worship Attendance 01/29/12: 9:00 a.m. – 25; 11:00 a.m. – 168; Total: 193

For Your Information:

- **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. Written copies of most **sermons** are also available. Make requests through the church office.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Church Family: *Elaine Bushey, Jean Carroll, Becky Drew, Elizabeth Eberhart, Grace Jacobi, Larry Josey, Bill Miller, Robert Moffat, Bruce Norton, Mary Ann Nuttall, Kem Oelberg, and Cynthia Ruckle.

Extended Church Family: Frank Cathey (friend of Don & Cindi Lesley), Charlena Gaines (James Gaines' wife), Dohnia Elizabeth Galloway (granddaughter of Bert & Carolyn Owens), Pamela Gregga (Don & Ann Warmuth's niece), Greg Krabbe (Rob Krabbe's brother), Mark Krabbe (Rob Krabbe's uncle), Susan Krech (Ed & Joan Krech's daughter), Patricia McBride (friend of Binky Kreyer), John Moosbrugger (friend of Gary & Diana Owens), Jean Norton (Lyn & Bruce Norton's daughter-in-law), Jane Phillips (Jack & Betty Kinback's daughter), Bill Rieck (Don Rieck's brother), Lance Robben (Bruce & Shirley Woods' son-in-law), Gordon Bigelow (Kathy Gerner's brother-in-law), and Becky Northrup (friend of Wayne & Donna Montague).

Those Serving in the Military: Sean Davis (Jack & Elinor Workman's grandson), Matt McNeal (Janey Turner's nephew, serving in Afghanistan) and Patrick R. O'Mara (Don & Cindi Lesley's son-in-law). *Those serving in harm's way throughout the nation and world.*

The Long-Range Planning Team of Seneca Presbyterian Church.

Note: Please let the church office know of updates to the prayer list.

**name added this week*

With love and grateful hearts, Larry and I wish to thank you for your many acts of kindness and, especially, for your prayers. Your friendships sustained us during a very difficult time. We feel blessed to be a part of this caring congregation.

The Joseys

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE. This morning we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. We invite any professing Christian, together with their baptized children, to participate. You need not be a member of this congregation nor a Presbyterian. This is the Lord's table and we welcome you in Christ's name!

February Circle Meetings

CIRCLE 1 will meet on Monday, February 6th at 2:45 p.m. in the Sara Davis Stribling Classroom. The Beatitudes in Matthew and Luke will be our study for 2011 – 2012. This study will focus on connecting our faith with our daily life.

Please bring sugar or self-rising flour for Helping Hands!!

Circle 2 will meet Tuesday, February 7th, in the Sara Davis Stribling Class Room at 10:00 a.m. Circle Chairperson is Helen Lewis 654-7314.

Circle 6 will meet Tuesday, February 7th at 7:30 p.m. at the church in the new Chapter House Parlor. Carolyn Maddox will serve as our hostess, and Donna Beebe will lead us in lesson 6: *Greatly Honored Are the Pure in Heart* from the circle book: Confessing the Beatitudes. Remember to bring PEANUT BUTTER for the Golden Corner Food Pantry.

All women are welcome to attend any of these groups.

SHROVE TUESDAY – Join us for Shrove Tuesday food and festivities on Tuesday, February 21st at 5:45 p.m. Following delicious pancakes we will join in laughter and fun as Margot Holmquist and her theatrical partners present her original skit, BY JOVE! IT'S SHROVE TUESDAY!

Reservations by Sunday, February 19th PLEASE:

I/We will attend _____ Number _____

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY

- The **Bible & Brown Bag Study Group** has resumed its study of Matthew's Gospel. Join us at *noon on Thursdays*, and bring your lunch.
- The **Wednesday Evening Adult Study Group** meets each *Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m.* in the *Men's Bible classroom*. A new study has begun that will focus on "understanding how the 27 books that make up the New Testament came into being, who wrote them and why, and determining what they might have meant to the original readers." The study will use a 24-lecture Great Courses DVD series entitled "The New Testament" by Professor Bart D. Ehrman. The group facilitator will be Gordon Lewis. All are welcome to attend and participate in the group.
- Sunday Morning Study Groups in February, meeting at 10:00am between services:
 - The **Sarah Davis Stribling Class** is a women's Bible study group and meets in the Sarah Davis Stribling classroom. They currently use a curriculum entitled The Present Word. In February they will begin a new unit entitled "God's Redemption." It comes from the book of Galatians and will be led by Margot Holmquist.
 - **The Men's Bible Class** cordially invites all members and friends to join us for a special Bible study during the month of February. Richard Caldwell will be our guest teacher using I Peter for the study. Please join us for this special series starting today at 10:00 a.m. Come a little early for refreshments and fellowship.
 - The **Adult Discussion Group** meets in the library. This class is studying David, currently looking at 1st Samuel. Betty Lehner provides background information to go along with the Bible passages that are read and discussed each week. This class is for couples and singles - anyone interested in reading and studying the Bible.

IT'S TIME FOR THE SENIOR FOLLIES AGAIN!!!! Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 4th at 2:00 p.m. This is the 20th anniversary performance of the Anderson Senior Follies, a show no one should miss, no matter one's age. Its two hours of hilarious comedy, singing and dancing laced with old-fashioned patriotism by a group of about 70 people — all over the age of 55. If you've never been, you'll be in for the time of your life. For tickets, please contact Ann Smith at 647-2088.

ODYSSEY GAMES DAY continues to meet on the second Friday of each month. Come and join us on Friday, February 10th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. We will meet in the Forus Room, downstairs in Fellowship Hall. We play a variety of games. Popcorn and drinks are provided. If you have questions please call Helen Lewis at 654-7314.

COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST - The Community Pancake Breakfast was a huge success. There were 168 in attendance and enjoyed by all. Thank you to the many volunteers who took a Saturday morning to bless others.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR NANCY: Over the next few weeks, I want to reflect with you on the unique identity and giftedness that we enjoy as Seneca Presbyterian Church. This dialogue is intended to be one way we might discern together what God is calling us to do and be in the years ahead. The topics of my reflections for upcoming Sundays are listed below. This list is not exhaustive nor meant to be a complete conversation; it is rather just a beginning. And I do want you to enter the dialogue. The best way to do that is to find my blog – which you can do one of two ways: go to www.revmorris.blogspot.com or go to our web site and click on the box marked “Pastor Nancy’s Blog” in the upper left under “Informative Links.” Thank you for the privilege of being your pastor!

The Church for All People... Serving God through Serving Others

We believe that we are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

As a Church of Jesus Christ...

February 5th – We are called to be faithful stewards of God’s abundance.

February 12th – We are called to be partners with God in the re-creation of the world.

February 19th – We are called to be a congregation for all ages.

SOUPER SUNDAY – Today is the annual “Souper Sunday”. The charity this year is the weekend food for Seniors – the “Senior Paper Bag” program. Please bring your dimes and quarters (or preferably bills) to the volunteers at any exit who have “soup pots” to accept your donations. Remember it’s a great cause and this collection only comes once a year.

THE SESSION HAS APPROVED hiring a **second nursery attendant** to work with Martha Taylor on Sunday mornings. This would require being at church from 8:45 until the last child is picked up -- approximately 12:15. We are looking for an adult (or responsible teenager at least 16 years old) who is good with children and is interested in earning a little extra money. If you have any suggestions or are interested, contact Brenda Thomson at 864-723-9031 or by e-mail to abthomson@charter.net.

USHERS TRAINING CLASS - THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU

Do you want to be an important part of your church family? It’s easy and a great way to meet the congregation. Become an usher and feel more a part of Seneca Presbyterian Church. We are having an Ushers Training Class on Wednesday, February 15th at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please come and learn the process of being an usher and see how much fun you can have and feel very spiritual at the same time. It is important that you sign up so that we know how many to expect. We hope that a large majority of you will want to join us. If you are presently an usher, we encourage you to join us as we may have a few changes and additions to our process.

Please sign below and put this form in the offering plate, leave it in the church office, or call the church office 882-2505.

Thank you for taking the time to join the Ushers Training Class, Wednesday, February 15th, at 2:00p.m. You will be so pleased that you are taking advantage of this opportunity.

NAME _____

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Tony and Sandy Alford; 534 N. Flagship Dr., Salem, SC 29676; 719-0222

Walter and Shirley Daniel; 226 Wynmere Way, Seneca, SC 29672; 888-8993

Carla Honea; 260 Oak Creek Rd., Seneca, SC 29678; 972-3191

John and Linda Hostetler; 172 Snug Harbor Ln., Walhalla, SC 29691;
638-6750

John and Lane Lynch; 16 Marina Village Way, Salem, SC 29676; 944-8819

Charlotte McDonald; 107 W. N. Third St., Seneca, SC 29678; 882-9898

Lynn and Margaret Trainer; 130 Pinnacle Pointe Dr., Seneca, SC 29672;
985-0795

All were received by the Session last Sunday as members of this congregation. Please give them a warm welcome.

A Lenten Study for Everyone

It seems as if we just finished "The Journey" – namely the Advent study from Adam Hamilton, yet the beginning of Lent is only a few weeks away. The Christian Education Committee would like to offer a sequel to that study also written and led (through DVD presentations) by Hamilton, namely *24 Hours that Changed the World*. Chapter titles and events studied are listed in the February Presby Press, so check there for more information. We will offer two sections: one on Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. (beginning February 19th) facilitated by Brenda Thomson and one at noon on Thursday (beginning February 23rd) facilitated by Nancy Morris. Books are \$12. You can help us prepare adequately by calling the church office and letting us know of your interest. Please specify which class: Sunday or Thursday!

Volunteers are needed to support our Friends in Faith Ministry

We need volunteers to support out Friends in Faith Ministry on an as needed basis.

Meals for members in need (shut-ins)	Interested? _____
Visitation (homebound, nursing home)	Interested? _____
Transportation (church members only)	Interested? _____
Sitting with an ill person (home or in hospital)	Interested? _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Tear off and return to the church office. If you have any questions please contact Judy Kellner at 985-0522 or Ann Smith at 647-2088.

OUR CALLING AS GOD'S PEOPLE IN THIS PLACE MISSION STATEMENT ADDENDUM

To be faithful to our mission we commit ourselves:

- to minister to our older congregation while encouraging growth and development of ministry to younger people;
- to minister to those in need in our community and world;
- to create meaningful worship experiences, providing different times and styles of worship;
- to provide quality Christian Education by offering a variety of programs to our congregation and community.

We will pursue the above within a framework of:

- welcoming a diversity of people;
- working in ecumenical cooperation with our sisters and brothers in Christ;
- spreading the good news of Jesus Christ;
- reaffirming in our worship, life and ministry the strengths of our Reformed faith.



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