

Seneca Presbyterian Church

"Grounded in Faith ~ Growing to Serve"

September 20, 2026

CHRISTIAN ED | BIBLE STUDY

Old Testament
HEROES

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
SUNDAYS at 9AM
PASTORS HALL



A GOSPEL
JOURNEY

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAYS at 11:30am
CLASSROOM #1



Youth

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION
SUNDAYS at 11AM
EDUCATION WING



PRESCHOOL STUDENTS
SUNDAYS at 9AM
EDUCATION WING





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CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

September 20, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. Worship

GATHERING

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a Joyful Noise

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Russ Weekley

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

DSS Christmas

Jerry Crabtree

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Awesome God

Hymn 616

Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above,
with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God! (repeat all)
Our God is an awesome God!

PRELUDE

I Hear Thy Welcome Voice

(arr. Manuel)

GATHERING PRAYER

Eternal God, you are the power behind all things: behind the energy of the storm, behind the heat of a million suns. Eternal God, you are the power behind all minds: behind the ability to think and reason, behind all understanding of the truth. Eternal God, you are the power behind the cross of Christ: behind the weakness, the torture and the death, behind unconquerable love. Eternal God, we worship and adore you. Amen.

POURING OF THE WATER

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

You Belong to Christ

Hymn 492

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

People: We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

The God of Abraham Praise

Hymn 49

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

People: Lord, hear my voice!

Leader: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

People: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

Leader: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

People: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

Leader: O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquity.

(silent prayers of confession)

CONFESSION RESPONSE

I Love You, Lord

Hymn 627

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.

Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 28:19-20

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ANTHEM

With a Voice of Singing

SPC Choir

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 12: 1-9

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TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

A New Covenant

Rev. Dr. Russ Weekley

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of 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 arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Special Offering Music *Andante in D-Major* (Greene)

***Prayer of Dedication**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

***HYMN OF COMMISSIONING** *Make a Joyful Noise to God!* Hymn 54

POSTLUDE *Lead On, O King Eternal* (arr. DeCou)

*Those who are able, please stand

Flowers are given today by Janey Turner in memory of Chris Turner

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Dr. Russ Weekley

Louie Holleman, Liturgist

Shawn Thomas, Director of Music, Arts & Communications

Steve Cooper, Organist and Accompanist

USHERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Charles Lutz, Joy Lutz, Brenda Thomson

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Gabby Carlson

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CONCERNS

Church Family: Dan Gryder, Brenda DeHay, Maria Leitner, Elaine Williams, Tracy Andrews, Jean Reinking, Micheala McIntosh, and Faith Beerman.

Extended Church Family: Kari Gras (Donna and Trey Absher's daughter), the family of Doug Cooper (Steve Cooper's brother), Dwayne Tharpe (relative of Nancy Ramsey), Kristen Baltizar Ford (friend of Bob and Donna Peterman, Cooper Hanna (grandson of MaryJo and Bob McAnally), Beth and Eric Ayers (friends of Lynn and Gary Britt), Bob Malle (Diane DeMont-Malle's husband), Elsa Beerman (Gary Beerman's mother), the Lessman Family (cousins of Pamela Davison-Smith), Judy Bantz (sister of Susan Goebel), and Diane Williams' Grandson (Wyatt).

Rev. Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado Escobar, missionaries in Agua Prieta, Mexico, who work at "Frontera de Cristo" providing our Just Coffee and supported by SPC.

Guest WIFI for the church: SP GUEST Password: SPC#115p

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

September 20 - September 27

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>	<i>Adult Bible Study in Pastors Hall / Preschool in Ed Wing</i>
	<i>9:35 am</i>	<i>Praise and Worship in Pastors Hall in Fellowship Hall Bldg</i>
	<i>9:45 am</i>	<i>Nursery in the Education Bldg</i>
	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Worship Service in Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:05 am</i>	<i>Discover SPC New Member Class in Classroom 1</i>
	<i>11:05 am</i>	<i>Youth Faith Formation</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Staff Meeting</i>
	<i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>Handbell Choir Rehearsal</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>9:00 am- Noon</i>	<i>Parish Nurse in Office</i>
	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Health and Wellness Committee</i>
	<i>11:30 am</i>	<i>Pastoral Cares Meeting</i>
	<i>1:00 pm-5:00pm</i>	<i>Parish Nurse (by appointment)</i>
	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Men and Friends at Keowee Brewing</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>Choir /Band Practice</i>
	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Navigating Grief</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>9:00 am- Noon</i>	<i>Parish Nurse in Office</i>
	<i>11:30 am</i>	<i>Brown Bag & Bible Study in Classroom 1</i>
	<i>1:00 pm-5:00pm</i>	<i>Parish Nurse (by appointment)</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>2:00 pm</i>	<i>Table Rock Tea Farm Tour</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>	<i>Adult Bible Study in Pastors Hall / Preschool in Ed Wing</i>
	<i>9:35 am</i>	<i>Praise and Worship in Pastors Hall in Fellowship Hall Bldg</i>
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	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Worship Service in Sanctuary</i>
	<i>11:00 am</i>	<i>Called Congregational Mtg for CNC Nominations</i>
	<i>11:05 am</i>	<i>Discover SPC New Member Class in Classroom 1</i>
	<i>11:05 am</i>	<i>Youth Faith Formation</i>
	<i>3:00 pm</i>	<i>Kay Miller Memorial Service and Interment</i>

Sunday Morning Access Schedule:

<i>8:45 am</i>	<i>Fellowship Hall Building Doors Open</i>
<i>9:00 am</i>	<i>Gathering Place/Knohl Hall Doors Open</i>
<i>9:40 am</i>	<i>Handicap and Front Sanctuary Doors Open</i>
<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Fellowship Hall Building Secured</i>
<i>10:15 am</i>	<i>Gathering Place/Knohl Hall and Sanctuary Doors Secured</i>

If you have general information that needs to reach the office or staff, please send it to hello@sprez.org. To contact individual staff members visit our website or our church directory.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For all upcoming events, unless otherwise noted, please sign up in the Gathering Place in Knoch Hall or email hello@sprez.org. Thank you!

For updated information on ministry opportunities, be sure and check out the latest edition of our online newsletter, The Presby Press, at presby.sprez.org. Also be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

SPC Blessing Pantry Food Drive

Please remember to bring your bags with food either to the Gathering Place on Sundays, or Classroom #2, Monday-Thursday during September. Thank you for your help and generosity.

Called Congregational Meeting on September 27

There will be a called Congregational Meeting on Sunday September 27 directly following worship to hear the recommendations from the Congregational Nominating Committee.

Name Submission for All Saints

In preparation for our All Saints service, November 1st, we are asking you to submit names of friends and family who have passed within the last year. These names need to be submitted to kris@sprez.org no later than October 8th for inclusion in the publications.

Join us for World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday will be celebrated on October 4, 2026. It is a day when Christians around the globe gather across traditions, languages, and borders to share the bread and cup, celebrating our unity in Jesus Christ. Part of our tradition at SPC is to have various breads representing different nations available to view and sample after worship in the Gathering Place in Knoch Hall.

SPC Treasurer Search

Members of SPC, after 9 years of service, Barbara Davenport is going to end her term as Treasurer of the Church at the start of 2027. The Congregational Nominating Committee is involved in the search to find a replacement. Church Treasurer is a position that is approved by the Session and should be on a term of 3 years, with a maximum of 1- 3 year extension if the Treasurer agrees to that. We need a person with a bookkeeping/ accounting background to fill this position. We have a financial secretary who does the payroll reporting to our third party service, processes contributions, actual to budget comparisons and processes check requests. The Treasurer is needed to do the monthly reconciliations, prepare the financials, help the financial secretary with their duties and assist the Finance Committee with preparation of the annual budget. If you have history performing these types of duties in the workplace please consider the position with SPC. Your service would be extremely valuable to the work of our Church.

SPC Nursery Volunteer Opportunity

Our nursery time during worship is for 3-year-olds and under. Volunteers usually only serve one Sunday out of the month. Nursery time starts at 9:45am through the end of worship service. For additional information see Ashley Carlson or Nancy Young.

Salvation Army Bell-Ringer Volunteers Opportunity

Our SPC Men's Group is extending an invitation to anyone in our congregation or surrounding community who would like to help this upcoming Christmas Season by volunteering to be a "Bellringer" for the Salvation Army. Dates are November 23 and 24, and the location will be at the Walmart Grocery Entrance. To sign up for a time and day, please see Everett Fuller, or email hello@sprez.org. All money collected will go to help within Oconee County.

Discover SPC New Member Class

Our Discover SPC New Member class is continuing today and September 27, starting at 11:15am in Classroom 1. For those interested in learning more about PCUSA and Seneca Presbyterian in particular, please see Carol Hartman, Donna Absher, or Sandy Bomely if you'd like to participate, or send an email to hello@sprez.org.

Table Rock Tea Farm Tour September 25th - Sign up TODAY!

Whether you are a tea enthusiast, nature lover or simply looking for a unique day trip, Table Rock Tea Farm offers an unforgettable experience. We are scheduled for the 2pm tour, and they request arrival 20 minutes early. You can meet us at the Tea Farm, or we'll meet at the church to carpool at 10:45am and leave by 11:00am to have lunch before the tour. The tour lasts approximately one hour and there is a tram to take you around the property if you prefer not to walk. Space is limited. For more information, see Vicki Andy.

Join Dian Yanessa for a Creative Card Making Class

We will meet on Friday, October 9 @ 1:00 pm in classroom #2, and Dian will lead you through making four beautiful and unique cards. The cost is \$5.00, which includes all paper products and envelopes and is your non-refundable reservation. Dian Yanessa will be in the Gathering Place in Knohl Hall on September 27 and October 4, before and after service, to collect your money (cash only, please) and confirm your reservation. There are ONLY 12 slots open so sign-up early.

Online Giving Options

For those who would like to share their tithes/offerings through online digital giving, there are two ways to access the online giving portal:

1. Visit give.sprez.org.
2. Scan this QR code.



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