



## Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

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# *Love Feast*

**Steele Creek Presbyterian Church – Organized 1760**

Remembering the Past, Serving in the Present, Anticipating the Future



GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Joseph

Dr. W. Jeff Pinkston

SPECIAL MUSIC

Noel

Chris Tomlin

Kelly Byrum, Craig Allen, and Jeremy Mims

CAROLS

*During the singing of the carols, cookies and cider will be served to the congregation.  
Please hold these until the Blessing in order that we might sup together.*

**It Came Upon the Midnight Clear**

*It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all gracious King"  
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.*

*Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world:  
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.*

*For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophet bards foretold,  
When with the ever-circling years comes round the age of old;  
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.*

**O Little Town of Bethlehem**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

*How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.  
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.*

*O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!*

**Gentle Mary Laid Her Child**

*Gentle Mary laid her Child lowly in a manger;  
There He lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger.  
Such a babe in such a place, can He be the Savior?  
Ask the saved of all the race who have found His favor.*

*Gentle Mary laid her Child lowly in a manger;  
He is still the undefiled, but no more a stranger.  
Son of God, of humble birth, beautiful the story;  
Praise His name in all the earth, hail the King of glory!*

**What Child Is This**

*What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?*

**Refrain:** *This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!*

*Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.*

*~Refrain~*

*So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him.*

*~Refrain~*

**THE MORAVIAN BLESSING**

**Come Lord Jesus, our Guest to be and bless these gifts bestowed by Thee.  
Bless our loved ones everywhere, and keep them in Thy loving care. Amen.**

*~Worshippers may now partake of the cookies and cider~*

MUSICAL OFFERING

*Mary, Did You Know?*

Lowery/Greene

Kelly Byrum, Craig Allen, and Jeremy Mims

CAROLS

*During the singing of the carols,  
napkins and cups will be picked up and the candles will be handed out.*

**Hark, the Herald Angels Sing**

***Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King,  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"***

***Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"***

***Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.***

***Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"***

***Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!***

***Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.***

***Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"***

**God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen**

***God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day;  
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.***

***Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.***

***From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came;  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same;  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.***

***~Refrain~***

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*Now to the Lord sing praises all you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface.*

*~Refrain~*

ANTHEM

*O Holy Night*  
Kelly Byrum and Craig Allen

Adolphe Adam

A CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER

LIGHTING THE CONGREGATIONAL CANDLES

*(Please remain seated for this part of the service.) Our Pastor will light a candle from the Christ Candle and pass the light of Christ to the ushers lighting their candles who, in turn, will pass the light of Christ to the first worshipper in each row. Each of them will then pass the light of Christ down the row as each worshiper lights their neighbor's candle. Please raise your candle in the air as you sing the last verse of "Joy to the World!"*

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

*Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.*

*Joy to the World!*

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,  
and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.*

**\*DISMISSAL**

Leader: You have been promised a Savior and now He has been given to you.

**People: We go to tell of Him, to tell of His star and all the wonders we know because of Him.**

Leader: He came to bring life so that we might have it more abundantly.

**People: We go as bearers of His light, life, and peace. Alleluia!**

**\*OFFERING**

*An offering will be collected as you exit tonight. This is an opportunity for those who wish to support the life and ministry of Steele Creek Presbyterian Church to do so.*

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Ding, Dong, Merrily on High*

arr. Mark Hayes

**May the Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love of Christ be with you and your family this Christmas and in the New Year!**

*The members and staff of Steele Creek Presbyterian Church wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas!*

Glory  
to the  
Newborn  
King

