



## Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

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**Steele Creek Presbyterian Church – Organized 1760**

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

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

**August 6, 2017**

**10:30 AM**

\*Those that are able, please stand

**CCLI # 3051971**

## *Gathering Around The Word*

Prayer of Preparation

*O God, we praise Your name and give thanks for Your creative power. We come here in need of an authentic encounter with You. Like Jacob wrestling with the angel, let this hour of worship be a time of sacred struggle. Help us to grapple with the mysteries of our faith with vigor and purpose. And bless and transform us in the process. Give us a heart to serve You in all things. Amen.*

Words of Welcome

\*Opening Praise

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

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Bringing in the Light of Christ

Acolyte

\*Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Leader: O God, there is a dark and lonesome gulf in worship, a cavern of the awesome into which we rarely go.

**People: We prefer catchy tunes, bright vestments and holiday prayers. We would rather exchange fellowship than touch holiness.**

Leader: Enable us in this precious time to venture into the depth of worship which can never be found totally in individual spirituality but which opens slowly before the shared pain, struggle and love of the communion of the saints.

**All: Amen.**

-Ruth C. Ducks and Maren C. Tirabassi, eds., *Touch Holiness* (New York: The Pilgrim Press, 1990), np.

\*Hymn of Praise

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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Prayer of Confession & Surrender

**Gracious God, God of manna in the desert, God who nourished a hungry crowd with loaves and fishes, we admit that we find it difficult to trust Your abundance. We hoard what we have because it makes us feel secure. We keep score within our relationships, filing away mental tallies of our own good works and the shortcomings of others. We are happy to follow Christ — to a point. And when confronted by the gospel or challenged in our complacency, we make excuses. Forgive us, O God. Help us to trust Your grace that defies logic; help us to live in Your extravagant love and boundless mercy. Give us the will to live all of life in service to You, our strength and Redeemer. Amen.**

Response

*Give of Your Best to the Master*

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## **THE SESSION**

W. Jeff Pinkston, Moderator

Walter H. Neely Jr., Clerk

David W. McAliley, Assistant Clerk

Price H. Gwynn, III, Elder Emeritus

### **CLASS OF 2018**

Henry A. Cathey  
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Ragan B. Haston  
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Barry R. Small  
Marjorie B. Smith

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Jacob R. Cunningham  
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Benjamin S. Horack, III  
Donna C. Moody  
Margaret M. Salmon  
Cheryl R. Simerly  
Ellen N. Thomas

## **THE DIACONATE**

### **CLASS OF 2018**

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Christian N. McCall  
David W. McCorkle  
Mary Beth Monroe  
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### **Directors of the Church Corporation**

Members of the Session

### **Sunday School Superintendent**

Wanda Kinard

### **Mission Statement**

**Steele Creek Presbyterian Church is a welcoming Christian family, rich in tradition, actively spreading the good news of Jesus Christ, serving our community and world.**