



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

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Joseph Offers Mercy to His Brothers

Steele Creek Presbyterian Church – Organized 1760

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 20, 2017

10:30 AM

*Those that are able, please stand

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Gathering Around The Word

Prayer of Preparation

O God of all creation, God of community, how good it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity! Knit us together as Your people gathered in this place. As we come together in worship, may the words we say bear witness to Your good news for all people. Enliven our worship with an abundance of Your Spirit. Amen.

Words of Welcome

Opening Praise

Blessings

Praise Team

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Acolyte

*Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Leader: The invitation to worship is here.

People: Our God has welcomed us into this place of worship and we will respond with praise and thanksgiving.

Leader: Come, one and all to give praise and glory to our God.

People: As creation proclaims the greatness of God with all its beauty, so we proclaim God with word and song. We will shout and sing and dance and pray -- all to the glory of the one true God. We accept Your invitation to come, O God, and we will respond with praise and thanksgiving.

*Hymn of Praise

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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Prayer of Confession & Surrender

Loving God, You call us out of darkness and into Your marvelous light. But we crouch in the shadows, ashamed of the wrong we have done, and of the good we have neglected to do. We have been timid disciples, afraid of putting our lives on the line for the good of Your reign on earth. We conceal our true selves from one another, hiding behind the masks of our own power and competence. We allow divisions and discord to reign in our hearts, crowding You out altogether. Yet we know that discord is not Your way. Reconciling God, call us back into relationship with You. Equip us for relationships of integrity — in our families, in our church community, and in the world You love. We pray in the name of Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and acknowledging our need for the love of God. Amen.

Response (Verse 1 with AMEN)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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God's Grace and Promise

Leader: In the words of Paul, the gifts of God are irrevocable.

People: We have been disobedient, but God shows us mercy. All have been imprisoned, so that God might be merciful to all.

Leader: Jesus promised release to the captives. He died on the cross, but not even the grave could hold Him captive.

People: He rose again, triumphing over any imprisonment this world could devise.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and freed. Amen.

Living The Word

Tithes and Offering

Offertory Song *Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King* All

*Response *Doxology with Alleluias* 609

*Prayer of Dedication

Father, You are so good to us. We know that You care for us so deeply. Thank You for the gift of Your provision. We have food and shelter and know that there are so many who do not. For this reason, we give sacrificially today. Giving back to You brings us great joy and we pray that our gifts will be a joy to Your heart. And along with our money, we give You ourselves. We hold nothing back, for You held nothing back from us. The gift of Your Son has allowed us to be forgiven and to know You. With thankful hearts, we give You our lives, for we know they belong to You. Lead us and we will follow. In Your holy and precious name, Amen.

Proclaiming The Word

God's Word for Children Mrs. Lorie Lewis
(Children 3 years old through First Grade may leave for Kid's Time)

Anthem (Chancel Choir) *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* Gilbert Martin

*God's Word Written Genesis 45:1-15 Matthew 15:21-28

God's Word Proclaimed *Mercy* Rev. Dr. W. Jeff Pinkston

God's Word Visible Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Communion of the People

Communion Prayer



*Closing Hymn *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* 435

*Charge and Benediction

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Acolyte

*Closing Voluntary

Chorale Prelude in G

J.S. Bach

THE SESSION

W. Jeff Pinkston, Moderator

Walter H. Neely Jr., Clerk

Price H. Gwynn, III, Elder Emeritus

CLASS OF 2018

Henry A. Cathey
William G. Cathey
Russell G. Combs
Ragan B. Haston
Walter H. Neely, Jr.
Barry R. Small
Marjorie B. Smith

CLASS OF 2019

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

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CLASS OF 2018

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Michael T. Farnham
Betty B. Harraman
Christian N. McCall
David W. McCorkle
Mary Beth Monroe
Laura D. Willis

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Cortney P. McAliley
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Rebecca W. Neely

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.