



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

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HOPE

Steele Creek Presbyterian Church – Organized 1760

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 03, 2017

10:30 AM

*Those that are able, please stand

CCLI # 3051971

Gathering Around The Word

Prayer of Preparation

O God, to You alone we lift our souls; in You alone we place our trust; for You alone we wait all day long. For You are the God of our salvation, abounding in mercy and steadfast love. Help us to be watchful for the coming of Your Promised One -- the One who comes with power and glory, the One drawing near to bring our salvation, the One who comes as a servant wrapped in the clothes of humility. Amen.

Words of Welcome

Opening Prelude

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

arr. Mark. Hayes

Advent Video

*Response

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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*Call to Worship & Lighting of the Advent Candle - Hope

Leader: Watch and wait for Christ's coming!

People: Light candles of hope, preparation, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

Leader: We light this candle in hope. (Pause - Light the first candle.)

People: Let us remember and believe God's promise of hope.

*Hymn

People, Look East

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Prayer of Confession & Surrender

Father, we have sinned against You. While we have lied to our brother or gossiped about our sister, it is You whose heart we have broken. You, who have given us life, who have demonstrated unconditional love and mercy; You are the one we have failed. Yet, our failure does not ruin us. We know that You will continue to love us. We ask once again for Your grace and forgiveness. And may Your loving-kindness move us away from sin and always toward Your Son. Thank You, God. Amen.

Response

Gloria Patri

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God's Grace and Promise

Leader: Friends, know and believe, that as we wait for the birth of the baby Jesus — and the return of our Savior — we are already forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Living The Word

Tithes and Offering

Offertory *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr. B. J. Davis

*Response *Doxology* 606

*Prayer of Dedication

Many believe we earned this money, but we know we did not. We give You what is Your own. We give You thanks, O God, that we are able to give what is here. For the capacity to give, we thank You. 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 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Holst

*God's Word Written Isaiah 64:1-9 Mark 13:24-37

God's Word Proclaimed *Come Down!* Rev. Dr. W. Jeff Pinkston

God's Word Visible The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Invitation to the Lord's Table
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer
Communion of the People



Responding To The Word

* Hymn *The Days are Surely Coming* 357

*Dedication of Financial Commitments

(Please come forward during the hymn and place your Pledge Card on the Communion Table.)

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Voluntary *Adeste Fideles* arr. Jerry Aultman

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

THE DIACONATE

David F. Moody, Moderator

Michael T. Farnham, Vice-Moderator

CLASS OF 2018

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

CLASS OF 2019

Jamey E. DeBerry
Deborah L. Hawes
G. Dewitt Lauerman
William C. Lewis, Jr.
Courtney P. McAliley
David F. Moody
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.