



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

2ND Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

10:30 AM

*Those that are able, please stand

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Gathering Around The Word

Prayer of Preparation

O God, too often in this season, waiting and spiritual preparation get shoved aside in favor of busy-ness and lists. Does the quiet joy of Advent even stand a chance? Does the voice crying in the wilderness have any hope to be heard? Speak to us, dear God; speak tenderly, but insistently. Let the sacredness of this space and this hour hold us fast, so that we might leave prepared for Christ, forever changed. Speak to us, in the deepest yearnings of our hearts. Amen.

Words of Welcome

Opening Prelude

O Little Town of Bethlehem

arr. Redner

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Acolyte

Advent Video

*Response

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs.6)

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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. (Light the first candle.)

We light this candle in preparation. (Light the second candle.)

People: Let us remember and believe God's promise of hope and prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ child.

*Hymn

O Come All Ye Faithful with Sing Me To The King

Jeff Moore

Prayer of Confession & Surrender

Father, we have sinned against You. Forgive us that we are so busy making ready for our activities and spend so little time preparing ourselves for the birth of our Savior. Let us be attuned to the voice of one calling out within the wilderness of our souls: "Prepare the way for the One who comes." Open our hearts to receive the child born to us, for on that day, the means of our redemption was put into motion, and the way was opened up as a highway to our God. Amen.

Response (Choir) *Like a Shepherd* Carl Nygard

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 (Choir) *The Bleak Midwinter* Roy Ringwald

*Response *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* 606

*Prayer of Dedication

Good and generous God, we pray that Your life would so overflow in us that our neighbors both near and far would be fed by Your Spirit. Use the offerings of our resources and our lives to proclaim the gospel, spread Your love and bring forth Your kingdom. For the sake of Christ we pray. 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 (Praise Team) *Worship Medley* Carol Cymbala

*God's Word Written Isaiah 40:1-11 Mark 1:1-8

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

Responding To The Word

Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* 82

*Charge and Benediction

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World Acolyte

*Closing Voluntary *Masters in This Hall* arr. Mark Hayes

THE SESSION

W. Jeff Pinkston - Moderator
Walter H. Neely, Jr. - Clerk
Price H. Gwynn, III - Elder Emeritus

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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.