



## 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

Third Sunday of Advent

**December 17, 2017**

**10:30 AM**

\*Those that are able, please stand

**CCLI # 3051971**

## *Gathering Around The Word*

### Prayer of Preparation

*Almighty God, the time of waiting is almost over. Like new parents eagerly awaiting the birth of a child, we impatiently wait with You for the birth of Your Son. We stand in awe, knowing what the birth of this particular baby means for our lives yet unable to fully comprehend the depth of Your love for us. We come before You in worship this morning, hoping that our thoughts, prayers and songs of praise are pleasing to You. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

### Words of Welcome

### Opening Prelude

*Joy to the World*

Handel

*Away in a Manger*

Murray/Mueller

*Jingle Bells*

Pierpont

Violins: Piper, Rowan and Tatum Haston, Ali and Will Salmon

Guitar: Kevin Horack

### Advent Video

### \*Response

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs.4)*

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### \*Call to Worship & Lighting of the Advent Candle - Joy

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.)

We light this candle in joy! (Light the third candle.)

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

### \*Hymn

*Away in a Manger*

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### Prayer of Confession & Surrender

**Holy God, forgive us. During this season when our focus should be on the coming of Your Son, instead we're filled with desire for material things. We succumb to the allure of advertising. We covet what others have. We seek to fulfill all the wants of our children with little regard to cost or need. In the process, we spend money we don't have and fail to appreciate the season's true meaning. Turn our hearts to You and to those who are less fortunate than we are. Help us tune out what culture calls us to believe so we can listen, instead, to Your holy Word. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

Response

*Gloria Patri*

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God's Grace and Promise

**Leader:** Friends, we hear the words of God's forgiveness from Mary, the mother of Jesus: God's mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation. He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, according to the promise He made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

**People:** **Let us believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

—Based on Luke 1:50, 54-55.

*Living The Word*

Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offering

Offertory (Piano Boys)

*O Holy Night*  
*Carol of the Bells*

Jacob Economon, piano  
Joshua Economon, piano

\*Response

*Doxology*

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\*Prayer of Dedication

**Surprising God, Your word set wonder in motion. Like Mary, we are filled with amazement that we have found favor in Your sight and that You choose to be present to the world through us. We join Mary in giving birth to hope, to love, to peace for all creation, in all corners of the world. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, whom we follow. Surprising God, bless us and our offering and open us to the wonder of Your love flowing in us and through us. Amen.**

*Proclaiming The Word*

God's Word Proclaimed

*The Colors of Christmas*  
(SCPC Children's Choir)  
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*You Make All Things New*  
*Mary, Did you Know?*  
*At the Cross (Love Ran Red)*  
*Nothin' Less Than the Best*  
*The Colors of Christmas Finale*

Craig Adams

*Responding To The Word*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Closing Voluntary

*While by Our Sheep*

arr. Mark Hayes

## **THE SESSION**

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

### **CLASS OF 2018**

Henry A. Cathey  
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Donna C. Moody  
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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.**