



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
Star Sunday



December 31, 2017

10:30 AM

*Those that are able, please stand

CCLI # 3051971

Gathering Around The Word

Prayer of Preparation

Holy God, we come before You, hours away from a new year, as fresh with possibility as the new baby we come to worship as our Savior. Overwhelm us with hope and gladness today. Open us to a brand-new reality, to the way things might yet be. Transform us into vibrant witnesses as we proclaim Your good news that is ancient, yet always and ever new. Amen.

Words of Welcome

Opening Prelude

Myron Walker, II

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Acolyte

*Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Leader: Leader: Come, people of God. Let us give thanks for these holy days of Christmas.

People: Here we have come to worship the God of new beginnings and new opportunities.

Leader: Come, people of God. Let us rejoice for the wondrous gifts given to us.

People: Here in our worship, we look to the future as we are filled with the gifts of Christmas: love, hope, peace, joy!

*Opening Praise

Angels We Have Heard on High

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Prayer of Confession & Surrender

Lord God of Christmas, we stand on the threshold of another year. We thank You for giving us another year of life. You have given us many gifts during the last year; and yet we realize that we have often failed to use those gifts or our lives as creatively and constructively as we might have.

Now give us the care to shape the moments of this next year into tender, gentle expressions of concern. May the year be fulfilled with achievements: wrongs corrected, friendships deepened, the disheartened encouraged. Help us to energize Your love, even as You became love to us. For we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

God's Grace and Promise

Leader: As Mary, Joseph and Jesus settled in Nazareth, help us, God, to let You take up residence in each one of our hearts. Forgive us our failures, our weaknesses, our fears and our doubts.

People: **In the name of the babe of Bethlehem, the Prince of Peace, we are now made new and whole. Amen.**

Living The Word

Tithes and Offering

Offertory

Myron Walker, II

*Response

Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

In the coming of Your Son, O God, we have received the spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and power, of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. Use all that we say and do, and use these gifts we offer now to be instruments of Your peace upon the earth. 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)

*God's Word Written

Luke 2:22-40

God's Word Proclaimed

Rev. Dr. W. Jeff Pinkston

My Eyes Have Seen Salvation*Responding To The Word*

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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*Charge and Benediction

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Acolyte

*Closing Voluntary

Myron Walker, II

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 Lauerma
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.