



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

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John the baptizer
appeared in the wilderness
proclaiming a baptism
of repentance for
the forgiveness of sin.

Mark 1:4, NRSV

Steele Creek Presbyterian Church – Organized 1760

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Baptism of the Lord

January 7, 2018

10:30 AM

*Those that are able, please stand

CCLI # 3051971

Gathering Around The Word

Prayer of Preparation

Give us, O Lord, a steadfast heart, which no unworthy affection may drag downward. Give us an unconquered heart, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow on us also, O Lord our God, understanding to know You, diligence to seek You, wisdom to find You and a faithfulness that may finally embrace You. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
--Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

Words of Welcome

Opening Prelude

Majestic

Lincoln Brewster

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Acolyte

*Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name; let us worship the Lord in holy splendor.
-Psalm 29:1-2

*Opening Praise

In Christ Called To Baptize

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Prayer of Confession & Surrender

Gracious God, we acknowledge that we have not always remembered our baptism. We have forgotten that we are marked as Your own. We have not acted as members of the body of Christ. We have gazed contentedly on the status quo and ignored the voice that calls us to repent. We do not believe that we need to be forgiven for anything. Forgive us our arrogance, O God. Help us to look on Your Son as our model and to take His humility upon ourselves. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Response

Gloria Patri

581

God's Grace and Promise

Leader: O God, we are in such dire need of a fresh touch. Indwelled by the Spirit, we remain powerless. Break the chains that bind and hold. Consume impure thoughts and actions with tongues of fire.

God's Grace and Promise (cont.)

People: Shower Your mercy upon our prayers of confession and petition. Send Your Spirit and topple all idols that seek to sap our strength. May we leave here to rise anew; holy, pleasing and pure in Your sight to radiate the face of Jesus Christ to a dying world. For it is in Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Living The Word

Tithes and Offering

Offertory

Oceans

Matt Crocker

*Response

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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*Prayer of Dedication

You are the God who creates us, the Christ who redeems us, the Holy Spirit who fills us with hope. May we and our gifts be instruments of Your purpose here on 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)

Anthem

By the Gentle Waters

Cindy Berry

*God's Word Written

Mark 1:4-11

God's Word Proclaimed

Cleaning Up!

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

*Closing Hymn

Go to The World

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*Charge and Benediction

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Acolyte

*Closing Voluntary

Blessed Assurance

Mark Hayes

THE SESSION

W. Jeff Pinkston, Moderator

Walter H. Neely Jr., Clerk

Price H. Gwynn, III, Elder Emeritus

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Henry A. Cathey

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Ragan B. Haston

Walter H. Neely, Jr.

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Michael T. Farnham, Vice-Moderator

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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.