



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

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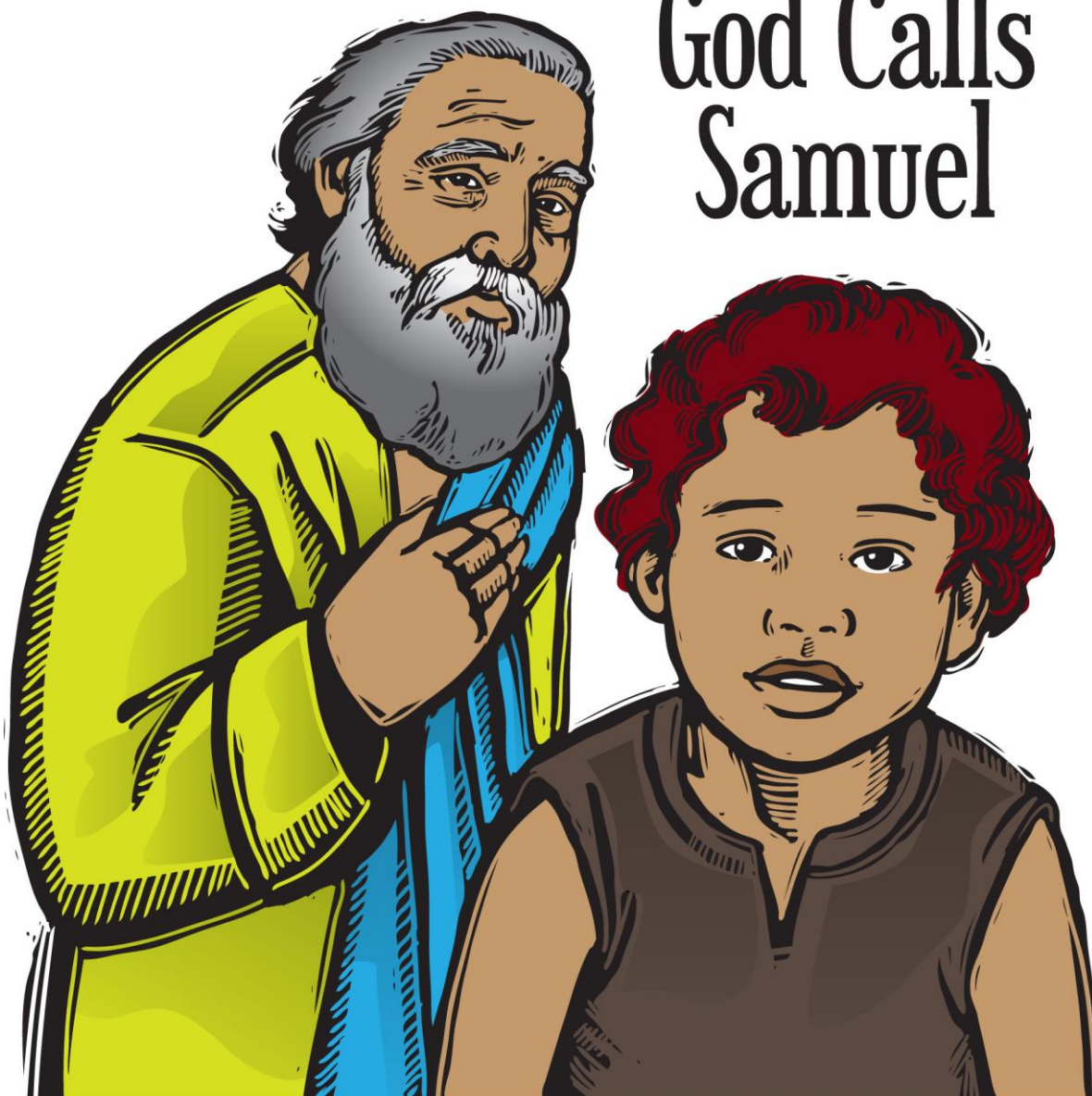
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W. Jeff Pinkston, *Pastor*

Lorie Lewis, *Director of Family Ministries*

Jeremy Mims, *Director of Music*

God Calls Samuel



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church – Organized 1760

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2nd Sunday After Epiphany

January 14, 2018

10:30 AM

*Those that are able, please stand

CCLI # 3051971

Gathering Around The Word

Prayer of Preparation

God of light, wellspring of inexhaustible energy, exuberance and love, we are here because our hope is dulled by habit, our hearing dimmed by contentment. We seek the vitality and the strength derived from a fresh sense of Your nearness and Your hope for us. We have been content with limited horizons; we expect only the commonplace: sickness, tragedy, frustration, ignorance. We do not expect the miraculous and the sacred, joy and creative strength. We acknowledge that this is how we are: awake to life's crudeness and asleep to its holiness. O God, never let us close our minds to the varied ways in which You can reach us. Grant us great expectations, openness and vigilance, that we may say, "Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears." Amen.

--Diane Karay, *All the Seasons of Mercy* (Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1987), 39

Words of Welcome

Opening Prelude *The Summons (Will You Come And Follow Me?)* arr. John Bell

Bringing in the Light of Christ Acolyte

*Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Leader: Thine, O Lord, I surely am; But to me unknown Thou art;

People: Come, and call me by my name, Whisper to my listening heart;

Leader: Stir me up to seek Thy face, Claim me in my tender years,

People: Manifest thy word of grace; Speak, for now Thy servant hears. --John Wesley

*Opening Praise

Come and Fill Our Hearts

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Oceans

Matt Crocker

Prayer of Confession & Surrender

Leader: Lord, You call, but we do not always recognize Your voice.

People: Sometimes we don't listen carefully. Sometimes we're caught off guard.

Leader: Lord, You call, but we haven't always taught others to hear You.

People: Sometimes we stand in the way, allowing our voices to ring out over Yours.

Leader: Lord, You call, but we don't always believe our ears.

People: Sometimes we believe we know better. Sometimes we think You can't possibly be calling us, or her, or him.

All: Forgive us, Lord, our unpracticed listening, our closed ears, our hard hearts. Help us to hear and answer Your call. Amen.

--Based on 1 Samuel 3 and written by Teri Peterson

Response *Oceans* (Chorus) Matt Crocker

God's Grace and Promise

Leader: The Lord forgives and calls us. Do we hear Him?

People: Sometimes, when the chaos of the world is quiet, and we decide to listen.

Leader: And how do we answer God's call?

People: We answer as Samuel did, "Speak LORD, for Your servant is listening."

Leader: We worship today seeking to hear and answer God's call.

All: Here I am, Lord. Hallelujah, Amen

Living The Word

Tithes and Offering

Offertory (Praise Team) *God of Wonders* Marc Byrd

*Response *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 609

*Prayer of Dedication

Blessed are You, O God, for You have made us Your children. You have brought us here to worship and serve You and given us the confidence of Your salvation. Teach us Your truth, and use us and these gifts to serve others. In Jesus' name 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 (Choir) *Here I am, Lord* Craig Courtney

*God's Word Written 1 Samuel 3:1-10 John 1:43-51

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

Responding To The Word

Reception of New Members Geoff and Carol Boot

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* 744

*Charge and Benediction

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World Acolyte

*Closing Voluntary *Postlude on "Hymn to Joy"* Jason Payne

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.