



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

5th Sunday After Epiphany

February 4, 2018

10:30 AM

*Those that are able, please stand

CCLI # 3051971

Gathering Around The Word

Prayer of Preparation

Holy and indescribable God, You are the creator of the world and everything in it. We come before You this morning to praise and glorify You. We rejoice in the wonders of Your creation and all the ways You provide for us and sustain us. Open our hearts and minds to Your Word and fill us with Your Spirit. Amen.

Words of Welcome

Opening Prelude

Shout to The North

Martin Smith

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Acolyte

*Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning?

People: It is God who sits above the circle of the earth, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in.

Leader: To whom then will you compare me? says the Holy One. Who is my equal?

People: Have you not known? Have you not heard? It is the Lord! God is the Creator of the ends of the earth. God does not faint or grow weary; God's understanding is unsearchable.

Leader: God gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.

People: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

*Opening Praise

You Who Dwell In The Shelter Of The Lord

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Prayer of Confession & Surrender

Holy One, we are weary, we often believe we are alone, and we feel caught on a treadmill we can't get off. We're running a race -- but we don't know where the finish line is, or have any idea what the prize is for completing the race. We have taken our eyes off You, the one who designed the course and sets the pace. Rather than setting our sights on You, rather than determining our priorities through our faith, we have allowed ourselves to be led by the values of the society, and whatever new shiny thing grabs our attention. Forgive us for our lack of faith. Help us to turn back to You -- the source of our existence and our strength. Trusting in Your providence, confident You will carry us in times of sorrow, assured You will provide all the strength we need. Amen.

Response

Gloria Patri

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God's Grace and Promise

Leader: Isaiah says, "Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable."

People: The God who created us and knows us by name, sent His only Son to redeem us, and not to condemn. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Living The Word

Tithes and Offering

Offertory *Mighty to Save* Reuben Morgan

*Response *Doxology* 606

*Prayer of Dedication

What does it look like to see You with new eyes? What does it sound like to hear the voice of Your spirit with open ears? Open our eyes and ears. Let us see You clearly today and be ready to respond to Your call. Change us because we have been together in Your presence. Allow us to serve You. We don't want to miss You, O God. Use us and our gifts to serve Your purpose. In Christ's 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) *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* Tom Fettke

*God's Word Written Isaiah 40:21-31 Mark 1:29-39

God's Word Proclaimed **Great in Strength, Mighty in Power** Dr. W. Jeff Pinkston

Responding To The Word

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn *Come Sing, O Church in Joy* 305

*Charge and Benediction

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World Acolyte

*Closing Voluntary *Praeludium #10* Bach

THE SESSION

W. Jeff Pinkston, Moderator

Walter H. Neely Jr., Clerk

Price H. Gwynn, III, Elder Emeritus

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Directors of the Church Corporation

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Henry Cathey

Assistant Sunday School Superintendent

Copper Freeman, IV

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.