



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

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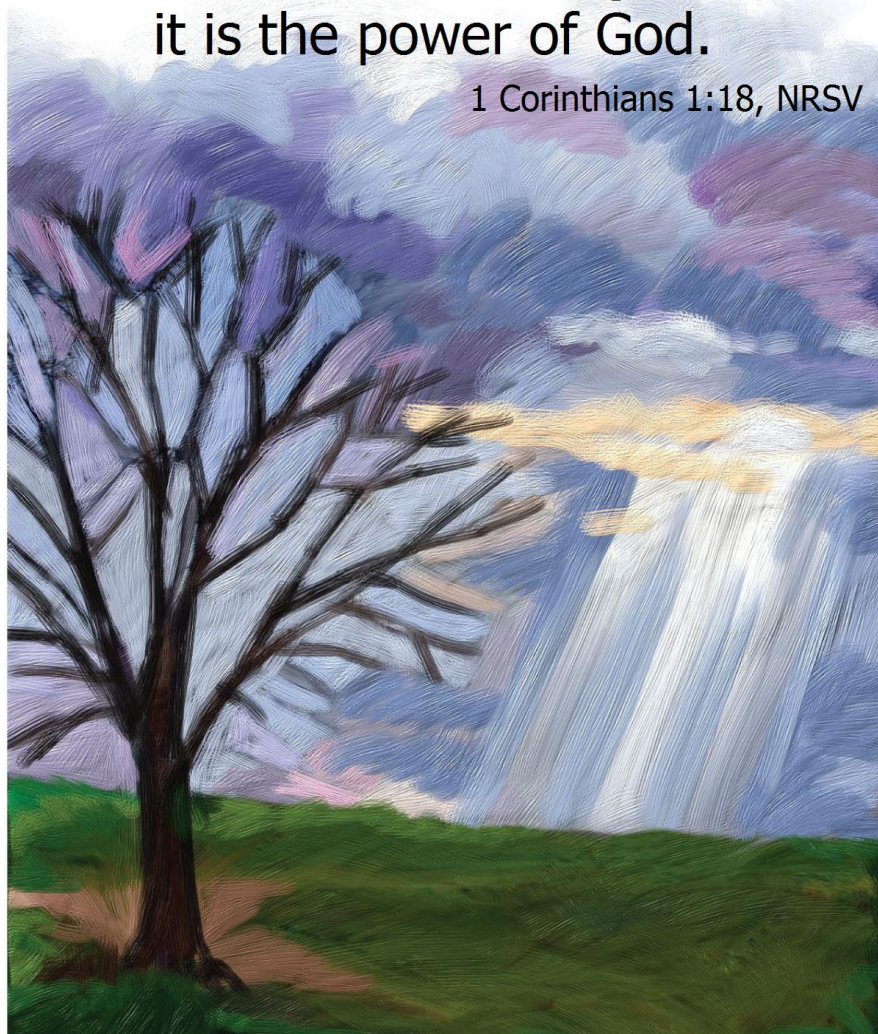
W. Jeff Pinkston, *Pastor*

Lorie Lewis, *Director of Family Ministries*

Jeremy Mims, *Director of Music*

For the message about the cross
is foolishness to those
who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved
it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18, NRSV



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church – Organized 1760

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3rd Sunday Of Lent

March 4, 2018

10:30 AM

*Those that are able, please stand

CCLI # 3051971

Gathering Around The Word

Prayer of Preparation

Holy God, we thank You for this season of Lent, during which You invite us to come, to examine, to confess, to be renewed and healed. We have begun this journey eagerly, anticipating that, like Jesus in the wilderness, there are things which need to be lost so that better things may be found. Grant us courage to set aside easy answers and quick fixes in favor of Your Word that penetrates and transforms us. Enable us to see past the immediate satisfaction of our wants that we may choose instead the eternally fulfilling grace of Your presence. Embolden our faith that we may trust You rather than the false and empty promises of our age. Thank You for walking this Lenten journey with us. May we emerge from it prepared to serve You with renewed passion and joy. Amen.

Words of Welcome

Opening Prelude

My Jesus, I Love Thee

arr. Mark Hayes

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Acolyte

*Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Leader: All the earth proclaims God's glory.

People: All the universe and beyond proclaim the vastness of God's creation.

Leader: All creation praises You, O God.

People: Our voices and hearts here this day, proclaim Your greatness.

*Opening Praise

How Great Thou Art

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Prayer of Confession & Surrender

"The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims Your handiwork," declares the psalmist. And yet, days go by and we don't remember to say "thank you," God. Help us to see the beauty of Your creation, to slow down and enjoy the benefits of Your many gifts. Forgive us for being so caught up in our own importance that we forget who is responsible for everything! You have given us so many blessings, but we can't remember who we are and whose we are. Enlighten our eyes, God, to use the gifts You have given us to Your glory. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Response

Gloria Patri

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God's Grace and Promise

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul, making wise the simple, rejoicing the heart, enduring forever.

People: May the love of Jesus and the mercy of God, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us and give us peace. Amen.

Living The Word

Tithes and Offering

Offertory

We Welcome You, Holy Spirit

Mark Condon

*Response

Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

We respond to Your gifts to us, Abundant God, by seeking to be Your people in the world. May we use these offerings to welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, comfort the afflicted and calm the distressed in Jesus' name. 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

Mercy

Craig Courtney

*God's Word Written

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

God's Word Proclaimed

Is God, God?

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

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

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*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Voluntary

How Great Thou Art

arr. Mims

THE SESSION

W. Jeff Pinkston, Moderator

Walter H. Neely Jr., Clerk

Price H. Gwynn, III, Elder Emeritus

CLASS OF 2018

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Ragan B. Haston

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Michael T. Farnham, Vice-Moderator

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Directors of the Church Corporation

Members of the Session

Sunday School Superintendent

Henry Cathey

Assistant Sunday School Superintendent

Cooper 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.