



## Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

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Love ...  
in truth  
and action.

1 JOHN 3:18, NRSV

**Steele Creek Presbyterian Church – Organized 1760**

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

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**April 22, 2018**

**10:30 AM**

\*Those that are able, please stand

**CCLI # 3051971**

## *Gathering A round The Word*

### Prayer of Preparation

*Holy God, our gathering here may often seem normal or ordinary. We do this week after week. Yet, being in Your presence should feel anything but ordinary. Orient our hearts to expect beautiful things from our meeting with You today. Allow us to lay aside distractions so that You alone may be our focus. Thank You for how You will change us by being in Your presence together. Amen.*

### Words of Welcome

#### Opening Prelude

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

arr. Bill George

#### Bringing in the Light of Christ

Acolyte

#### \*Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Leader: Shepherding God, be with us to guide us in this time of worship.

**People: Here we are gathered to celebrate Resurrection joy and to refresh our spirits.**

**All: We celebrate new life in our risen Lord and draw closer to one another and to You!**

#### \*Opening Praise

*He Knows My Name*

Tommy Walker

*Jesus Loves Me*

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### Prayer of Confession & Surrender

**Life. That is what You offer us. In a world filled with death, You offer life. In a world overcome by sickness and disease, You offer life. In a world consumed with taking life, You offer life. In a world that is tired and weary, You offer life. Life.**

**Do we even understand what this really means for us? Are we willing to receive the life You offer? Forgive us Lord for focusing so much of our attention on death! Transform our hearts, O God, to desire the good, eternal life You so freely want to give us. Turn our minds from death toward Your wonderful life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

#### Response

*Jesus Loves Me (chorus)*

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### God's Grace and Promise

*Living The Word*

Tithes and Offering

Offertory *Nature of Praise Medley* arr. Dino Kartsonakis

\*Response *Doxology* 606

\*Prayer of Dedication

**God, Your heart is wide open to us. You have given to us freely and taught us to return to You a portion of what we have. Grant us glad and generous hearts, and help us be as open to You as You are to us. Help us use Your gifts wisely and for the benefit of all Your people. Amen**

*Proclaiming The Word*

God's Word for Children Lorie Lewis  
(Children 3 years old through First Grade may leave for Kid's Time)

Anthem *Walk Worthy* Joseph Martin

\*God's Word Written 1 John 3:16-24

God's Word Proclaimed **Love in Truth and Action** 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 *Today We Are Called* 757

\*Taking the Light of Christ into the World Acolyte

\*Charge and Benediction

**Lord, we have seen You, heard from You, and experienced You today. We are not the same as we were when we entered this place. So, as we go, let us not forget. Bring reminders to our minds and hearts throughout our week of Your calling on our lives. Let us see You in our homes, our work, our schools and our play. May each of those places be different because we bring You into them with us. Thank You for always going before us. We look forward to following You into all that we do this week. Amen.**

\*Closing Voluntary *When Morning Gilds the Skies* arr. Mark Hayes

## **THE SESSION**

W. Jeff Pinkston, Moderator

Walter H. Neely Jr., Clerk

Price H. Gwynn, III, Elder Emeritus

### **CLASS OF 2018**

Henry A. Cathey

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Michael T. Farnham, Vice-Moderator

### **CLASS OF 2018**

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Rebecca W. Neely

## **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.**