



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

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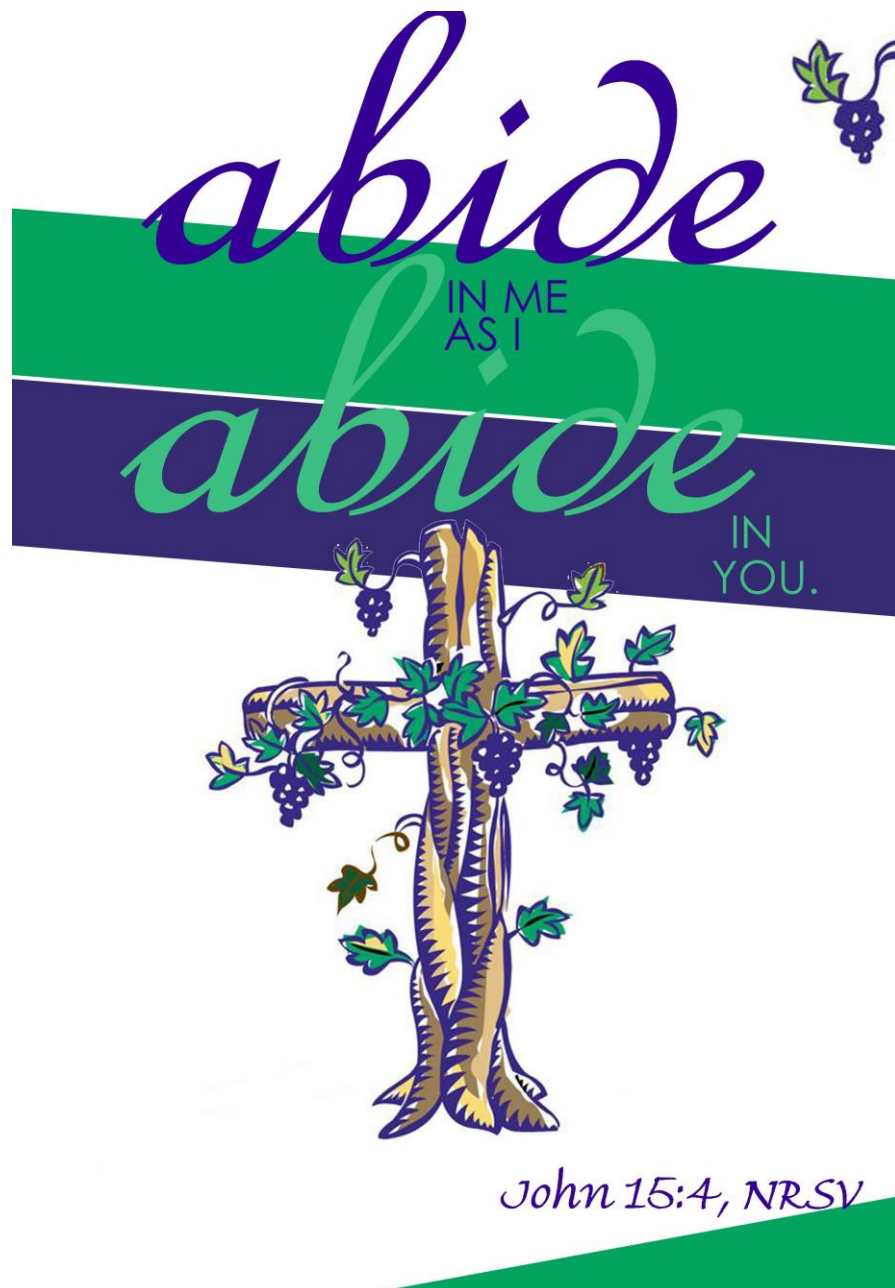
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W. Jeff Pinkston, *Pastor*

Lorie Lewis, *Director of Family Ministries*

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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 of Easter

April 29, 2018

10:30 AM

*Those that are able, please stand

CCLI # 3051971

Gathering Around The Word

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, Your Word calls us to abide in You; to so dwell in You that it is no longer we who live, but Your Spirit living through us. As we abide in You, Your Spirit empowers us to love, enables us to forgive, invites us to joyous worship, admonishes us to repentance, challenges us to faithfulness and obedience, and beckons us to intimacy with both Creator and creation. We bless You and praise You for loving us with an everlasting, limitless love and for entrusting to us the responsibility and joy of participating in Your work. Amen.

Words of Welcome

Opening Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Mark Hayes

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Acolyte

*Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Leader: Here we have come together; we have come to worship our risen Lord.

People: Jesus has invited us here, saying to us, "Abide in me as I abide in you."

Leader: As we live in Jesus Christ, our lives are transformed and our spirits renewed.

People: We live in Jesus Christ and now we are here to worship and witness to our faith.

*Opening

10,000 Reasons

Matt Redman

Prayer of Confession & Surrender

God, here we are again, confessing the sin that continually trips us up. We are so thankful that Your mercy is new every morning because we falter day after day. Thank You for pouring out Your righteousness upon us and for never leaving us to drown in our sinfulness. We humbly ask for Your forgiveness and pray that You would free us from the things that keep us in bondage. Make us every day more and more like Your son. In Your holy name we ask. Amen.

Response

Gloria Patri

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God's Grace and Promise

Leader: By the mercies of God, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven. You are beloved and redeemed brothers and sisters of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Living The Word

Tithes and Offering

Offertory *We Will Rise* Chris Tomlin

*Response *Doxology* 606

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious Friend and Savior, Your blessings to us are free and abundant. It is with grateful hearts that we present our tithes and offerings, believing that You will multiply and use them in order that the kingdom of God on earth will bear much fruit. In Jesus' name we pray. 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 *Steal Away* arr. Hayes

*God's Word Written John 15:1-8

God's Word Proclaimed **Abiding in Christ** 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 *Be Thou My Vision* 450

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World Acolyte

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Go forth and abide in God's love.

People: For it is in this love that we are known, and it is in this love that we help to transform and renew the earth.

Leader: Go forth and abide in God's love.

People: For it is in this love that hope is known, and it is in this love that we help to renew and transform all life. Amen.

*Closing Voluntary *10,000 Reasons* arr. Mims

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

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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

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.