



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

6th Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

10:30 AM

*Those that are able, please stand

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Gathering Around The Word

Prayer of Preparation

Holy God, it is a privilege to be gathered in this place for no other purpose than to worship You. We honor You as Creator, and thus remember that we are part of Your story and Your history. We praise You as Sustainer, and thus renew our gratitude for all You provide and the abundance of blessings You give, as well as recall our responsibility to share generously and joyfully with others. We bless You as Redeemer, and thus rejoice that we live as forgiven people. Thank You that You continue to speak, to make Yourself known to us and to reveal Your purposes for this world. Thank You for inviting us to be part of what You are doing, and as we encounter You this morning, impress upon our hearts the response You desire from us. Amen.

Words of Welcome

Opening Prelude

*I Need Thee Every Hour
Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord*

Mark Hayes
Mendelssohn

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Acolyte

*Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Leader: Come, all you who are weary. Come, all you who are broken. Come, all you who are beaten down, abused, depressed and full of sorrow. Come, come and worship the Christ.

People: **Let the praise of our hearts be honest and pure. Let us find joy and rest in His presence. He is here, waiting for us. And so, we worship! Amen.**

*Opening Praise

*Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet
Agnus Dei*

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Michael W. Smith

Prayer of Confession & Surrender

Merciful God, we go about our days failing to proclaim Your saving power with our voices or with our actions. We do not live as ones saved, but rather as people filled with fear and doubt. We often choose what is expedient, not what is right. We close our eyes and ears to those who are in need, and close our hearts to those we claim to love. We are quick to hurt others, and slow to right our wrongs. Forgive us, O God, for all the ways we have not lived into our relationship with You. Amen.

Response

Gloria Patri

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God's Grace and Promise

Leader: Friends, "God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us."

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

-Based on Psalm 103

Living The Word

Tithes and Offering

Offertory

God of This City

Chris Tomlin

*Response

Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, thank You for the gifts You bestow upon us each and every day. Help us to be more aware of Your many gifts and guide our lives in such ways that we and our gifts may be gifts to others. In Christ's 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

Ride On, King Jesus

arr. Philip Kern

*God's Word Written

1 John 5:1-6

God's Word Proclaimed

Conquering the World

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

I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light

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*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Acolyte

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Voluntary

This Is the Glory

Arr. Hayes

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

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.