



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

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Her children rise up and call her blessed...
Proverbs 31:28, ESV

Steele Creek Presbyterian Church – Organized 1760

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

7th Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018

10:30 AM

*Those that are able, please stand

CCLI # 3051971

Gathering Around The Word

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, we sing praises to You. You are the One we worship, the One to whom our allegiance is due. We are Your people. We belong to You, and You are our God. Help us feel the power of Your presence in our worship today, emboldening us to follow You. Amen.

Words of Welcome

Opening Prelude

In the Garden

arr. Dobrinski (Handbells)

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Acolyte

Call to Worship

Blessed Assurance

(Knapp)

Amazing Grace

(Newton)

Jesus Loves Me

(Bradbury)

*Opening Prayer

Leader: O God, be not far from us,

People: For we are Your children.

Leader: O God, help us to believe,

People: For in Christ we would live abundantly.

Leader: O God, we search for You and would worship You,

People: For in You we live and move and have our being. Amen.

*Opening Praise

The Name of the Lord

Cymbala

Prayer of Confession & Surrender

O God, whose Spirit searches all things and whose love bears all things, we would draw near to You in sincerity, but our untruth often catches us unawares. Enable us to lay aside our masks and disguises and to deal with the weakness and selfishness that prevent us from serving either You or our fellow human beings as we would. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

-Robert A. Wallace, 56 Devotions on Short Notice (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1992), 30

Response

Gloria Patri

581

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

Thy Word
Pachelbel Cannon

Michael W. Smith
Johann Pachelbel

*Response

Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

God of extravagant love, fill our spirits with Your love and place upon our hearts Your call to serve all in the name of Christ. We ask that You dedicate our gifts and our lives to faithful service and ministry. Amen.

Proclaiming The Word

God's Word for Children

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

Lorie Lewis

Anthem

At The Cross/Shine Jesus Shine

Kids Choir

*God's Word Written

John 17:11-19

1 John 5:9-13

God's Word Proclaimed

Protection and Life

Dr. W. Jeff Pinkston

Response

My God Is So High
(choir and Craig Allen, tenor)

arr. Hogan

Responding To The Word

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

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*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Acolyte

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Because the world is beautiful, and beauty is a tender thing, and we are stewards of creation, we need You, God.

People: We need You, God.

Leader: Because we can live without You and are free to go against You, and could worship our wisdom alone, we need You, God.

People: We need You, God.

Leader: Because You came among us, and sat beside us, and heard us speak and saw us ignore You, and healed our pain and let us wound You, and loved us to the end and triumphed over all our hatred, we need You, God.

People: We need You, God. Amen.

The World Council of Churches, In Spirit and in Truth: A Worship Book (Geneva: WCC, 1991), 26-27

*Closing Voluntary

The Name of the Lord

Cymbala

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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Ragan B. Haston
Walter H. Neely, Jr.
Barry R. Small
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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
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Christian N. McCall
David W. McCorkle
Mary Beth Monroe
Laura D. Willis

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William C. Lewis, Jr.
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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.