



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

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**DIVIDED TONGUES, AS
OF FIRE, APPEARED
AMONG THEM ...**

ACTS 2:3, NRSV

Steele Creek Presbyterian Church – Organized 1760
Remembering the Past, Serving in the Present, Anticipating the Future

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



May 20, 2018

10:30 AM

*Those that are able, please stand

CCLI # 3051971

Gathering Around The Word

Prayer of Preparation

God of all creation and all peoples, we offer thanks that You hold our hearts in Yours and that You hear our prayers, whether we speak with the eloquence of saints or with sighs too deep for words. Ever grateful for Your presence, we gather ourselves for prayer in this place, as Your disciples gathered on the day of Pentecost. Open our hearts to the power of Your spirit that we might be a people refreshed in our dedication to You. Fire us up with courage to allow ourselves to be baptized anew this day as a new creation in service to You. Confirm in us a sense of what it means to be a people of faith, whether it be by listening with an open heart, visiting the homebound or praying for the needs of another. Grant us the grace to allow the Holy Spirit to work within us, that we might live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ; let it be that by knowing us, others may know You. Through us, O God, let Your kingdom come. Amen.

Words of Welcome

Opening Prelude

Invocation to The Holy Spirit

David Paxton

*Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Leader: On this day of Pentecost, as we worship,

People: May God pour out His great Spirit upon us.

Leader: May the power and promise of that day long ago,

People: Renew us and our church on this Pentecost day.

Leader: In our worship, may our hearts be set afire with enthusiasm,

People: And may our lives show forth with energy and courage as we live the Good News of new life.

*Opening Praise

Holy Spirit

Bryan & Katie Torwalt

Prayer of Confession & Surrender

Amazing God, there is more to life than we can see or fathom, yet how often we try to shrink the mystery, tame the dream, limit what is possible. Remind us that the Spirit is always blowing new life into our days, surprising us with wonder and blessing. Forgive us for dull awareness and hesitant witness. Let us be made new again and again no matter what age we are. And let us hear again and again of Your love that came to us in Jesus that we might have eternal life. Amen.

Response

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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God's Grace and Promise

Leader: My friends, listen to this good news: God is always present to us, even when we are not present to God. And the love of God never lets us go, even in the times when we are wounded beyond words and let go of God. You are forgiven!

People: In the grace of God's love, may we let go of our regrets and embrace the goodness of God's love. Amen.

Living The Word

Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem

I Will Sing with The Spirit

John Rutter

*Response

Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to You. All we are and all we have are Yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world. Amen.

Proclaiming The Word

God's Word for Children

Lorie Lewis

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

*God's Word Written

Acts 2:1-21

God's Word Proclaimed

Testify!

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

Great God of Every Blessing

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*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Voluntary

Hail This Joyful Day's Return

arr. John Behnke

THE SESSION

W. Jeff Pinkston, Moderator
Walter H. Neely Jr., Clerk
Price H. Gwynn, III, Elder Emeritus

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Ragan B. Haston
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Cheryl R. Simerly
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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.