



# Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

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BE **QUICK**  
TO **LISTEN,**  
**SLOW**  
TO **SPEAK,**  
**SLOW** TO  
**ANGER.**

James 1:19, NRSV

**Steele Creek Presbyterian Church – Organized 1760**

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

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 2, 2018

10:30 AM

\*Those that are able, please stand

CCLI # 3051971

## Gathering Around The Word

### Prayer of Preparation

*Lord, who may dwell in Your sanctuary? Who may live on Your holy mountain? Those whose walk is blameless, who do what is righteous, who speak the truth from their hearts; who have no slander on their tongues, who do their neighbors no wrong, who cast no slur on others; who despise those whose ways are vile but honor whoever fears the Lord; who keep their oaths even when it hurts; who lend money to the poor without interest and do not accept bribes against the innocent. Whoever does these things will never be shaken. Lord, thank You for making us blameless and righteous that we may experience Your presence today. May our worship be beautiful to You.*

—Based on Psalm 15

### Words of Welcome

### Opening Prelude

*Trumpet Voluntary*

Stanley

### Bringing in the Light of Christ

Acolyte

### \*Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Leader: Sing out! Sing out with joy to the God who gives us strength!

**People: Shout out! Shout loud praises to the Lord our God!**

Leader: Let us listen carefully for the Word,

**People: And let us be willing to follow where God leads.**

Leader: Let us be guided by God's counsel,

**People: And let us walk in the ways of the Holy One.**

—Inspired by Psalm 81:1, 10-16.

### \*Opening Hymn of Praise

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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### Prayer of Confession & Surrender

**Holy God, we live such cluttered lives. Society deluges us with messages that we need and deserve and find status in more stuff. We do not realize that to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly doesn't require us to own one material thing. Forgive us. Help us turn from our destructive patterns of accumulation and seek first Your kingdom and righteousness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!**

### Response

*For The Beauty Of The Earth*

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God's Grace and Promise

Leader: People of God, love well and serve all. Speak gently and listen wholly. Let the mind of Christ be ever guiding you so that your lives may bring glory to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**People: Let us go now and know that, in Christ, our sins are forgiven! Amen.**

*Living The Word*

Tithes and Offering

Offertory *Arioso* Rogers

\*Response *Doxology* 606

\*Prayer of Dedication

**As we bring our gifts to You today, we ask You to give us pure hearts. Rid us of pride, greed and thanklessness. We know that all we have is Yours, so we give it back to You with joy. We give generously because You have given so generously to us. Use these gifts to make Your name known throughout the world. May our gifts be a sweet, sweet fragrance to You. Amen.**

*Proclaiming The Word*

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

\*God's Word Written James 1:17-27

God's Word Proclaimed **Right/Just Living** Dr. W. Jeff Pinkston

*Responding To The Word*

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles Creed*

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn *Standing On The Promises* 838

\*Taking the Light of Christ into the World Acolyte

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude *On the Jericho Road* House

## **THE SESSION**

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

### **CLASS OF 2019**

Jacob R. Cunningham  
Catherine H. Farnham  
Benjamin S. Horack, III  
Donna C. Moody  
Margaret M. Salmon  
Cheryl R. Simerly  
Ellen N. Thomas

### **CLASS OF 2020**

Saundra C. Doane  
William L. Harraman  
Roberta B. Harris  
Trent A. Haston  
Saundra J. Lauerman  
Mary Beth S. Monroe  
Barry R. Small

## **THE DIACONATE**

David F. Moody, Moderator

### **CLASS OF 2019**

Jamey E. DeBerry  
G. Dewitt Lauerman  
William C. Lewis, Jr.  
Courtney P. McAliley  
David F. Moody  
Rebecca W. Neely  
L. Dale Willis

### **CLASS OF 2020**

Kelly F. Byrum  
Mary Margaret Donato  
Jonathan D. McCall  
David W. McCorkle  
Larry G. Monroe  
Carl S. Sanburg  
Jonathan D. Thomas

### **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.**