



# Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

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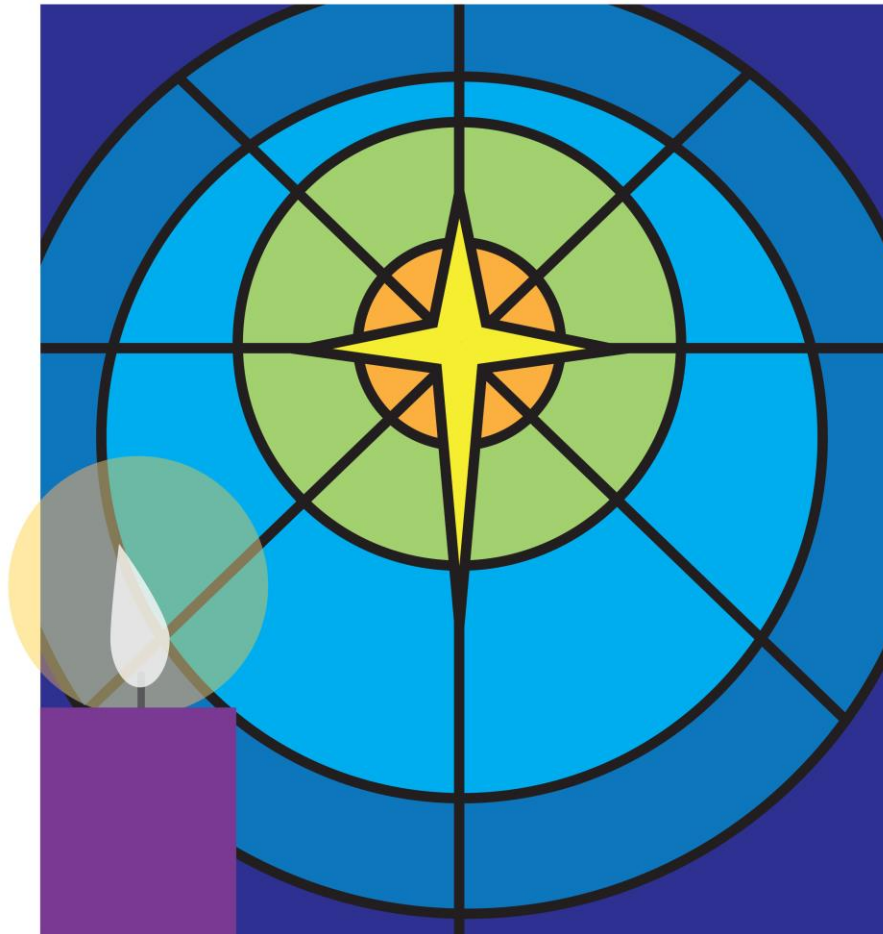
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W. Jeff Pinkston, *Pastor*

Lorie Lewis, *Director of Family Ministries*

Brian McSwain, *Director of Music*



**FIRST SUNDAY**  
OF  
*Advent*

**Steele Creek Presbyterian Church – Organized 1760**

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

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
First Sunday of Advent

**December 2, 2018**

**10:30 AM**

\*Those that are able, please stand

**CCLI # 3051971**

**Gathering Around The Word**

Prayer of Preparation

*O God, to You alone we lift our souls; in You alone we place our trust; for You alone we wait all day long. For You are the God of our salvation, abounding in mercy and steadfast love. Help us to be watchful for the coming of Your promised one -- the One who comes with power and glory, the One drawing near to bring our salvation, the One who comes as a servant wrapped in the clothes of humility. Amen.*

Words of Welcome

Opening Prelude

*Of The Father's Love Begotten*

Held

\*Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hope

(Screen)

\*Opening Hymn

*He Is Exalted*

Paris

Prayer of Confession & Surrender

**God of blessing and love, when the time was right You sent Your Son to the world. Teach us the art of patience and give us an understanding of Your wisdom.**

**Forgive us for making this holy season of anticipation a whirlwind of lists and activities, a flood of joyless obligations and heartless generosity. Forgive our rush as we forgive those who rush past us. Lead us not into anxiety, but deliver us from pretense. For Your kingdom is coming with the power of love and the glory of angelic carols, now and forever, heralded in the birth of the Christ. Amen.**

Response

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

McGee

God's Grace and Promise

Leader: Once we were enslaved to the power of sin. There was no escape. But, the good news is that Jesus liberated us from all that tarnishes or diminishes the image of Christ within us. Friends, enter God's Advent joy.

**People: We have been set free! In Christ, our sins are forgiven. Hallelujah! Amen.**

**Living The Word**

Tithes and Offering

Offertory

*Softly and Tenderly*

House

\*Response

*Doxology*

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\*Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, You have prepared a table before us and given us everything we need. Our cup overflows with the goodness of all Your gifts, provided to sustain us in body, mind and spirit. Accept now these offerings, given in a spirit of gratitude from the great abundance You have provided us. Use them to feed, inspire and shelter Your children around the world, so that all may come to know Your love. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**Proclaiming The Word**

\*God's Word Written

Luke 21:25-35

God's Word for Children

Mrs. Lorie Lewis

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

God's Word Proclaimed

**Praying for Strength**

Rev. 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



\*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles Creed

Anthem

*People Look East*

Butler

**Responding To The Word**

\*Stewardship Dedication

(Bring Your Pledge Card Forward During the Hymn)

\*Closing Hymn

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

*Trumpet Voluntary*

Young

## **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**

Sandra C. Doane  
William L. Harraman  
Roberta B. Harris  
Trent A. Haston  
Sandra 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.**