



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

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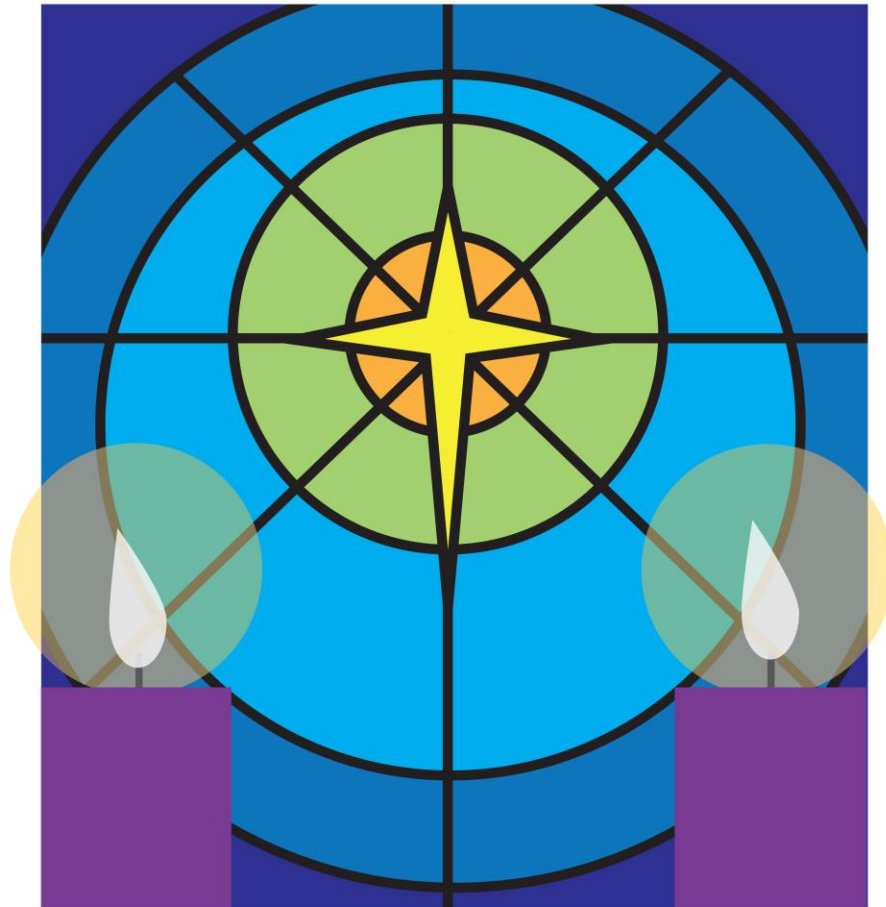
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W. Jeff Pinkston, *Pastor*

Lorie Lewis, *Director of Family Ministries*

Brian McSwain, *Director of Music*



SECOND 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

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

10:30 AM

*Those that are able, please stand

CCLI # 3051971

Gathering Around The Word

Prayer of Preparation

Great God of adventure and Advent, come again to our lives and to our church. Come to us in these days of pain, sorrow and warring. Come to us with new strength and vitality. Help us in these days of expectation and preparation to get ready again for the amazing arrival of the Baby of Bethlehem. Guide us as we move forward to these days and hours of getting ready; in the name of Jesus, born for us long ago and again now. Amen.

Words of Welcome

Opening Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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Bringing in the Light of Christ

Acolyte

*Lighting of the Advent Candle

Peace

(Screen)

*Opening Hymn

Come, Come Emmanuel (7x)

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Prayer of Confession & Surrender

God of peace, who sent light into the world in the coming of Jesus Christ: We confess that we have not followed the light given to us. We have not searched for signs of Your love or trusted the goodness of Your Good News. We have failed to praise Your Son's birth as we have refused His peace on earth. We have expected little and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt and renew in us all fine desires so we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Response

Change My Heart O God

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God's Grace and Promise

Leader: Friends, know and believe, that as we wait for the birth of the baby Jesus — and the return of our Savior — we are already forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Living The Word

Tithes and Offering

Offertory *I Wonder As I Wander* Lau

*Response *Doxology* 606

*Prayer of Dedication

Blessed are You, O God, Creator of all good things. Through Your mercy and grace, You have blessed us with so many amazing gifts. With joy and thanksgiving, we dedicate our offerings and our lives to You again. May our lives and our offerings be reflective of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Proclaiming The Word

*God's Word Written *Philippians 1:3-11* Luke 3:1-6

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

Anthem *God So Loved The World* Stainer

God's Word Proclaimed **God's Not Done With Us** Rev. 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 *People Look East* 105

Taking the Light of Christ into the World Acolyte

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude *I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes* Schriener

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.