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THIRD 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
Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

10:30 AM

*Those that are able, please stand

CCLI # 3051971

Gathering Around The Word

Prayer of Preparation

Oh, beautiful Advent season, how we love thee. This time of waiting and anticipation stirs such hope in our hearts. God, we recognize this season as a gift from You, a reminder of Your promised Messiah come to save us. As we enter into worship today, fill us with exceeding great joy. Holy Spirit, guide our words, our songs and our actions. Allow each song that is sung, each Scripture that is read, and each prayer offered to point us to You. We give You this time because it is for You and about You. May Your name be made great. Amen.

Words of Welcome

Opening Voluntary	<i>Overture to "The Living Creche"</i>	Page
Bringing in the Light of Christ		Acolyte
*Lighting of the Advent Candle	Joy	(Screen)
*Opening Hymn	<i>Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus</i>	82

Prayer of Confession & Surrender

There are many roads to choose; yet only one leads to life. God, we confess our desire to choose roads that lead to so many things that keep us from You. We are so easily distracted, tempted by paths that seem to lead to good things -- wealth, prosperity, health -- and yet they never satisfy. Keep us on the path that leads to You. Give us a desire for the things that are of You, that we know will bring us ultimate joy and to You, great glory. Thank You for never leaving us behind when we wander. Draw us back to You. Amen.

Response	<i>People Look East vs 1</i>	105
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God's Grace and Promise

Leader: God so loved the world that Jesus, God's only Son, came into the world to redeem everyone who believes.

People: **Hallelujah! Amen.**

Living The Word

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory	<i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i>	Lau
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*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

Chancel Choir

The Living Creche

Insert

Responding To The Word

*Charge and Benediction

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Acolyte

*Postlude

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes

Schriener

The Living Creche Participants

NARRATOR – Jacob Cunningham

CHANCEL CHOIR

Soprano

Carol Boot
Beth Boykin
Martha Brown
Roberta Harris
Lorie Lewis
Allison Moody
Mary Jane Palmer

Alto

Robin Beachley
Elizabeth Cole
Mary Coskrey
Saundra Doane
Miriam Pinkston

Tenor

Geoffery Boot
Bruce Doane
Karen Cline
Andrew Smith

Bass

Leighton Brown
Aaron Purser
Duncan Schneible
Berry Whitley
Charlie Wilson

ORCHESTRA

We wish to thank our guest musicians for their participation in our program today:

1st Violin - Tom Lajoie
2nd Violin - Judy Booth
Viola - Amanda Turner
Cello - Paige Berkebile
Flute - Michael Poda

Oboe - Kristy Trick
Clarinet - Shawn Flick
Trumpet 1 - Ken Edmonds
Trumpet 2 - Andrew Cole
Trombone 1 - Dustin Nguyen

Trombone 2 - Dylan Scaringelli
Timpani - Tyler Stark
Keyboard - Carolyn Lasseter

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
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Benjamin S. Horack, III
Donna C. Moody
Margaret M. Salmon
Cheryl R. Simerly
Ellen N. Thomas

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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

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David F. Moody
Rebecca W. Neely
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Kelly F. Byrum
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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.