



STEELE CREEK

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

at Pleasant Hill

*Here, we work together to follow Christ in joyfully
serving our neighbors as compassionate, connected,
contributing, everyday disciples.*

November 26, 2023

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Upcoming Worship

Message: Matthew 25:31-46

Scripture: Jesus' Team

Elder Greeters	Beau Byrum, Mike Morgan
Deacons	Megan Winget, Rachel Holzhauser, Crystal Siniarski, Dan Sturge, Rachel McAdoo
Coffee and Bagels	Mr. Henry Cathey
Counters	Boyd Kurt, Betsy Stewart
Signers	Barry Small, David Thompson

The Flowers This Week—are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Bill & Betty Harraman for their leadership and for providing wonderful fellowship meals. Thank you, Bill & Betty!



The 2024 flower sign-up poster is on the bulletin board to the right of the church office. You may also call the office to provide the flowers for a Sunday service. Cost is \$50.

Last Week's Worship:

Inhouse – 212	Children –27	Nursery—4	Online – 292	Total – 504
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ODDS AND ENDS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – YOUTH 13 AND OLDER WILL BE WORKING AT THE OCC WAREHOUSE ON NOVEMBER 30, FROM 5 – 10 PM. THERE MAY BE SLOTS AVAILABLE AFTER THEY SIGN UP. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FILL ONE OF THOSE SLOTS, OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO MANDY BECK VIA EMAIL OR TEXT.

Door of Hope Mission

We are currently putting together a team for the Door of Hope in South Africa for May 15 to June 1st, 2024. This includes a trip to Kruger National Game Reserve. The size of the team is limited. If you are interested, please contact Dexter Greene, 704-575-0474

Cookbooks

Cookbooks From Old Steele Creek Church – will be on sale this Sunday and future Sundays. Becky Neely and Betty Davis will be in the sanctuary lobby selling books. The cost will be \$10.00 per book. The proceeds will go towards the 10 Cents-a-Meal fund that will help feed people.

Upcoming EVENT

Sunday 3 December

Join us at our 10:30 am service for a special morning as the Palisades High School Choir, under the direction of Eugene Bumgardner, helps prepare our hearts for the Advent Season.



NEW

Kid's Corner

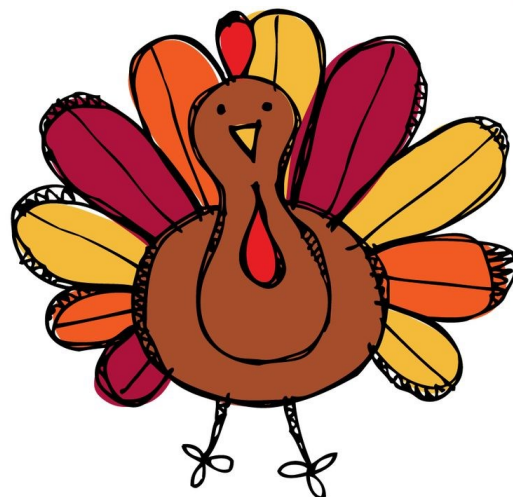
Children,

It is time to have your own spot in the newsletter. I need your help for this section to grow. Submit your art, favorite Bible verse, a picture, joke, etc.

I put a secret treat on the church website. Can you find it?

Kids,

Have your art and cartoons featured here —> Submit to address above or bring drawings to the church office and you can get them back quickly.



CALENDAR AND EVENTS

Find these dates on the [Church Center App](#) and the [church website](#).

<u>24 November, Friday</u>	<u>29 November, Wednesday</u>
Office Closed	6:30 pm — Praise Team Practice
<u>26 November, Sunday—10 Cents- A-Meal</u>	07:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal join us! ages 14+
09:00 am— <u>NO</u> Children's Choir	<u>30 November, Thursday</u>
09:15 am - Donuts and Coffee	10 am—Beyond the Word
09:30 am - Sunday School	11:30 am—Shut-in Meals
10:30 am - Worship	5 pm - Youth Group's Operation Christmas Child Warehouse work
<u>27 November, Monday</u>	7:00 pm—Handbells
2 pm – Intercessory Prayer Team	<u>2 December, Saturday</u>
6 pm—Session Meeting	9 am—Decorating Campus for Christmas
<u>28 November, Tuesday</u>	<u>3 December, Sunday</u>
6:30 pm - Men's Fellowship Group Meeting at John's Restaurant	First Sunday of Advent and Communion

FROM ADMIN AND PERSONNEL

We're hiring! If you know someone that would be interested in serving our church, we have a great opportunity. The Director of Education and Community Formation will ultimately be responsible for driving the internal cohesion of our congregation. Primary responsibilities include:

- Planning curriculum and activities for various children, youth, and adult programs. This may include programing such as Sunday school, youth programs, retreats, Bible studies and VBS
- Recruiting and training volunteers to lead and assist with various weekly community activities across all ages
- Teaching in various environments such as Bible studies, Sunday children's message, and pre-school
- Shaping, setting, and executing the goals and programs with the Christian Growth Ministry Team as they seek to provide Weekly Community events
- A degree in Christian Education or Religion is preferred but we will also consider relative experience in the field. A more detailed job posting and application can be located on Indeed or reach out to the church office.

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Congregational Meeting, November 26 Immediately after church there will be a meeting to elect the Class of 2025 elders and deacons. [Please follow this link to read submitted bios on each candidate.](#)

Christmas Set-Up and Decorating, December 2 9:00 a.m. See page 7 for more details or click here.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 3 With Communion, birthday party, and special music, it will be a full day.

Special music provided by the Palisades High School choir. [See page 2.](#)

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF JESUS

The preschoolers through 5th graders will be celebrating the birth of Jesus on Dec. 3rd also, with a birthday party during Sunday school in the multipurpose room. There will be cupcakes, juice, crafts, singing and story time.

Second Sunday of Advent, December 10 We will enjoy a wonderful arrangement by the children's choir.

Christmas Luncheon, December 12 at 11:30 a.m. for the Women's Fellowship Circle. The luncheon will be at John's Restaurant off Westinghouse Road.

Wreaths Across America, December 16 Barry Small is getting together a group (young and old) to go to Salisbury National Cemetery for [Wreaths Across America](#). It is a great experience to teach a little humility for those who have sacrificed so much. Sign-up by calling the church office.

Third Sunday of Advent, December 17 Toys are due for the West Blvd. Toy Drive. New, un-wrapped toys will be collected for boys and girls ages 3 — 15.

If you would prefer to donate money, make checks payable to "West Blvd Ministry" and they'll do the shopping for you.



Third Sunday of Advent, December 17 The adult music program will present a collection of music for your enjoyment.

There is also a church wide luncheon after the service in the multipurpose room. In order to prepare, WE NEED A HEADCOUNT!! You must reserve your spot by any of the following methods

- 1) Call the office.
- 2) Complete the slip that will be in the bulletin.
- 3) Sign-up on line through Church Center.

Have a lovely Thanksgiving weekend. I'm sure there are a few errors in here or a few things I have forgotten. My apologies in advance. They'll be corrected in next week's edition.

Some updates are happening to Church Center and to the church's website. Visit then on occasion, and see what is new. I made the website "gobble" earlier today. Simple things amuse me.

MUSIC NOTES

MUSIC at SCPCPH

Here at Steele Creek, music is an integral part of the worship service and we find joy in utilizing our collective talents to worship Christ. With several ways to participate, you're sure to find a fit for your musical abilities, whether you're a newbie singer or a seasoned pro. For more info, email Kaarin Record, Director of Music, at kaarin@steelecreekchurch.org.

Our Handbell ensemble offers music regularly throughout the year and for special occasions. On our 5 octaves of Malmark Handbells and 3 octaves of Malmark ChoirChimes, ringers are introduced to healthy ringing techniques, sight reading skills, and beautiful music from around the world. Music reading skills preferred, but not required (we also need subs!). Beginning instruction is available.



The Bell Quartet is an advanced group of ringers who ring regularly in worship and are challenged to make music at the (continued next page)



IT'S INSTRUMENTAL

HANDBELL FACTS

The smaller the handbell, the higher the sound. Bells can range from 2" to more than 15" in diameter. A C8 bell weighs only 8 ounces, while a G2 bell weighs over 18 pounds! That's more than many Thanksgiving turkeys!



The Tech Team offers an exciting way to get hands-on technical experience while being an integral part of the service. We run sound, live-stream mixing, projection operation, lighting, and a host of other tech components.

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highest level. Prior handbell and music reading experience are required. Auditions announced when positions are open.

The Adult Choir comprises singers from all walks of life, ages 14 and up, and meets on Wednesday evenings in the choir suite from 7:30-9 pm. Rehearsals are infused with a wide range of repertoire styles, along with educational opportunities for vocal technique, choral sound production, music theory, sight reading, and reflection on why music moves our hearts. We welcome interested singers to come to any rehearsal.

Our Praise Team offers contemporary music every Sunday during our blended service. Our vibrant musicians share a common heart for worshiping God and serving together. Positions include (but are not limited to): Singers, Keyboardists, Drummers, Percussionists, Bassists, Guitarists, Winds, Brass, etc. They rehearse every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. By audition only.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING TIME

December 2, 9:00 a.m.
Sign-up at member table.




YOU
'I don't know these songs they're playing in church.'

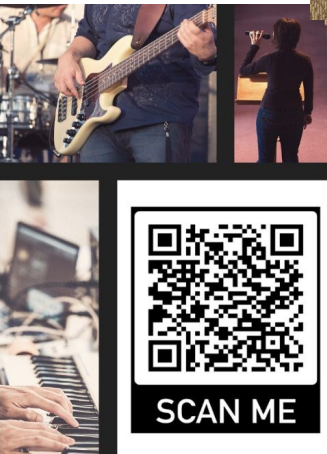
PRAISE TEAM
'Hold my bible...'

Check out the
SPOTIFY PLAYLIST
Created by your SCPCPH Praise Team

Scan the QR code with the camera on your phone. Spotify offers a free account option.



SCAN ME



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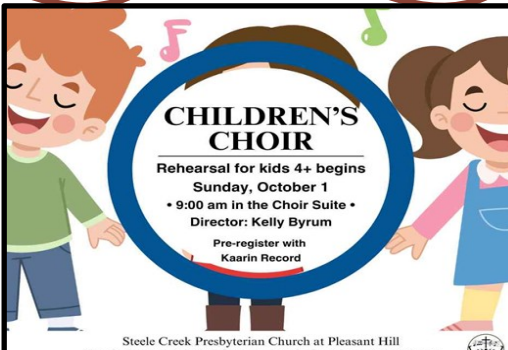
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WHEN YOU ARE USING YOUR PHONE!

Makes sense! SO!!! Here is a link to tap instead:

[Get to the SPOTIFY PLAYLIST here.](#)

The Children's Choir presents a beautiful (and adorable!) music program in both December and May, with rehearsals running throughout the fall and the spring before our Sunday church services. Ages 4 and up are welcome to join us.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Rehearsal for kids 4+ begins
Sunday, October 1
• 9:00 am in the Choir Suite •
Director: Kelly Byrum
Pre-register with
Kaarin Record

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MINISTRIES

You may request to join the following ministries anytime.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH MINISTRY IS ANNOUNCING:

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS ARE AVAILABLE.

Advent devotionals have arrived for the different age groups in our church. Most will be ready for pick-up on Sunday morning. However, the children (preschool- 5th grade) will receive theirs on December 3. The children's is a two-part piece that includes a booklet and a Christmas tree poster to punch out and build. The youth (middle and high school) have available this Sunday a single advent booklet titled It's About Time, while the adults advent devotional book is titled A Season of Peace. The latter book says it is for seniors on the cover, but it is for all our adults. Grab your advent devotional from the lobby.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Barbara Burns and Sarah Harkey did a great job heading up the collection of shoeboxes which came to an end Monday, November 20. But, you and this community did an amazing job of filling almost **800** boxes!!! Over the past eight days, eight volunteers have served a cumulative 90 hours to make this happen.



A Special Announcement
from the Internal Space
Coordinator Committee
that falls under the
Property Ministry Team

The holidays are coming!
That means we have a lot of
decorating to do. We need
your help! We will be deco-
rating in all areas of the
campus on Saturday, De-
cember 2 at 9:00 am.

Please sign-up at the mem-
ber table so we can plan our
work.

*Wonder if we can have Christmas music &
hot cocoa?*



**WORK DAY 2023! All ages
supporting our church
campus.**



Youth Group's *Supermarket Sweep*

The youth group had an outing on Sunday, November 19 nicknamed "Supermarket Sweep". Forming teams, each team would go to different stores and have a challenge of seeing how many items needed by



Clover Area Assistance Center (CAAC) they could get for their allotted money. This activity helped raise food and household items for the Clover Area Assistance Center pantry. Want to learn more about this organization? [See here.](#)

These students did a fantastic job of collecting 133.1 pounds of goods for the CAAC pantry.



Prayer Concerns

Praise

- ◆ Terri Plotkin is in remission from Hodgkin's Lymphoma . Praise the Lord!

Condolences

- ◆ To Kyle Little, family members and friends of Alec Little who passed away last week.
- ◆ To the Foster Withers family. Foster is David McAliley's uncle who passed away on November 15th.

Surgery

- ◆ Karen Rawls will have a bronchoscope on Monday November 27th.

Special, Congregational and Community Concerns

- ◆ Prayer for the country of Ukraine and its people.
- ◆ Prayer for the country of Israel and its people.
- ◆ For Christians who are persecuted around the world.
- ◆ For youth in all circumstances who are facing bullying.
- ◆ Agape Dental Ministry
- ◆ Kairos Prison Ministry: For the inmates and those serving in the ministry, that they would know Jesus as their savior.
- ◆ Pray for the current foster parents and pray that more foster parents come forward. There is a drastic

shortage and such a strong need.

- ◆ Please pray for the organization Fostering the Family and the following children that are looking to be adopted:
- ◆ Mario—pray for his adoption to be completed in December. Mario has been in foster care for three years.
- ◆ Laila—pray for permanency with the family she is with and an adoption. Laila has been in foster care for four years.
- ◆ Jenifire—a child waiting for adoption—foster parent undecided about whether she can do it, but another family would be thrilled to adopt her. Jenifire has been in foster care for four years.
- ◆ Princeton, Desiyah, Destiny – parents rights were terminated and adoption prospects are scarce for the girls. Need permanency soon. They have been in foster care for four years.
- ◆ Brittany—has a court case this month. Parents may lose their parental rights so permanence can happen. Brittany has been in foster care for 18 months.

Ongoing Illness

- ◆ Cooper Freeman III has kidney disease and diabetes. Please pray for healing for the issues he's experiencing with his feet.
- ◆ Andy Griffith as he struggles with Cystic Fibrosis.
- ◆ Darrell Bonapart is a veteran,

member of the American Legion, and friend of Bill Harraman. His wife has now been diagnosed with congestive heart failure, diabetes, nerve damage, and high blood pressure. He appreciates our prayers.

- ◆ Daniel Morris, a friend of Bruce Doane's diagnosed with Wegener's disease. There is no cure for this disease and will require lifetime treatment. Please pray also for his wife and two children.

General Health Concerns

- ◆ Prayer for George and Betty Davis as George is experiencing some health concerns.
- ◆ Anne Marie Moore's father, Kevin, is doing better but has a long recovery ahead of him.
- ◆ Katherine Freeman is doing better.
- ◆ Paul Brenner, Gail Brenner's nephew, has been diagnosed with kidney disease that may require dialysis.
- ◆ Pat McCorkle was released from the hospital to return to Lake Wylie Assisted Living.
- ◆ Jason Sims, Gloria and Steve Smith's nephew, is in the CMC Main rehab unit. He has developed a blood clot in his leg. He is seeing small improvements with his injuries.

- ◆ Fred Willis asks for prayers for Jim Medlock who is experiencing health issues and awaiting test results.

Cancer

- ◆ Angie White asks that we pray for her neighbor and friend Teresa Hartman who has been diagnosed with stage 4 neck cancer. She asks that we pray for both Teresa and her husband Scott as they deal with this overwhelming situation.
- ◆ Ashley Rawls asks that we pray for her father Fletcher Wilson who has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Her prayer request is that his body responds to the chemo and radiation treatments and stop the spread of cancer and heal him.
- ◆ Update on Diana Hunter. She is doing well after her last round of chemo. They are looking at her entering a clinical trial.
- ◆ Ruth McGaha had surgery and is home resting comfortably.
- ◆ Johnny Bethea, cousin of Anne Moore has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He's undergoing chemo treatment.
- ◆ Margaret Renward, a family member of Deb & Paul O'Connor has been diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic, lung and liver cancer. Please pray for Margaret and her family.
- ◆ Donna Garrison is doing well after her surgery and is continuing to heal.
- ◆ Dan Baird, Kate Lemond's co-worker's father, is now having more energy and will have another scan in September.

- ◆ Jim Conner, Becky Ennis' father, is coming to the end of his chemo treatment.
- ◆ Larry Aaron, co-worker of Kate Lemond, asks for prayer for healing, a treatment plan, and understanding of the situation.
- ◆ Dave Prouty, a friend of the Morgans, who is battling cancer. Please also pray for his wife and eleven-year-old twins.

Homebound

- ◆ Joan Brown
- ◆ Linda Clark
- ◆ Joyce Carpenter
- ◆ Dot Earp
- ◆ Katharine Freeman
- ◆ Louise Freeman
- ◆ Joe Furr
- ◆ Elaine Kotraba
- ◆ Danny Martin
- ◆ Hannah Mauer
- ◆ Sarah Middleton
- ◆ Margaret Niell
- ◆ Forest Nunnally
- ◆ Gerry Roberts
- ◆ Mike Spratt
- ◆ Margaret Wert
- ◆ Wayne Whitesides
- ◆ Lois Yandle

Students

- ◆ Sarah DeBerry
- ◆ Kelly Ferguson
- ◆ Clay Ferguson
- ◆ Donald Horack
- ◆ Connor McAliley
- ◆ Melinda Moore
- ◆ Ben Shanti
- ◆ Regan Snyder
- ◆ Andrew Tanner
- ◆ Charlie Warnke

Military

*****When we have someone serving outside of the U.S., we remember them, by lighting a candle, until they return. Please be in prayer for them.***

- ◆ Will Warsaw, US Navy, Virginia
- ◆ Olivia Hommes, US Air Force Academy, Colorado
- ◆ Bradley Laueran, US Navy, Virginia
- ◆ **Lexie Simerly, US Army, South Korea
- ◆ **Brian Cox, US Air Force, Jordan



If you would like to add or remove a church member who is in college or the military from the prayer list, please reach out to tiffany@steelecreekchurch.org and/or Betty Small.